

Burlington Walk-Bike Council Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2016

5:40-7:05pm

Presiding: Erik Brown-Brotz

Minutes taken by: Sarah Goodrich

Others present: Steve Norman, RJ LaLumiere, Phil Hammerslough, Tony Reddington, Serrill Flash, Jack Daggett, Curt McCormack

Handouts:

- Champlain Parkway redesign guidelines (Tony distributed)

Motions:

- Sarah Goodrich joins steering committee. Stu moves, Tony seconds, all in favor.

Agenda Item: Announcements

- North End Ramble is on Saturday with a bike ride to start
- Amtrak Vermonter now accepting bicycles
- Tony thanks us for supporting the pine street coalition plan.
- Bike Party tomorrow (meet by Millennium Bell 7:30-8:00)... heading up North Ave and back on bike path

Agenda Item: Sarah Goodrich to join BWBC steering committee

- Stu moves, Tony seconds, all in favor.

Agenda Item: Stenciling Project

- The hold up is getting paint.
- DPW concerned about liability in providing us with hazardous materials.
- Local Motion says if DPW has an issue, then they do too.
- Nicole at DPW says we need to comply with OSHA guidelines, which we can easily do.
- Is it still worth doing at this point in the season?
 - Yes, we'll try to move forward.

Agenda Item: Ideas for demonstration projects

- Easiness rating: 1=easy, 2=medium, 3=difficult
- Bike lanes (all easiness rating 3)
 - Willard Street switch direction (Local Motion is planning this for a permanent change, and it may be too involved for a demonstration)
 - Shelburne Street: convert one vehicle lane to cycle track
 - Archibald Street between N. Prospect to Walnut??
 - South Winooski between Pearl and Maple AND add eastbound lane on the South side of Pearl to Union... to coincide with Open Streets
 - Union St 2-way protected bike lane with no parking
- Mini roundabouts (Need to be fully mountable. We think Local Motion has the equipment.) (all easiness rating 2)
 - N. Winooski and Archibald
 - N. Winooski, Union, Decatur
 - Pine and Maple (good place for a permanent roundabout but a demonstration not a great idea)
 - N. Prospect and Loomis
 - S. Champlain and King
 - Pearl and N. Champlain
- Traffic calming
 - Pine St between BED and Dealer.com: Curb extension and Median for crosswalk (2)
 - St Paul/S Winooski/Howard curb extension (sidenote: This intersection would be good for a roundabout) also add crosswalk on S Winooski? (2)
 - Foster/Morse/Lyman/Ferguson traffic calming (2)
 - St Paul/Union/Shelburne St: close north-bound slip lane (1)
- Other
 - Street closure: Cherry and Bank (3)
 - Parking removal on Main St and Winooski intersection (1)
 - Sidewalk on Foster St or Wells, Morse, and Richardson (2)
 - Downtown parklet (Main, College, etc... convert a few parking spaces to food trucks, bike corral, etc.) (1)

- Erik suggests choosing a couple easy projects for right away and identifying a couple more difficult ones for later.
- We're not really ready for the Cherry and Bank closure. Need to wait for bus shelter to open. May need to reverse traffic on Center Street. Tony suggests people and cars share the street space instead of reducing vehicle connectivity. This whole project needs more scoping, discussion with businesses, etc.
- Choose a bike lane project: Priority for a demonstration to improve bicycle connectivity to/from Open Streets and Art Hop (all in favor of this idea). Proposal for South Winooski seems difficult because of City Market traffic, although this had the most interest. Archibald and Shelburne St. ideas seem difficult also.
- Choose a mini-roundabout project: N. Winooski/Union/Decatur. Erik will talk to Chris and Brian (original proponents of existing stop sign) to help convince them. (all in favor, though RJ also likes Champlain-King... 2nd choice)
- Choose 2 small projects:
 - St Paul, S Winooski, Howard curb extension and crosswalk
 - St Paul, Union, Shelburne St close slip lane
 - Bonus: Downtown parklet (because it's so easy)
- When we do demonstrations, we need good publicity before and during, and have someone on site during for education, etc.
- Staging: Round-about later; Open Streets is on a quick timeline; Parking Day (Sept. 16) for parklet
- Erik will follow up with Jason on the Open Streets demo project
- Two traffic calming projects to be discussed at next meeting
- RJ will take the lead on the slip lane
- Phil will take the lead on the curb extension/crosswalk