

Burlington Department of Public Works Commission Meeting  
Amended Draft Minutes May 15, 2019  
645 Pine Street – Main Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Robert Alberry, Tiki Archambeau, Jim Barr, Chris Gillman Brendan Hogan, Soveig Overby and Peggy O’Neill Vivanco:

Item 1 – Call to Order – Welcome – Chair Comments

Commissioner Archambeau called the Public Works Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2 – Agenda

Unanimous approval

Item 3 – Public Forum (3 minute per person time limit)

Sophie Quest Colchester Ave bike issues, 2 accidents involving bicyclists, made it safer for bicyclists.

Andy Simon – In favor of two bike lanes on Flynn Avenue we need to balance out the needs of motorists and cyclists.

Jillian Scannell – UVM has concerns about the intersection of University Heights and Main Street intersection. We noticed a lot of distracted drivers, it is high risk high crash location – alter traffic signals, paint intersection.

Jacki Schultz – Expressed she is happy with sidewalks but need more cleaning of the streets from April through October.

John Bertelsen – Is a cyclist and two arteries uphill are not friendly and downhill not everyone is comfortable with the parking downhill.

Halina Dooley – Asked about the impact on residents where will people park on Colchester Avenue if parking is removed. There are a lot of houses here that do not have proper driveways.

Steve Norman lives in the New North End and is a crossing guard at the intersection of Shore Road and North Avenue. He stated there still needs to be further improvement to slow people down. Would like to see new signage that also has the French language on them.

Liam Griffin stated on both Flynn Avenue and Colchester Avenue we need to move people safely through the corridors.

Jason Van Drierche – Supports bike lanes in both directions. He asked how proposals were structured stating they need to make Flynn Ave work in both directions for bikers.

Richard Watts support SGA President, signal to cars approaching intersections. The more bike lanes the better.

Allegra William – Local Motion – Have petitions out for both Flynn Avenue and Colchester Avenue.

Jack Hanson – Burlington City Councilor – Talked about emissions and how Vermont emissions are up and we must deal with the problem. Supports adding protected bike lanes on Colchester Avenue.

Brennan Guerrier of Ward 3 stated that both Flynn Avenue and Colchester Ave are unsafe for bicyclists as there is reckless and fast travel on both streets.

Jason Stuffle – Spoke about Colchester Ave.

#### Item 4 – Consent Agenda

##### A. Proctor Place Parking Prohibition

Commissioner Gillman made a motion to accept consent agenda  
Commissioner Barr seconded  
All were in Favor.

#### Item 5 – Flynn Avenue Safer Biking Infrastructure & Parking Adjustments

There is parking on the north side of Flynn Avenue from 300-208, south side from Pine to Oakledge the parking would be removed, and there would be a crosswalk at Foster. The feedback from community are strongly in favor of complete no parking on Flynn Avenue from the coop and are supportive of a crosswalk .

Commissioner O'Neill stated that if we finalize parking on the greenbelt, retain some parking and pave the area that is dirt out of the travel lane, which is adjacent to the sidewalk.

Commissioner Hogan asked that the mailer going out does it give some geographic scope on the parking on Flynn Avenue, (voice got low unable to hear what the rest of statement was.)

Elizabeth Groehlinger of Public Works stated that the residents of Flynn Avenue from Pine and Shelburne Street were mailed fliers and there were two options that we have we should get a lot of feedback from these residents on them.

Commissioner Overby suggests that perhaps the parking on the street could be used as a buffer between the vehicle and bike lanes as is done in other cities.

Commissioner Archambeau asked about bike lanes being installed and was told that both Pine to Briggs is parking prohibited. We are coordinating starting this with the paving project. Looking into side street parking and a possible mid-block crossing.

Jason Van Driesche stated that there should be a parking count on Flynn Avenue and side streets and when the letter goes out explicitly ask people who favor either option let it be known. Feedback is very important for projects.

Mr. Brotz supports the plan and the crosswalk at Pine and Shelburne.

Julie Campoli supports bike lanes. Would like us to be careful of how cars take over green space.

Jackie Shultz – speaks about Car emissions

Commissioner Barr made a motion to accept the plan and language.

Commissioner Guillmett seconded.

Unanimous approval.

