

Burlington Walk-Bike Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017

5:40-7:00pm

Presiding: Steve Norman

Minutes taken by: Sarah Goodrich

Others present: Phil Hammerslough, Stu Lindsay, Serrill Flash, RJ LaLumiere, Steve Goodkind, Charles Simpson

Agenda Item: Announcements: Steve & the southern connector (20 mins)

- Steve and Charles are representing the group trying to change the course of the Southern Connector project.
- Their vision is to make complete streets in the south end, especially Pine Street.
- A limited access highway that spills traffic onto a city street doesn't solve anything.
- They've met with some people at the state level.
- The southern connector is an MEGC project that has 95% federal funding.
- People listen and seem to generally agree.
- They need to talk with the mayor. That's the next step.
- Chapin Spencer said that if we were designing this today, it would be done differently.
- When we voted in the Capital Plan, we voted in the Southern Connector.
- Hannaford is moving into the old Kmart.
- Limited Access Highway is a 50s/60s idea.
- Some people think Lyman and Ferguson will be used more after the Co-op goes in but Steve thinks that's unlikely.
- They appreciate the support of BWBC and may call on us in the future.
- We won't likely have to pay back the project money if we change the project at this point.

Agenda Item: Announcements: RJ & the Winooski-Howard-St Paul intersection (5 mins)

- RJ is on a committee working with DPW on Winooski, Howard, St. Paul intersection. Talk to him if you like.
- RJ would love to see a greenway on S. Winooski from Maple to Howard.

Agenda Item: Presentation: Car Free Sunday (Autovrijie zondag) (20 mins)

- Stu presented a slideshow with information and images from Car Free Sunday, which he attended in Ghent, Belgium.

Agenda Item: Ideas for Open Streets 2017 (35 mins)

- Cargo bikes for show
- One or two events? Join with Ramble?
- RJ: One big stand-alone event is important.
- Including street closures in other events would be good too.
- Expanding the Pine St closure at Art Hop would be great.
- It's great that they closed part of Pine Street. Maple to Flynn would be awesome.
- People on foot will get out of the way of emergency vehicles with flashing lights.
- At Art Hop last year, when Pine St reopened to cars, many people went home.
- The Ramble is early in the year, and they're doing fine closing some streets.
- Open Streets in September.
- Old North End?
- How about downtown, like in Ghent?
- RJ likes the idea of moving Open Streets around the city.
- New North End constraint is that it's all off of North Ave. so there aren't alternate routes.
- Move around the city, or create tradition by going to the same site each year?
- RJ would like to see longer, bigger stretches cordoned off. The first year was good for this.
- There should be space.
- Downtown core would be awesome.
- Last year's activity stations on Elmwood were good.
- Connect neighborhoods or keep within a neighborhood?
- Dine by bike in Long Beach, CA
- Marketplace Garage is right downtown.
- GMT could shuttle people in.
- Parking at UVM with College Street Shuttle.
- Run the train?
- Open Streets should shake people out of their normal routine.
- Phil: May 1 is first meeting of Open Streets committee

- Stu: Joel Banner Baird wants to be in the loop.
- Big electronic signs for a week ahead of time would be important.
- Steve and Sarah will join the Monday Open Streets planning meeting along with Phil.
- Check with Church Street Marketplace and BBA early on the idea of downtown open streets