

Burlington Walk-Bike Council Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017

5:35-7:05pm

Presiding: Erik Brown Brotz

Minutes taken by: Sarah Goodrich

Others present: Phil Hammerslough (BWBC), Stu Lindsay (BWBC and valet bike parking), Serrill Flash (implementation committee), Nicole (DPW), Anna (DPW), Elizabeth (DPW), Christine (Old Spokes), RJ LaLumiere (implementation committee), Justine Sears (implementation committee central district), Abby Bleything (UVM sustainable transportation and implementation committee), Matt Vaughan (served on walk-bike advisory committee, and now implementation), Tony Redington, Debra Blumberg (implementation committee south end), Liam Griffin (served on walk-bike design, and now implementation)

Agenda Item: Announcements

- RJ: Bike party is next Friday (always the **last** Friday of the month)
- RJ: Meeting at Arts Riot next week about Howard, St. Paul, Union intersection
- Tony: Pine Street Coalition is securing legal counsel in their effort to make the Pine St-Champlain Parkway project better for walking and biking. See safestreetsburlington.com for more info.
- Matt: DPW commission meeting last night. What happens at these meetings is driven a lot by who shows up to those meetings. This group should organize to get people to those meetings. DPW commission is a citizen group that is voting on specific implementation of the walk-bike master plan.
- Christine: July 6: Bike ride for women and queer riders to Zero Gravity for free beer
- Phil: Open Streets update: The streets become public spaces. This year's route is in the South End, focused around parks. Their meetings are every other Wednesday morning 9-10am. An Open Streets coordinator is being hired. The plan is to have multiple events going forward. Date is Sunday, September 17.
 - RJ: What about the jog on Locust? He will follow up with Nicole and Phil outside of meeting

Agenda Item: Walk-Bike Plan Implementation Feedback Committee

- This committee is a joint effort of Local Motion and BWBC.
- Some committee members, including Jason Van Driesch, are on vacation.
- The purpose of the committee is to provide feedback to DPW on the implementation of PlanBTV Walk-Bike.
- Track progress overall on plan.
- Right now we're focused on infrastructure, which is the focus of work this year.
- Remove "feedback" from the committee title?
- Why limit ourselves to infrastructure? We can put pressure on city council to implement ordinances, etc.
- With a committee of this size, we can distribute the work among many people.
- Last night at Bike and Beer, there were projects presented with an invitation for vote on implementation.
 - Jason explained to Erik that this was advocacy work while our committee is advisory.
- Members are listed on a hand-out. We have 2 reps from each district and one from each of a few organizations, including AARP, Local Motion, BWBC, UVM.
- 3-prong approach:
 1. Feedback on what's happened
 2. Looking forward to what's to come
 3. Overall tracking of progress
- For each project, reps from District affected will usually be lead on review. Majority of projects are in the Central and East districts, but reps from other districts will help with work.
- A spreadsheet will track projects in the works, pending, etc. with general timeframes (i.e. quarterly)
- Any suggestions of how we can be most effective in our work?
 - DPW is working toward a GIS-based map of projects.
 - Liam suggests having a Google Maps layer to make feedback easier. Nicole will check on feasibility.
 - Slice meetings into 2 parts:
 1. DPW's update, focused on 2 projects
 2. Committee provides feedback on presented projects, plus any others
- Use a projector with Google Maps for future meetings so we can all get clear on what streets/intersections are being discussed.

Agenda Item: DPW Project Update

- 8 projects listed on bottom of handout are highest current priority. Committee member comments on each are included below.
 1. Ward Street traffic calming test almost done
 2. Flynn Ave advisory lanes are in place

- Comment: Road is in poor condition after contractor work.
- Use see-click-fix to report.
- 3. Riverside conflict markings
 - Traffic calming for bicycles may be needed, or bike crossing signals.
 - Comment: Granite ballards to keep cars from parking are hazards to bikers.
 - Crosswalk at Intervale and driveway crossings will all be green.
 - Winooski Ave corridor study is starting this year, so not addressing intersection of Riverside and Winooski now.
 - Comment: At the end of the Riverside path at the health center, there's a spot to put your bike to trigger the light but inadequate marking/signage so bikers don't know about it.
 - Question: Possible to stencil both dipole spots? Possible to use quadripole?
 - Question: Possible to have these for pedestrians too, instead of the button?
 - Comment: Lack of sidewalk on Intervale is a problem. DPW is partnering with the Intervale Center to explore this.
- 4. Pearl St reconfiguration
 - Bike box at corner of Pearl turning into Union, and Union and Pearl turning into Pearl.
 - Question: Segment from bus station west? Is being reconfigured.
 - Buffered bike lanes and only 2 lanes instead of 4 between Champlain and Battery (parking on North Side)
 - Parking is moving but number of spaces remains the same.
 - East bound on Pearl conflict with right turn lane in front of Asiana House.
- 5. and 6. Lakeview and ONE greenways
 - Lakeview is top priority, then ONE.
 - Comment: Crossing in front of Scout really needs an RFP.
 - Question: Neighborhood outreach on Lakeview? Not yet.
 - Lakeview plan includes curb extensions, green sharrows, mini roundabout at Haswell and Lakeview.
 - The parking lot at the southern terminus of Lakeview doesn't belong to DPW. DPW is working with Redstone to use this parking lot to connect to Depot Street.
 - ONE Greenway connects Battery Park to Mansfield Ave.
 - Intent is design speed of 20mph.
 - Last night vote to remove parking on Loomis for the jog (ed. note: I think this was misspoken and it was actually parking on Union that is being removed).
- Question: Why isn't Depot Street on the first year plan?
 - Concern about property for sale and what this means
 - Depot Street is on 2018 plan. We can plan during the winter.
- Best way to share and communicate feedback? Google docs.
- Committee will request more detail each month from DPW on select projects but not all.
- RJ will set up a poll for committee members to vote on which projects they want to see detail on.