

MPED/MBAC Meeting (Bike and Pedestrian Committees)

Agenda

17 August 2016

5:30-6:30PM

Montpelier City Hall

Members Present: John Snell, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Jenn Gordon, Heather Voisin, Erica Garfin, Harris Webster, Jon Budreski, Jonathan Harries, Cory Live, Mark Provost, Dona Bate, Anthony Mennona, Suzanne Eikenberry, Rebecca Harris (AmeriCorps VISTA)

1. Select Secretary: Rebecca Harris volunteers
2. Motion to approve agenda by Jon B. All approve.
 - a. Actions Suggested: No actions suggested.

3. Brief Introductions

4. Public Comments: No public comments

5. Review previous meeting item(s) as needed. Background info on this meeting (Jenn Gordon: 2 minutes)

This meeting is a result of overlap in MBAC and PED goals. We hope to create a more efficient and effective structure. We looked at formats in other cities and it is a norm for Bike and Ped committees to be combined for joint goals. Jen presents info graphic to explain goals. Idea came out of interest of some people to be involved in event planning and education versus infrastructure and policy. Both committees will report to city council and we will encourage DPW and Planning to attend the infrastructure and policy meeting. There will be information exchange between all committees.

6. Discussed idea of an integrated and more cohesive pedestrian and bike committee will lead to more efficient meetings, improved decision making, planning and communication. Additional benefits include fewer meetings and a higher level of meaningful and substantial involvement from DPW and the Planning Department.

- Eve wants new committees to be official city committees.
- Corey sees how public works falls into infrastructure and questions if it makes sense for any city departments to be involved in events, such as a police or planning member?
 - Eve doesn't think that is necessary, we don't need city staff to attend the events meeting.

- Erica discusses if we will create bike and pedestrian subcommittees and thus not cut down on meetings. Suggests pedestrians might lose their presence. Jon thinks the committees can work together well.

7. One option: Create two Bike-Ped committees. One focused on infrastructure and policy the second on event planning, education and enforcement. Each committee will report directly to City Council. The infrastructure policy committee will require attendance of DPW and Planning Department representative.

8. Other proposed options:

- Harris thinks we are more efficient in smaller group/committee and we will lose efficiency if we form new groups. We can create a complete streets committee.
- Eve proposes the pedestrian and bicycle events committees can be separate but not meet every month.
 - Jen states, in order to be considered bike friendly city, we must hold a certain number of events. Wishes that the bike committee could be involved in open streets from beginning. In a small city it is possible to combine events groups. John S agrees due to experience with tree board. Suzanne doesn't feel the bicycle would be at odds with pedestrian interests.
- Jen proposes approximately 8 people per committee.
- Mark discusses that an infrastructure committee needs to address parking needs. Others pointed out that there is no one on the parking committee right now.
- Suzanne proposes to test out events committee for a year in a pilot program.
- Heather states if there is complete streets it leaves out bike and pedestrian interests that aren't on streets.
- Harris proposes alternative pilot to not abolish anything and make an active effort to improve communication. Jon mentions effectiveness of combined efforts of Local Motion.
- Eve suggests we have three committees: infrastructure committee, bike events, and pedestrian events. The two events committees could actively communicate with each other when needed.

MOTION: John Snell moved to propose two separate Bike-Ped committees: one infrastructure committee and one events committee. Staff from DPW, and Planning will attend infrastructure meetings. Each committee will have approximately 8 members. TAC will be dissolved and replaced. We will take this notion back to both PED and Bike Committees for their approval. If approved it will go to city council. Jen seconds motion.

One abstention

Motion passes.

BIKE COMMITTEE MOTION: Susanne moves that bike committee vote to approve the recommendation to create two Bike-Ped committees as described above.
Heather seconds motion.
Motion passes with all in favor.

Jon calls for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM