

Burlington Walk-Bike Council Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

5:30-6:35pm

Presiding: Steve Norman

Minutes taken by: Sarah Goodrich

Others present: Jack Daggett, Stu Lindsay, RJ LaLumiere, Phil Hammerslough, Stu Lindsay, Paul O'Brien, Stephen Gonzales

Handouts:

- letter proposing to close Cherry and Bank Streets to motorized traffic

Motions:

- none

Agenda Item: Announcements

- None

Agenda Item: Proposal to close Cherry and Bank Streets to motorized traffic

- Jack shares a letter proposing to close Cherry and Bank Streets to motorized traffic
- Stu suggests working with Ron Redmond and getting buy-in from merchants
- Start with a demonstration 1-3 days, then do 6 months, then permanent
- RJ is happy to write up a proposal for this once we have design guidelines from the city for short-term demonstration projects.
- Many cities in Europe have banned autos in downtown city cores.

Agenda Item: Plan BTV Walk-Bike

- Thanks to RJ for reviewing the plan and providing lots of comments.
- RJ says there's a lot of good stuff in there. His comments were mainly fine tuning.
- The public draft will be released in the next week.
- Saturday public outreach at farmers market regarding Main Street redesign

Agenda Item: Ideas for BWBC activities

- Events calendar – Local Motion is doing this.
- Volunteer Day: Redo stencils on sidewalks in downtown core. Public Works said they would find the stencils and provide paint.
- Bike race on Monday of Labor Day weekend. The criterion.
- "Celebrity" bike parking. Have Bill McKibben, Peter Welch, etc. park bikes.
- This is a good idea because it will attract more people to park their bikes and it will allow politicians to see who's really riding bikes (not just young men in lycra).
- How will we get the word out? 7 days, billboards, social media (bikable Burlington now)
- Bike Party tomorrow. Meet behind Whiskey Room. 10 mile loop. Leaves 8pm. Must have lights.
- Jack rode out North Ave today and it's partially repaved. It's much better. Striping is next.
- Bicycle crash near Hannaford recently... solo crash, no good details.
- North Ave Task Force has been disbanded.
- Karen Rowell was at City Council recently saying that the North Ave project was pushed on NNE residents and that she doesn't trust the data collected by the city.
- We will all get to have the experience of the new road design on North Ave. We'll see what happens.
- Planning grand opening events for North Ave and Union St changes.
- Renting a visual eco-counter to count bicycles.
- One goal of reinstating streets through current mall is to relieve traffic on Winooski so traffic lanes can be reduced and bike lanes added.
- Jack would like to make it less easy to drive downtown and make the Kmart parking lot a commuter lot with bus shuttles to downtown.
- Possible to pay to park, which comes with unlimited bus pass for the day.
- Ideas for grand opening of North Ave? Ribbon cutting?
- Food trucks at Leddy Park the first Wednesday of every summer month, so incorporate that?
- Do we have any money available to promote the grand opening? We'll ask Nicole.
- Coupon in North Ave News? 7 Days may be more inclined.
- Every time there's an event on city park property, there must be bike parking.

- End of July, early August Mozart in bandshell on Dorset St in South Burlington.
- We have about 100 bike parking volunteers so far. Need 270.
- \$42K-\$47K set aside for bicycle infrastructure.
- Parking Day in September... we should do something for that. Perhaps a competition for the best parklet?
- Walking tour of Burlington is a good idea.

Agenda Item: Brainstorm how to close Cherry and Bank Streets to motorized traffic

- Shop and dine by bike in Long Beach... on Saturdays.
- The transit center will be open come August, so Cherry could be closed to motorized traffic.
- Jack will try to talk with Ron Redmond.