Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee

Minutes

May 7, 2019

Present: Jennifer Gordon, Corey Line (DPW), Mike Miller (Planning), Dona Bate (City Council), Kevin Casey (Planning), Heather Voisin, Stephen Falbel, Ian Anderson, Celia Riechel, Constantinos Stivaros, Kate McCann (by phone), Jack McCullough (City Council), Phoenix Mitchell (community member), Julia Ursaki (D&K)

Jenn called meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Agenda change – move Barre/Main to 7:30 and Downtown Master Plan added at 7:00 to 7:30. Ian moved to approve amended agenda, Dona second. All in favor.

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Jack, seconded by Ian. All in favor.

Review of ATF applications.

- Should we add a space for the amount requested? Consensus is yes. Heather moved, Celia seconded that the ATF application form be amended to include a request for approximate funds needed. All approved.
- Small group will review all three proposals: Ian, Celia, Kate volunteered
- Phoenix presented about his idea. Needs funds to pay for the wooden coins and the posts to serve as the “bus stop” outside each coffee shop. $700 estimated. Committee will get back to him.

Corey presented about project status – Winooski East bike path to Gallison Hill should be done by October 2019, though the hope is that it will be done in September.

Ian presented update on covered bike parking. Depth of the existing pad not sufficient for the rack we had discussed. Would need to pour some concrete to support one side of it. Corey will estimate additional cost. Ian will write up a summary to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Corey presented about ATF budget. Granite Street sidewalk would likely receive 50/50 grant funds, needing $35,000 from ATF. MTIC will approve revised budget at June meeting to allow for City Council to approve the grant application due in June.

Mike Miller presented about downtown master plan. Winning bid came in at $68K, original budget was for $23K for State Street plan. Requested $43,850 to fill the gap. Jenn asked about funding mechanisms for building the recommended projects coming out of the study beyond tax-increment financing sources. Possibilities include local option tax, potential infrastructure spending from the federal
government. Corey will revise ATF budget to consider various levels of contribution to fill the gap.

Barre/Main Scoping Study
- Corey presented a quick summary of preferred option
  - Barre/Main intersection: Rapid implementation of bike lane – intersection will be signalized
  - Ian moved that MTIC’s preferred alternative be roundabouts at Barre/Main and Memorial/Main instead of signalized intersections; Heather seconded. Voted in favor 5-0-2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Submitted by Stephen Falbel