

Minutes of the Montpelier Pedestrian Committee
Meeting of February 24, 2015

Members Present: Chris Andresen, Chair; John Snell, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan
Others Present: Hannah Reckhow, Bill Merrylees

Minutes

Approved minutes of January 27, 2015.

Member Resignation

Chair Chris Andresen told the committee he is going to resign from the committee. He does not feel he can devote as much time to committee work as it deserves, so is going to step down. Committee will discuss finding a new chair at the March meeting.

Goals for 2015

Committee discussed goals for the year that were identified in January and brainstormed steps needed to achieve those goals.

Goal 1. Increase communication with other parties interested in pedestrian matters. Regional planning commission, bicycle committee, Montpelier Alive, GMTA. We will start by sending minutes to Bill Merrylees from bike committee, DPW, Bill Fraser (city manager), Steve Gladzuk (RPC), Montpelier Alive, and Jessica Edgerly-Walsh (the city councilperson liaison to committee)

Goal 2. Community education and outreach
Facebook, news articles, flashlight promotions

Goal 3. Sponsor We Walk Week in Spring and Fall
Coordinate with state's Way to Go campaign – May 8-17 and with bike committee's Walk 'n Roll during that same time period. We will come up with list of walk leaders and walk topics by March meeting. Publicity needs to take place in early April. Plan to use many of the same walk leaders as we had in the fall. Plus, new ideas such as science walks (ask North Branch Nature Center), GeoCaching, scavenger hunt (ask Anne Ferguson), and walks with UES students involving teachers or high school mentors

Goal 4. Identify who walks and their motivation
Conduct in-person survey; perhaps Walk Friendly staff can advise us. Ultimate goal is to find out how to encourage more walking by asking what motivates people and what deters them.

Goal 5. Follow-up on Walk Friendly application
John Snell will set up phone call. Eve will circulate list of questions that we had about the Walk Friendly evaluation so that we can review them before March meeting.

Goal 6. Formalize on-going relationship with Dept. of Public Works for more conversation

We would like a quarterly meeting with DPW to discuss issues. We want to institutionalize a method for citizens to give input to DPW on pedestrian issues.

Goal 7. Review and analyze accident reports

Plan to review them twice a year.