

Burlington Walk/Bike Council
Minutes Jan. 24, 2013

Attending: Tom Cohen, David Hood, Jason Driesche, Phil Hammerslaugh, Sarah Cheeseborough, Stu Lindsay, Erik Brown Brotz, Christina Erickson (facilitating), Charlene Wallace, Sandy Thibault (CATMA), R.J. Lalumiere, Tony Redington, Nate Wildfire (CEDO), Nicole Losch (DPW), Barbara Mines, David Casey (Bd of Health), Steve Norman (minutes)

Public Investment Action Plan (PIAP)

Nate Wildfire, newly arrived at CEDO from Pittsburgh (welcome, Nate!) is staffing this project that will invest millions in public ‘TIF’ funds into projects downtown and on the waterfront, and hopefully leverage millions more. Nate has drafted the initial requests for concepts, which will request that the concept submissions speak to walkability and bikeability (among other things). The request for concepts will go out on 2/4, allowing 60 days for submissions. Nate sees a role for BW/BC in shaping the thinking of the five-member “Public Investment Team” that will review these submissions and invite final proposals from a group of finalists. (More info available via the CEDO website.)

The Steering Committee is drafting a letter to the Team suggesting how it should prioritize walking and biking components in its selection process. The Team will be holding public meetings at which we plan to be present to comment and to raise and answer questions. We’ll circulate these meeting dates to the BWBC email list. The timeline is supposed to put a list of City Council-approved projects to a vote at Town Meeting Day 2014.

Gold Action Plan process: Erik reported on the project he led to compare Burlington to Gold-level cities of similar size: Missoula MT and Corvallis OR. Our greatest comparative deficiency is in the Engineering category, i.e., bike lanes, separated bikeways, parking, storage, maintenance facilities, and more. Jason Driesche’s 8-page “Go for Gold Blueprint” draft incorporates this comparative study and is (or should be) posted on the BWBC website. We reviewed it page-by-page. Jason took numerous comments and will prepare a redraft. We will be sending a Memo to the Mayor regarding the Going for Gold, which the DPW and Local Motion will join in. Jason will invite Parks and Recreation to sign on, too.

Other business: Tony Redington handed out for future consideration a 7-point proposal for a BWBC resolution concerning municipal planning for roundabouts at busy intersections.

Updates: BWBC Annual Meeting 3/28/13; our advertising campaign on Front Porch Forum will start running imminently; secure bike parking is planning for ’13, and still waiting for bike locker signage.

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