

## **Burlington Walk/Bike Council**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

**\*\*\*special location: Burlington Boathouse\*\*\***

### **MINUTES**

#### **1) Introductions & brief BWBC Overview**

Those present introduced themselves to the group (17+ in attendance).

#### **2) Steering Committee elections**

Four new steering committee members were voted in: Christina Erickson, Phil Hammerslough, Jamie Seiffer, and Mary Twitchell. See website for complete list:

<http://burlingtonwalkbike.org/contact>

#### **3) Economic Impact Study of Biking & Walking in Vermont - Chapin Spencer of Local Motion**

Chapin has a new baby and did not attend the meeting but the group discussed the potential relevance of the statewide study to Burlington. We may be able to extrapolate local data and information from the statewide data. If there is not enough detail, the BWBC could pursue a local economic impact study. The BWBC would still like Chapin to present at the March 12 meeting if possible, or at a future meeting.

#### **4) Sharrows & Bike Lanes in Burlington – continued discussion with Nicole Losch, Burlington DPW Bike/Ped Planner**

The BWBC reviewed the priority list presented by Nicole and discussed other potential locations including Shore Drive, Home Ave, links to Pine St in the South End (Flynn Ave?) and more. There was also discussion about other ideas such as reducing the number of vehicles entering downtown Burlington, such as park and ride/intercept lots at the city's outskirts. [For more information on this type of project, visit <http://www.ccmppo.org/parknride/>] There was discussion about road diets on Winooski Ave and North Ave, similar to the current road diet on Colchester Ave. Several people volunteered to do more research into the use of sharrows in other communities and will report back at the March 12 meeting.

The group expressed a desire to update Burlington's 2002 North-South Bicycle/Pedestrian Route Study into a full Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for the city. Nicole reported that the city is exploring a separated one-way cycletrack on South Union between Main Street and Decatur Street. Painted hash marks would separate the cycletrack from the vehicle lane.

## 5) Bike Route Signage – inventory is complete; review Nic’s recommendations

This item was skipped since Nic has done such a great job and the project is moving forward. There was discussion about the Pearl St Study instead (see agenda item 7 below).

## 6) March 12 Event – gathering of Burlington’s bike groups

A small group has been meeting to plan this event (called a summit? Colloquium? Symposium? Roundtable?) It will be held at UVM in Billings on a Saturday afternoon/evening. The speaker portion will be open to the public, but the other portion will be a discussion among local groups (BWBC, BBC, Local Motion, BTV Cluster, AARP VT, etc.). The ad hoc group will keep the BWBC informed of details.

## 7) Updates

- **Meeting day** – our next meeting will be Feb 15 in Room 12 at City Hall
- **Pearl St. Public Meeting** – the group reviewed a couple of the alternatives for improvements to Pearl St at the top of Church St. Charlene reported that she was the only member of the public at the recent Pearl St Study meeting. There will be another meeting (date TBD) and it will be important to have a strong bike/ped presence. The BWBC should also submit written comments to DPW on this project. It was noted that having a local bike/ped economic impact study would be helpful for this type of project. There was discussion about how the BWBC should proceed on this project: negotiate with Church St Marketplace on getting more bike parking in exchange for their preferred alternative of more vehicle parking; taking over parking spots (such as during PARKing Day) as a demonstration against more vehicle parking; talking with business owners, CEDO, other groups such as BTV Cluster to encourage their support of the bike lane option. It’s worth noting that City staff prefer Option C, bike lanes. Charlene will schedule a small group meeting to review the alternatives in detail and prepare comments for BWBC approval.
- **Rackcards** – Bryan passed out copies of the rack card, designed by Trav.

## 8) New Business

Bryan will add new steering committee members to the BWBC website (<http://burlingtonwalkbike.org/>) as well as add a note encouraging web visitors to submit their project ideas/improvements/solutions to him at [bdavis@ccmpo.org](mailto:bdavis@ccmpo.org).

**next meeting -- Feb 15 in Room 12, City Hall**

Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Davis