

Burlington Walk/Bike Council
Minutes of 11/15/12 Meeting

Present: Christina (facilitating), Charlene, David Hood, Stu Lindsay, Erik Brown Brotz, Phil Hammerslaugh, Tony Bredington, Steve Norman (minutes)

Gold Level aspirations status update: Erik is managing the effort to coordinate our work on the LAB application. Brent Weigel, Carmen Cormier, and Steve Norman are helping. We'll compare our current Silver resume with the Gold resumes of Corvallis, OR, and Missoula, MT, along the LAB "5 E" dimensions (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation/Planning) to guide us in crafting the Gold application. Jason at Local Motion is drafting the letter from BW/BC and partners to the Mayor requesting City buy-in. We brainstormed potential partners and Charlene recorded a list of ~30 nominees. Charlene reported that DPW intends to apply next spring for Gold **Walk-friendly** status, and we need to begin a similar effort in order to be effective on that. None of the attendees volunteered to lead that, yet, so think about it, if you read this. Tony shared that DOT's "National Personal Transportation Survey" is an important source of data for this advocacy.

Ad series: David and Steve reported on the ad committee's decision to begin our advertising campaign (to get more participation in our work and meetings) with 4 months of ads in Front Porch Forum, at a cost of ~ \$600. (Texts for four ads follows these minutes.) We can monitor any new membership on Google Groups. The meeting approved the expenditure and the ad content.

Annual Meeting: We chose Thursday, March 28, for our next "Annual" meeting, 5-7:30 pm, probably in the same Union Station venue we used a year ago.

Updates:

St. Paul/Kilburn crosswalk: there IS one there already! Steve just emailed Nicole requesting one o/b/o BWBC, and now will thank her for anticipating our request. [Ed. note: I checked it last night and it's NOT brand new.]

City bikepath ballot items: The TIF and the bond both passed -- HOORAY!

The Causeway is finished and open to the Cut. Charlene reports it's beautiful!

Halloween Ride: Organizer Jon Adams-Kollitz is urging the BWBC to take on organization of after-party events next year, esp. for the kids.

News: Christine reports that Champlain College hosted a **longboarding conference**, with a great presentation by the VT Longboarding Crew; Will Deming, contact person. More potential partners.

Charlene shared a 7Days story about the proposal of a 300-unit residential development on Grove Street, with the thought that it presents an opportunity for securing significant investment in related bike/ped infrastructure, such as an off-road route up to the UVM campus.

"Adopt-a-Bike-Lane" as an organizing project for the "Annual" Meeting. -- Charlene

Charlene -- Chapin has discussed the BWBC "Formalization" proposal with Steve Goodkind at DPW, who opposes it. Chapin and Steve N. will continue to advocate for it with DPW and Parks, and their Commissions.

Charlene shared a video from the recent National Womens' Bike Summit, and since then she has led two womens' rides, and is planning some womens' Fix-a-Flat workshops with Terry Bicycles and the GMBC, for 2013.

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FPF Ad texts for Jan - April 2013

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