

## **Burlington Walk/Bike Council**

### Minutes of 1/22/15 Meeting

**Present:** Erik Brotz (facilitating), Serrill Flash, Stu Lindsay, Jim Brophy, Barbara Mines, Nicole Losch, Connor Pelletier, Brendan Hogan, Steve Norman (minutes)

#### **Agenda:**

**Prioritizing** of 'Easy Win' project-candidates from the annual meeting:

Snow and ice removal: Nicole reports that the new-ish Assistant Director of DPW's Plowing Group is working to prioritize the bike lanes and has experimented with using the snow thrower to clean up in-street bike lanes.

Jim, Serrill and Brendan formed a committee to prioritize demonstration and/or pilot projects for cycle tracks and/or roundabouts.

#### **Updates:**

North Avenue Corridor Task Force: Nicole reported that City Council is currently in process of appointing their ward representatives. [Ed. note: after the meeting Erik emailed the Steering Committee about ideas for getting CC members and/or NPAs to appoint advocates.]

Champlain Parkway: Nicole reports that many of the issues raised in the BWBC's recent letter to the Mayor are also being raised by the DPW. The PlanBTV South End project will address Parkway design, too.

Walk/Bike Master Plan: The Request For Proposals will be going out soon. As a member of the Selection Committee, Charlene will be reviewing the submitted proposals. The Advisory Committee will first meet in April, where BWBC and Local Motion will each be represented. A Draft Master Plan by May, 2016, is the objective.

City Candidates' Questionnaire: will be promulgated to the registered candidates soon.

#### **New business:**

Both Jim and Brendan queried what can be done about existing infrastructure design problems, both citing the excessive curb cuts at Kerry's Kwik Stop on St. Paul Street, which make great lengths of the sidewalk vulnerable to turning traffic. Nicole advised that since they were properly permitted and legal when built, there's nothing to be done through legal means until any new construction permitting is sought, but the owners might be amenable to taking voluntary measures such as planters or bollards if approached.

AARP-VT will host a mayoral candidates Livable Communities Forum at the U-U Church on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, dessert reception to follow.

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