

Montpelier Complete Streets Committee
February 5, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Gary Holloway, Phoenix Mitchell, Merrick Modun, Hanif Nazerali, David Ory, Nancy Schulz, Harris Webster
Guests: Philip Picotte

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Approval of Amended Agenda

The agenda was approved, as amended. The additional agenda items added were related to the May Pedestrian Scramble event and on committee priorities.

Approval of Corrected Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved, with corrections. The corrections were: Nancy's name was misspelled; Beret Halverson's name was misspelled; and, Dayton's last name is Crites.

Crosswalk Safety and MTIC Collaboration

Gary said that Hanif has offered to serve as liaison between the Complete Streets Committee and the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee (MTIC). MTIC agrees with efforts to work with DPW to improve crosswalk safety. Vermont has specification show crosswalk design and how close vehicles can park to the crosswalk. Concerns and measurements should be reported directly to DPW. MTIC would welcome collaboration in organizing a community event about complete streets in the spring.

City Plan and Traffic Calming Policy

MTIC is reviewing the January 2020 Traffic Calming Policy for the city's traffic calming actions in neighborhoods. This could include narrower streets and/or lower speed limits. It will eventually go before the City Council. A redraft is on the MTIC agenda for next month. The policy sets out the process for DPW to consider traffic calming measures, and following data collection, DPW would hold a neighborhood meeting to assess resident support.

Committee members have until February 19 to send comments to Gary and Hanif.

Guertin Park

Nancy noted that litter conditions found earlier in the winter have abated, and less litter is now around the structure at Guertin Park. City agencies were responsive to concerns from various citizens.

Advertising and Message Outreach

Nancy shared Front Porch Forum's (FPF) advertising rates. FPF also offers a click count on a weekly basis. All FPF options are more expensive than *The Bridge*, but may reach more city residents. Members discussed the two options. David offered to complete a complete streets website, and will mock up an option for the next meeting. A decision on expenditures will be tabled until a future meeting.

Pedestrian Scramble

Harris said he is looking for help with this year's Pedestrian Scramble and for someone to take over management in future years. The Scramble is a points-based competition to showcase different neighborhood walking routes around the city. Last year, it was an official event of Montpelier Mayfest, which is the first Saturday in May. The Pedestrian Scramble benefited from that event's promotion and drew over 50 attendees.

Committee members will return to the March meeting with outreach ideas, including social media. This year, May 2 is the first Saturday in May.

Committee Priorities - "Homework" Assignment for March Meeting

The discussion of committee priorities was tabled until the next meeting, and Gary asked members to prepare ideas related to education and safety. These could include general topics or specific projects. Gary distributed the October 9, 2019, Complete Streets Committee annual updated prepared for the City Council; the document highlights activities over the previous 12 months.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.