Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes

May 24, 2016 5:15 PM

Police Department Conference Room

Attendees: Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Guy Tapper, Erin Aguayo, John Snell, Tom Aloisi, Mark Provost, Erica Garfin

Others: Laura Biren (AmeriCorps VISTA)

Acronyms: PAC: Pedestrian Advisory Committee; MBAC: Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee; MTAC: Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee; ATF: Alternative Transportation Fund; SCBC: Strong Communities Better Connections Grant

1) John added discussion crosswalks to agenda. Laura adds Bike/Walk to Mountaineers Game to agenda. John moves to approve agenda. Tom seconds. All in favor.

2) All in favor of minutes from April

3) No public comment

4) Eve moved Request Tracker update up in agenda. Eve had exchanged emails with Corey/Seth. Corey replied and met with Seth. PAC should test, relay messages to Laura saying tested. Laura will follow up with Seth.

  *Later in meeting was confirmed that messages were working so no need to relay message to Laura. PAC will check in on Request Tracker and Seth/Corey again next month, eventually with MTAC.*

5) Open Streets event:

   - Discussed whether to do event on Loomis/Liberty to School Street, on State Street or from Library on Main Street down to Roundabout. Or focus on a longer route on a less busy street.
   - Will potentially occur during maximum foliage time. Include an alternative transportation parade possibly.
   - Tom mentioned future use of closing 1 lane on Memorial Drive. Also discussion of tying the Open Streets event into the Langdon Streets Alive.
   - Discussion of Complete Streets demo part of event on School Street. Laura mentioned that the SCBC consultant/Planning Department would be interested in helping with Complete Streets portion of event
   - Final location: School St to St. Paul/Cedar = Complete Street demo & Loomis Street up to Liberty Street/Park Street for Open Streets. Time from 10 AM to 12 PM
   - Action steps: 1) Get ok from Police – location approval – John will follow up. 2) Get on City Council agenda for June 3) Talk to Local Motion about partnering, supplies and charge – Tom Aloisi will check in

6) Follow up on night safety campaign:

   - Erica will take a lead on this – kick off night safety campaign at Open Streets event. Discussion of how many to order. Price for 500 and 1,000. Make ask at MTAC for ATF funding. Include pedestrian education in night safety campaign like signs and printing costs.
7) Crosswalk painting:
   Eve will send an email to Corey about Montpelier crosswalks not being repainted yet. Mark mentioned Corey’s memo to MTAC which had quoted paintings being done by May 27.

8) Bike/Walk to Mountaineers Game:
   Laura made ask to PAC for 2 folks volunteering on Friday, June 17 to lead the walking group to the Mountaineers game. MBAC is in charge of leading a group ride to the Mountaineers Game starting at 6 PM at Onion River Sports. Guy and John volunteered to lead walking group on Friday, June 17 – also meeting at Onion River sports at 6 PM. Will not need to wait around at game to walk folks back. PAC says yes for name on flyer and promotion.

9) Strong Communities Better Connections:
   Discussion of Steering Committee and how it works. PAC chose 2 representatives: John and Tom

10) MTAC report:
    Discussed SCBC discussion at MTAC and MBAC’s frustrations. Cross Vermont Trail’s ask at City Council was approved if other towns made similar contributions. Still no Parking Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 26 at 5:15 PM