Bike Advisory Committee Meeting
March 1, 2016

In attendance: Jon Budreski, Jonathan Harries, Laura Biren, Suzanne Eikenberry, Per Ton, Anthony Mennona, Mike Philbrick

1. Agenda & minutes from last meeting approved.


   Langdon Street Alive Update: All designated parklet spaces have been/or will be taken by this summer. Ward Joyce, who is heading up Langdon St Alive, would like to have a bike parking platform, preferable in a parking space for Langdon St Alive. Bike parking could go elsewhere if needed. Ward suggested a sculptural bike rack. Ward Joyce estimates cost at $6K for bike platform ($2K for the platform and $4K for the sculptural bike racks). Langdon St Alive is a movement to change Langdon St into a multi-purpose public space. Suzanne will ask Sandy Gallup if old bike parking fund still exists and if so, how much is in it. Concerns were expressed about where the specific location for bike parking would be and how much it would cost. www.langdonstreetalive.org has more information.

   Farmer’s Market parking: Carolyn Grodinsky has said that the wall along Julio’s can be used for the bike committee to do bike parking at the Market. Burlington gives out free ice cream coupons. Will try beta on May 5 (Bike Swap date). Jon is working on getting a rack. If it goes well it can be monthly. July 3 this year will start at 2pm. Carolyn Grodinsky suggested putting it in the parking lot beside the State House. A more visible location would be better. Next would be to identify a location and find racks. We are looking at just adding bike parking, but not necessarily valet bike parking. Jon will look into potential rack options.

   Pop-up Bike Lane for Mountaineers: Mike explained police availability for this. There is a cost for this and it can only happen if officers are available. Washington Co Sheriff’s Dept is another option. Unlikely to be able to detail an officer from regular duty. Mike believes it would be possible with 2 officers. Another option is to promote an alternative route: through Meadows, up Elm to Cummings, then on gravel/grass to foot bridge to pool. Jen will talk with Emily Beodekker from Parks Commission to see if we could allow bikes on path for one night. We could volunteer to have one person at Pearl and Elm.

3. Short term Infrastructure Improvements Update:

   In order to do an advisory lane, you would need to have an applicable law—both State and local ordinance. Cory has found that it is possible to do it in beta mode.

   Parking Fund Plan from Cory was distributed. Jen noticed the carry over was not showing up in the following year beginning funds. Jen suggested thinking of funds as percent of total funds for events, parking, and infrastructure. We realized some funds were already allocated on Cory’s budget for events, outreach, education, etc.
4. Items to bring to upcoming MTAC meeting: We would like MTAC representation to be any two members on a rotating basis. We also want more information on Langdon St Alive.

9. Other Business: Next Meeting 4/5 at 6pm in City Manager’s Conference Room (invited guests Jessie Baker and Bill Merrylees) Discussion will focus on policy (for example zoning regulations regarding parking, speed limits). Will also discuss what is happening in schools and update on Cross Vermont Trails. We need to set aside time at a meeting soon to discuss assessment.

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