

BWBC Minutes 4/26/12

In attendance: Erik; Ben; Sarah Beal, *LCRCC*; Stu; Jason, *LM*; Christina; Steve M; Chapin, *LM*; Ron Redmond, *Marketplace*; Mary; Christine, *BRV*; Nicole, *PubWorks*; Britney, *IRev*; Rylan, *IRev*; Phil; Miro, *Mayor*; Bryan; Jon G; David (facilitating); Jamie; Asa; Steve (minutes)

1. Presentation on Economic Benefits of walking and biking (Chapin, Christina) (slides are posted on website)

2. Community partners

Ron Redmond: Marketplace hopes to sponsor 'art racks,' perhaps with the Art Hop (Steve M. will collaborate on this); will continue to coordinate 'PARK(ing) DAY.' There's a new manager at the Burlington Town Center, and discussions about bike parking, pedestrian access/crosstraffic should be more productive.

Sarah Beal: The Chamber would be supportive of projects their members can 'join,' such as a "Bike Friendly Business" designation.

Mayor Miro: Is pushing the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments on Bikeway renovations; is impressed with the growing number of bike commuters; sees a role for BWBC in sidewalk project prioritization; supports work on pursuit of League of American Bikers "Gold" community designation; wants to expand and rationalize bike lanes; needs bike input on City Hall Park redesign.

Jason: Vermont Bike Challenge starts next week, runs May 1 – August 31; Vermont presently is No. 2 in per capita participation, after Wisconsin. (Mayor can attend kickoff Tuesday.)

3. Jane's Walk: to take place Saturday, May 12.

4. Review of roles, committees -- deferred

5. Public Works Update (Nicole): Sidewalks & crosswalk projects: Maple St. from Winooski to St. Paul; Bank St.; Champlain School Crossing; new crosswalks at Loomis/Union, Pine/Lyman, _____. Church Street improvements: lighting & electrical. Americans with Disability Act grants from State: all 9 requests are approved, e.g., Marketplace brickwork unevennesses. Work on complete sidewalk survey continues. No new bike lane projects other than Pearl Street from Winooski to Champlain.

6. Updates: Secure bike parking: Stu and Phil are finalizing arrangements with DPW and P & R; there will be secure bike parking at 47 events including the farmers' market and waterfront events; may do a full-month project on the Marketplace.

New Business: Jon G, Trash dumping at St.Louis/Manhattan Dr. solicits Green Up Day vols, meet at the Sustainability Academy 5/5 or come to the bikeway entrance.

AARP Community Action Grant \$2000 available: deadline 8/17.