

## **Burlington Walk/Bike Council Minutes of 7/24/14 Meeting**

**Present:** Erik Brotz (facilitating), Tony Redington, Charlene Wallace, Nicole Losch, Michael Webster, Lydia Mwangi, Susie Taylor, Alan Hunt, Serrill Flash, RJ Lalumiere, Steve Norman (minutes)

### **Agenda:**

#### **Mini-Roundabout demonstration project:**

Tony had circulated a draft letter requesting that the City use up to \$12,000 of the 2015 walk/bike set-aside funds to support a demonstration project mini-roundabout at a site to be determined. He differentiated what's contemplated here from the existing installations at the Ward/Blodgett Street and at Mansfield/North Street intersections. Nicole commented that DPW usually reacts to perceived needs rather than seeking to site a project as an educational endeavor. "Pilot" projects under DPW's rules can only be installed for 30 days. Erik's opinion is that the concept if undertaken would support rather than detract from the Go For Gold effort. The meeting voted without opposition to send the letter making the request.

**Pedestrian Bridge over I-89:** Michael sought us out just a few days before the meeting to float the idea of a pedestrian/bike bridge across I-89 from the west side of the U Mall across to the UVM Equine Center/Quarry Hill Road neighborhood to connect with the S. Burlington Rec Path beside Spear Street. He's located prefab constructors who've estimated the costs at between \$1M and \$1.5M. Mike will communicate with the Bike/Ped group in South Burlington (the site of the project) and the CCRPC, and keep in touch via the listserv.

#### **BW/BC Activism:**

Seeking reduced traffic speeds in the Maple Street neighborhood: Alan has a contingent agreement resulting from litigation for a study of speed reductions in his neighborhood, for which he's in the process of getting the necessary petition signatures. He and Susie Taylor welcome BW/BC support, and will keep in touch.

Recruiting more activists to the organization: Jim Holway is starting a regular Saturday morning "Friends of North Avenue" meeting at the Bagel Cafe to follow the redesign process. Serrill and Mike suggest more public media, including perhaps producing our meetings for cablecast on Channel 17.

Possible theme for the Annual Meeting: Activism?

#### **Updates:**

Erik reports GoForGold is moving ahead, though not particularly swiftly.

North Ave Redesign: Next item of process is a public TEUC (Transportation, Energy, Utilities Commission) meeting at 4:45 pm on August 13 at the Police Department Community Room. Nicole reports that the Advisory Committee's report was placed before the Commission as written.

Open Streets: RJ reports that the plans for Sunday 9/21 are developing steadily. Parking will be banned and the Police and Fire Departments will require a coned-off lane for emergency vehicles, if needed.

NACTO letter: Letter drafted by RJ was signed by those in attendance for forwarding to DPW and Commission. (It requests that the City adopt the Urban Street and Urban Bikeway Guides published by the Nat'l Ass'n of City Transportation Officials, which will ease City adoption of progressive on-road design solutions.)