MBAC – Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

Minutes
Feb 16 2016
Start 6 PM – End 7:30 PM
City Hall - Manager’s Office

Attendance:


Discussion started around establishing a set meeting time for future MBAC meetings. (Agenda item 5) **Jon to send out a doodle poll.**

Agenda item 1: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. "Other business" items added to agenda including:

discussion of appointing additional interested members, infrastructure items based on conversations with Corey, Langdon St. Alive, Walk/Bike Summit

Agenda item 2: Brief intros, including guest intros

  - Zach Simpson - Americorps ECO member, presented info on his focus on terrestrial invasive plants and upcoming projects including placing signage on paths/trails in city, adding boot brushes, and possibly bike maintenance items
  - Kira - involved in Dirt Divas program, attending to get sense of bike community with focus on youth programs

Agenda item 3: N/A

Agenda items 4-6: Discussion surrounding MBAC mission of providing encouragement and education

  - Jenn reported on her mtg with Emily Boedecker (sp?) of Local Motion. Take away was that focus and promotion should focus on 60% of population that doesn't ride b/c of safety concerns. By building public support, MBAC can help secure funding mechanisms, possibly through non-binding resolution(s)

  - Brief discussion on moving Montpelier to Silver rating for a Bicycle Friendly Community.

  - Consensus that, given bandwidth and volunteer nature of MBAC, our encouragement and education event(s) should be done in conjunction with other events that are already scheduled.

  - Local motion has assistance kit (is this right??) to help with events that runs $5000. **Jenn to check on fee and get a better understanding of what this entails/includes.**

  - Events being considered: Providing valet bike parking at July 3rd (**Laura to take lead on reaching out to Montpelier Alive**); Valet parking at Farmer's Market (**Jon to reach out to Caroline G**); Pop-up bike lane to Mountaineers game (**Jenn to reach out to Mountaineers**)

  - Also noted was the UES bike curriculum happening for 4th graders - is there anyway to use this unit to build on with additional encouragement and education? **Kira to reach out to MJ looking for youth bike "champions" that may provide some inter-generational bike advocacy.**

Agenda item 7:

Gary provided an update on most recent MTAC meeting. **Motion made, seconded, and passed: to allow MBAC's two votes on the MTAC to be from any of the MBAC members.**
Future MTAC meetings used as regular opportunity to check in with Corey on painting projects and other upcoming projects.

Motion made, seconded, and passed: Request that City Council appoint Farid and Jonathan as additional MBAC members. *(Jon to contact City Council with this request)*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Heather Voisin