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DRAFT: Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Thursday, May 22, 2013 at 5:00 – 7:30 PM

DPW Front Conference Room

–MINUTES–

Members present: Chair, Maxwell Tracy
Tom Ayres
Chip Mason

Others present: Noted Below

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

1. Agenda
Ayres moved to accept. Mason second. All in favor.
2. Public Forum
No public comments.
3. Minutes of 4/4/2013
Mason moved to adopt. Ayres second. All in favor.

Item 4: CCTA Transit Center Update, Aaron Frank

Frank: CCTA has been looking for a better transit site for several years. 2/3 of CCTA ridership is in Burlington. June 30th – 30% preliminary engineering/NEPA process should be complete. Final design is scheduled for March 2014, opening set for September 2015. The soils are good for construction of a structure. Working with section 108, historic preservation regarding the cathedral trees. Design change from 2 stories to 1 story structure. Building will be made of Vermont granite and helps repurpose public space into a new public facility. The project will reduce bus/ped conflicts at Church Street and Cherry Street.

Ayres: How will Zampieri employees access parking garage?

Frank: They will still have access and pavement markings and signage will delineate the area for employee/garage parking only.

Tracy: What does the Church think?

Frank: CCTA and Church have been in contact and communications for over 2 years. Church didn't want to be surrounded by bus stops so we worked with them to reduce staging areas and they were supportive of the staging on Cherry Street. The building is able to open back up 18 regular metered parking spaces.

Tracy: What about bike racks?

Steve: Use of bike sheltered parking will be available on the south side of Cherry Street for bike storage.

Item 5: Stormwater Projects – Silva Cell update, Megan Moir

Moir: Silva cell was proposed two years ago and obtained \$26,000 grant to help distribute water throughout Cherry Street in the combined sewer/stormwater system. Modular system allows for flexibility in the field. Co-benefit for stormwater treatment and tree root growth. Lower Cherry Street would be another great location for more silva cells. Total project cost is \$45,000. Hardscape should be complete by the end of the week. 60% of sewer is combined.

Item 6: North Ave Corridor Project/Complete Streets, Nicole Losch

Losch: Examined existing conditions and hear comments that arise and present alternatives to the public regarding this project. We will update all committees and City Council to view final plan. Public meetings have been scheduled tentatively for late June 2013, Fall 2013, February 2014, April 2014.

Ayres: Ethan Allen Parkway and Gosse Ct feels that speed is an issue there.

Losch: Looking at designing streets engineered for 25 mph.

Ayres: Issue exists in New North End at Plattsburg Ave light.

Losch: There is currently a project in place for that intersection.

Tracey: What about the Winooski Ave corridor study?

Losch: We haven't yet identified the next corridor study. A great street is defined by the traffic circulation. The current one way section inhibits this. Winooski Ave might possibly be the next up for study. In latest national studies, cycle tracks have increased business to those directly on the cycle track.

Item 7: Colchester/Pearl Prospect Intersection, Nicole Losch

Losch: Slight traffic delays would occur for the increased trade off of safety. Pilot project in June/July through Oct/Nov. 2013. Outreach plan will target employees and residents that use the intersection. Currently the Mansfield Ave intersection backs up on Colchester Ave. The gains are safer and better mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Item 8: Dewey Park Pilot Project, Erin Demers & Nicole Losch

Losch: Started out as a traffic calming request from the neighborhood. Conducted neighborhood meeting in March 2013. DPW will be closing Spring /Elmwood intersection off for the pilot project.

Item 9: FY'14 Street Reconstruction Program & Sidewalk Update, Erin Demers & Nicole Losch

Demers: Paving list and update on the City website. Approved by the DPW Commission in the winter.

Losch: We have a sidewalk strategic plan. 700,000 total sidewalk funds a year buys about a mile of newly constructed sidewalk a year. 10% of funds go to greenbelt restoration and 10% to short patches of 100' or less. DPW is planning another assessment with a company that utilizes a Segway to gather data of the sidewalk condition.

Item 10: Councilors' Updates

Next meeting for June 26th at 5pm to 7pm, DPW.

Item 11: Adjourn

Ayres moves to adjourn. Mason second. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:08 pm.