

Subject	BWAC Meeting for June 27th, 2022
From	Christopher Kline (cckline@gmail.com)
Meeting Date	6/27/2022, 7:00:00 PM
Attendees	Micah Hagan, Chair, Annie Cooper, Vice Chair, Eric Bowker, Aaron Todd, Carolyn West, Evan Lawrence, Christopher Kline
Absent	Stefan Fetterhoff
Guests	Bryan Davis - CCRPC (Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission)
Location	https://zoom.us/j/95857502850?pwd=ZkhRNTlhZ0VqSTI6UzVPb1JNRURZUT09

Updated Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Determine who will take minutes
3. Changes to Agenda/Review/Approval of Minutes
4. Bryan Davis CCRPC Update
5. Annie: Bike Tour discussion for September event
6. Potential Bike Outing near future
7. Touch base on BWAC plan for 2021/2022
8. Local Motion Discussion Update: Groundhogs Day Activity
9. RRFB Update
10. Upcoming Vermont Walk/Bike Laws Webinar and Discussion

Topics Discussed:

- *CCRPC Update* - Bryan Davis (added to agenda by Annie)
 - He is working on the long range Walk/Bike Plan for the county which eventually becomes the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
 - Updated every five years or so. Working with consultant Tool Design Group on design work. They will be sharing more detailed information sometime this August
 - Looking for ways to understand the priorities of existing and proposed routes from local communities
 - Links to the tracking & additional information via websites are listed below - he encourages for anyone to update the map to help identify any major barriers in the community as well as ideas for improvement
 - Micah mentioned he appreciates the new sidewalk extension along Rt 15 in front of Saint Mike's college however Pearl Street, Five Corners remain problem areas
 - Arron mentioned the bike like ends abruptly at Industrial Ave
 - Carolyn suggested the sidewalks could be improved as well
 - Eric believes the Five Corners area is not at all bike friendly for cyclists and is concerned the new Crescent Connector will also be problematic and notices a lot of jaywalking around this area too which is pretty risky

- Annie mentions work re sidewalks and other items that are Village/City related vs work by CCRPC, to differentiate/collaborate to create a better pedestrian/bike friendly community as we grow forward as a City.
- *BWAC Participation at Upcoming Fall City Event - Annie*
 - working title is "Junction Jamboree" or similar
 - Scheduled for Sept 24th and 25th
 - Carolyn suggested we also coordinate this with EJRP
 - Annie stated that EJRP is on committee and will discuss at next meeting
 - Evan suggested he could help coordinate a "booth" or table to help promote our committee to both educate them and provide an opportunity to gain feedback on what is working and what could be better
 - Maybe produce some marketing material to include description of this committee and our scope
 - Chris to create a route for a group ride during the event (a city bike tour)
 - Ride would start from the booth
 - Probably keep it simple, short and close so families could participate (versus creating different lengths...)
 - Annie will create/get created a BWAC logo we could use for branding of this committee going forward
 - Annie will provide a draft logo post-meeting
 - Annie will also research getting some stickers made
 - Micah mentioned we should probably shoot for having representation at the booth a few hours before and after the ride
- *BWAC Bike Outing - Micah*
 - Team agreed to meeting for a ride at the library for this Thursday @ 6pm 🚲♂
- *RRFB Update - Micah*
 - Micah is hopeful but has not yet received official confirmation of this committee's budget for next year
 - Missed cutover for this fiscal years spend on RRFB but will plan to order it next month as part of 2022/2023 budget
- *Local Motion Vermont Safe Routes to School - Carolyn*
 - Local Motion has several activities. She suggested the mid-winter one for a walk to school on Ground Hogs Day
 - We would need volunteers who would walk with them to school instead of taking the bus or being driven
 - Suggestion is to send out an email blast to everyone who might want to be involved like Parks and Rec, PTO, School Principals, CHIPS, etc.
 - Carolyn will draft an email and ask this committee to review it before sending out
 - They do have other events such as Walk and Roll in the Fall and Spring for future consideration
- *Upcoming Vermont Walk/Bike Laws Webinar - Annie/Chris*
 - Scheduled for Noon on this Wednesday, June 30th

- Annie invited Trustees plus Karen Dolan and Lori Houghton to attend. Lori Houghton plans on attending. Karen is not available but awaits feedback.
 - Chris & Annie are planning to attend and will provide feedback to our committee
 - Summary of this free event:
 - "Are Vermont's walk/bike laws enough to keep people safe? A few years ago, Vermont Legislators worked to revise and update some of our walk/bike/roll laws, but we still have a way to go before we have statutes that reflect the current realities of walking, biking, and rolling. This presentation will discuss the history and evolution of road use, describe the current state of Vermont's walk/bike/roll statutes, and explore possible solutions to address gaps in our laws, such as the Idaho Stop or instituting a firm four-foot-passing law."
- Meeting was adjourned @ 8:09 pm
- Eric mentioned he can not attend next months meeting
- Annie and Micah expressed gratitude for all Eric has done for committee and that Eric has signed on for three more years

Next Steps:

Team BWAC Bike Ride scheduled for this Thursday, Jun 30th @ 6pm meeting at the ESJ Library
 Next BWAC monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18th @ 7pm on our usual Zoom bridge
 Team provides feedback to Annie on proposed BWAC logo design
 Chris creates local bike route for possible bike tour during the upcoming City of Essex Junction Celebration Event
 Evan will draft some language around what a booth handout might look like
 Carolyn will draft email to send to interested parties for the Ground Hog day walk to school idea

URL's discussed/reviewed:

- Wiki Map for Public Input:
 - <https://ccrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=08dc3211665a4a69b1f53f22f6631e01>
- Project webpage:
 - <http://tinyurl.com/RegionalWalkBikePlan>
- Crescent Connector:
 - <https://www.essexjunction.org/crescentconnector>
 - <http://files.dubois-king.com/index.php/s/ivxny1DYjoudmPK>
- Chittenden County RPC:
 - <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-communities/essex-junction/>
 - <https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/>
- Local Motion - Safe Routes to School
 - https://www.localmotion.org/safe_routes_to_school_vt

Annie offered this draft for a BWAC Logo after the meeting

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