Montpelier Complete Streets Committee
Minutes of January 2, 2019

Committee Members Attending: Terisa Thomas, Nancy Schulz, Gary Holloway, Jeanne Kern

Member of the Public Attending: Philip Picotte

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved after the addition of topics related to the upcoming Bridge advertisement and on pedestrian prizes.

II. Public Comment

The public representative noted background work addressing the pedestrian phase at the intersection of State Street and Main Street. He stated that the Director of Public Works confirmed that the pedestrian phase should occur during each signal cycle barring emergency vehicle activity. Members of the committee concurred that no delay in the pedestrian cycle should occur during normal operation.

III. Name the Path Contest

The committee discussed the cost of adding signposts and possible mile markers for the river path once it opens next year. As physical infrastructure, the posts would fall under MTIC’s budget category. An opening celebration—ideally including Abenaki leaders who contributed to the naming process—will be set at the next meeting. Roles will be assigned to coordinate event logistics.

Gary said that the Confluence Park Advisory Committee is looking at conceptual designs that will include information about the site’s cultural history.

IV. January 8 MTIC Meeting

Nancy said she will attend the upcoming Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee to address the covered bike parking proposal. Green Mountain Transit is scheduled to present. The City is looking at additional parking options and transit routes.

V. FY2020 Committee Budget

During the current fiscal year (which ends June 30), approximately $2,000 of the $5,000 budget has been spent on arm bands, events, and prizes, and $540 has been spent for Bridge advertisements. Thus, the committee has spent about half of its budget at the midpoint of the year.

Looking ahead to FY2020, Gary asked if the committee should continue sponsorship of walking-related parades, such as February’s Lantern Parade.

The committee suggested additions to MTIC’s budget for additional rectangular rapid flashing beacons. MTIC used its funds to match VTrans funds for the existing four installations.
VI. Complete Streets Design Report

Members discussed the Complete Streets Design Report prepared for the City and intended to inform the Capital Improvement Plan. The design report includes details for specific intersections, and was adopted by the City Council on December 12. A Bridge article may be prepared in the future.

VII. Bridge Advertisement

Committee members agreed to repeat the last Bridge ad, “Be Bright, Be Seen, Be Rewarded”. The hyperlink in the ad leads to the Committee’s webpage on the City website.

VIII. Minutes

The minutes of the December 5 meeting were approved as amended to correct typographic errors.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2019

Possible Topics for February Meeting

- 2019 Priorities and Event Scheduling
- Walk Friendly Application
- Content for Bridge Ad
- MTIC Meeting Report-out on GMT and Covered Bike Parking