

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes

2022-03-24

I. Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

In Attendance:

Tanya Bashaw
Dustin Corrigan
Christian DaBica
Marianne Eaton
Kevin Masse
Gerry Slager

One Drive Folder (command/click to open the link): [BPAC Share](#)

The current folders are as follows:

- Ad-Hoc Committee Work (the files that Jessica has provided from their work)
- Agendas
- Meeting Minutes
- References (Catch all)
- Studies (for anything official that's been done on traffic, safety, etc.)

I. Review/approval of the March 24, 2022, meeting minutes.

Minutes were approved.

II. Grants (Gerry will have a quick update on this)

AARP grant wanted more information than we were able to provide. Grants need more specific and detailed information.

Other grant opportunities:

VTRANS

Suggest what we want to do vs. What grants are out there.

Web site: Grant Station that combines grants in one website.

III. Crosswalk designs

Many designs to view on line and resources through this link:

- Get paint that is built to last, not chalk.
- Considerations:
- USDOT issues
- What Hurdles
- Identify a sub-set of town streets?
- Start small: work with Mt. Abe art students?
- Artist in Residence program/grant?
- Spearhead this project: Cris, Dustin works as liaison at the school
- Research budgets and find funding sources
- Identify themes/partners

IV. Mission Statement

Purpose: To give the BPAC a north star for guiding our efforts and decisions while also providing the community with a clear understanding of what we're doing, who we're doing it for, and why we're doing it.

Inputs:

- Audiences (who we serve/speak to)
- Emotional (subjective elements, ex: "natural beauty of the area")
- Rational (objective, measurable elements, ex: miles of road, diversity of terrain, access to/number of sidewalks)
- Cultural (bigger, broader societal movements we are tapped into, ex: health and wellness, MTB destinations in VT, sustainable transportation)

Cris asks the committee to write down in the next 2 weeks within the Power Point all the emotional, Rational, Cultural Elements that we feel are relevant.

A Vision Statement would follow and allow the committee the further explain the goals.

V. Pine St. Traffic Calming (Gerry)

I have a thought that there might be an easy way to save a lot of money on North St. Cyclists are known not to use bike lanes because they are usually covered with sand and gravel on the edge of the road. Instead we can just use stencils to paint a bicycle on the road and have signs stating Bicycle May Use Full Road. We already have one at the end of East St before the hill and the other just before coming into town by the Prayer Rock. Before they repaved Middlebury last time they used this system on Main St. and I know in Burlington they use it on Pine St.

This link is for Stencils and Signs

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=photos+of+street+markings+for+bicycle+&+pedestrian+lane&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

This link is for street markings for Bicycle & Pedestrian Lanes.

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Cyclists have the right (state law) to take the full lane.

Suggest add a stencil on the road over to the right, add signs around town. Full lane sign near Prayer Rock is fine but choose more friendly designs for around town.

Need an educational component to the community to alert them of the laws in relation to cyclists.

Prioritize the “big loop” crossings of Pine St, Devino and Liberty.

Cris and Gerry will meet with Chief Nasson next week to begin discussion regarding safer street ideas.

VI. VT Walk-Bike Summit (May 6, Middlebury)

See References folder for more information. Will formulate a plan to attend.

VII. Other Business

VIII.

Public Forum will be moved to the beginning of the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Next regular Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/4hmp4rmw>