

Burlington Walk / Bike Council

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Minutes of meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2014 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Burlington City Hall, Room 12

In attendance: Erik Brown Brotz (facilitating), Charlene Wallace, RJ Lalumiere, Nic Anderson, Drew Pollack-Bruce, Phil Hammerslaugh, Tony Redington, Stu Lindsay, Barbara Mines, Serrill Flash, Curt McCormack, Brendan Hogan, Greg Hostetler, Steve Norman (reporting)

Agenda:

Report on candidates' survey and forums (RJ): Phil and RJ working on "Agree/Disagree/No opinion" survey aimed to be useful in other jurisdictions and races than just City Council/Mayors' race upcoming. Coordinating with AARP on preparing for candidates' forums and NPA meetings. Need to pare down questionnaire to 20 questions and be ready by early- January nominating petition deadline.

Champlain Parkway input (Erik): The cover letter and appendix were mailed today to the Mayor and 13 others at CEDO, P&Z, DPW and its commission. Curt has talked to Sue Minter, Sec'y of AoT and her deputy Chris Cole; Sue says as a City project any changes are the City's business; also talked with Chit.Co. District Coordinator Peter Keibel who is a biker and likely supportive. To trigger further Act 250 review any changes would have to impact one or more of the 10 Act 250 statutory criteria, [the only relevant one of which is: "(5)(A) Will not cause unreasonably dangerous or congested conditions with respect to highways or other means of transportation. (B) As appropriate, will incorporate transportation demand management strategies and provide safe access and connections to adjacent lands and facilities and to existing and planned pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks and services."]

Tony: A 2005 DPW study stated of 4 contemplated roundabouts that they would save 3.5 minutes/day for a 2-way commute through all 4, compared to signalized intersections.

Prioritizing Anne Lusk (Annual Meeting Speaker)'s breakout session options:

Charlene has posted on our website the spreadsheet containing the many options Anne threw out for consideration. Of these we prioritized the following for pursuit as short-term (calendar 2015) objectives:

*Bike lane and recreation-path snowclearing: Nic raised clearing of bike lanes and paths at the most recent DPW Commission meeting and requested this, especially for

routes-to-school, using the sidewalk snow-throwers to cut back snowbanks to clear curbside lanes. Chapin (DPW Director) later told him this is now their plan.

* Traffic calming: we can organize street-by-street to get residents to petition for treatments. DPW says we need a minimum of $\frac{1}{3}$ participation in requests.

* *Art Hop* cyclovia/closed street: since the Open Streets went so well we should take this to the next level for the *Art Hop*.

* Pilot a roundabout.

* Pilot Sunday Cycletracks: using traffic cones, establish safe Sunday bike routes for people to experience.

* Establish bike parking infrastructure in all parking garages.

* Electronic bike lockers.

Updates:

The Bike/Walk Master Plan is now projected to cost \$120K, up from \$90K estimated previously. This includes \$15K from the Walk/Bike Council set-aside total. Not sure if that is from FY 15 (current) or FY 16 or both. We've previously made Charlene our delegate to work with DPW on the Request for Proposals process; the draft RFP also contemplates the formation of an advisory committee to work with the eventual Master Plan contractor.