

Burlington Walk/Bike Council
Minutes of 6/26/14 Meeting

Present: Erik Brotz (facilitating), Charlene Wallace, Tony Redington, Serrill Flash, Curt McCormack, Stu Lindsay, RJ Lalumiere, Jim Brophy, Jason Driesche, Barbara Mines, Steve Norman (minutes)

Agenda:

Champlain Parkway Advocacy: Jason Driesche at Local Motion has been investigating and researching the project and reports that City and State (and federal?) authorities have made it clear they will not even consider any proposals for change until the last current lawsuit is settled. Several members present are against the project *in toto* -- but how should we advocate? General agreement that we can both advocate for the kinds of changes we would want to see adopted if it *is* built, as well as (if we so decide) advocate that it not be built at all.

North Avenue Corridor Study: RJ, Jim, and Tony, all from the North End, and Charlene, from Local Motion, are on the project Steering Committee. A vote is to be held 7/1 to determine the general content of the project as recommended by the Committee. RJ expressed disappointment that the city's consultants, Parsons-Bickerhoff, resist recommending the road diet reduction from 4 lanes to 3-lanes-with-bike-lanes-and-elimination of on-street parking. Local Motion will vote 'no' on anything lacking the diet, and so also said RJ, Jim and Tony. [*Ed. note:* The Committee did end up recommending the full 'diet' from Shore Road south to the 127 entrance, and elimination of the (mostly theoretical) legal on-street parking, with marked bike lanes, from Shore Road north to Plattsburgh Avenue. We will prepare to urge members to attend public forums at the Public Works and City Council meetings where this process will go next for review and approvals.]

Updates:

BWBC-branded giveaway blinkie-straps: decided to not unveil these to the public until September or so, when darkness is more extensive. Perhaps distribute at Attended Bike Parking [or Open Streets?]

Open Streets Sunday, September 21. Planning is progressing, with North Street to be extensively closed and some neighboring streets also. Many volunteers will be needed. As a feasibility demonstration for the Police and Fire departments it will be important. Next year: Art Hop!

Secure Bike Parking: Going strong. (How many 2014 events?) Thomas Cohen at Local Motion is putting in time on admin and planning.

Stairwalk: A nonevent, though double the participation of last year's walk (which was 2). We will consider piggybacking on other organizations' events, such as Branch out Burlington. **FIN**