#### Item 6 – Colchester Avenue Safety Improvements and Parking Adjustments

There is support to remove parking on either sides or one side of parking as well as the downhill side from the cemetery to Barrett Street.

Commissioner Overby stated that the road from Winooski to Burlington is a lot of work and maybe they could cut in some parking spaces on the left so there is no parking in the roadway.

Commissioner O'Neill supports the bike lanes and we need to think about how to move people through the area a little safer.

Jason Stuffle stated that Colchester Avenue is a gateway to the city should have and off the road multi use path.

Pat Sealan stated that on Colchester Avenue, there is no sign to welcome people into Burlington from the Winooski side, lanes are not clearly marked. She would like to see Burlington on the list of most bikeable cities.

Eric Brotz supports bike lanes in both directions but feels that safety is important and the way Colchester Avenue is right now it is not working right. Colchester Avenue residents can park on the side street and maybe put in a crosswalk on the hill to slow down traffic on the hill.

Dave Cawley is a resident of Nash Place is a bike user. He stated the project has what plan is trying to achieve and he supports a bike lane on the north side going uphill. Neighborhood parking needs to be address, get some community involvement.

Jason Van Driesche stated he biked down Colchester Avenue and it was a miserable experience. The traffic flow work will make it a better for everyone, downhill as cars are passing by. A bike lane will make it work better and should be a priority. There needs to be signage at the bottom of the hill of Colchester Avenue.

Matt Dooley is a property owner on Colchester Avenue and he stated that his tenants need the parking on Colchester Avenue as their driveway is small and does not have enough parking.

Deborah Craft stated that Colchester Avenue factors cars and had never served for cyclist.

Sophie Quest states except when you are paving, there is a lot of driveways that are empty on Colchester Ave and people are parked out in front because it is easier for them to take off.

Jack Hanson would like to see a crosswalk if possible people can park on Chase Street. Would like to see a crosswalk if possible for traffic calming by the Kampus Kitchen.

Bill a renter on Colchester Avenue and stated that there are a lot of college students on Colchester Avenue and there is not room on the side streets for parking and he needs his vehicle for work as he works in Montpelier and he parks on the street.

Halina Dooley who owns an older property on the hill and there is a parking area for enters and to park on Chase Street would mean to cross Colchester Avenue to get home.

Commissioner Barr stated the crosswalk at Chase Street is coming and we are working on signage as you enter the city from Winooski.

Commissioner Overby stated that she is looking forward to the proposal.

Commissioner Gillman stated he would like to see a compromise for Chase Street and Barrett Street.

Item 7– Main Street and South Winooski Avenue Surface Lot RFP

We are looking to redevelop the parking lot and are forming a Development Committee. We are also looking at the adjacent properties, would like to redevelop the block. Commissioner O'Neill asked if there was going to be space for EV Charging stations.

#### Item 8 – Pipe Assessment Public Hearing

Federally subsidized loans for clean water. He did an explanation on the process for this. Greg Johnson presented a power point on the pipe assessment and the progress the Water Division is making on this.

#### Item 9 – Minutes of 4/16/19

Commissioner Barr stated that on Item 10 Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco comments, to fixed the spelling of the word asked.

Commissioner Hogan would like to see Proctor Place parking lined out to show that that was removed from consent agenda.

Commissioner Barr made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes.  
Commissioner Alberry seconded.  
Unanimous approval

#### Item 10 – Director's Report

The reorganization was approved  
GMT will have route changed June 17th  
Bike and Scooter will go before TEUC ion May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with the proposed contract.  
FY20 budget preset in packet that was sent to City Council  
Commissioner Archambeau stated that there were two different budgets one with ISD and one without with the lower budget being with ISD.

#### Item 11 – Commissioner Communication

Commissioner Barr stated that Parking Management Plan Institutions on hill free to talk to DPW partner and move forward.

Commissioner O'Neill parking plan need to have a process and steps to have issues brought forward to streamline the system for clearer steps.  
Director Spencer stated the process is to contact Customer Service and it will be put into See Click Fix which starts the process.

Commissioner Overby stated that Archibald Street has been patched up. Intervale Road needs patching.  
Intervale Road added onto paving list  
The walkway on the side has deteriorated.

There is a concern about the water that is always on Elmwood Avenue and Peru Street.

Commissioner Hogan stated that GMT second coordination for bus service information is valuable.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for Mayor Weinberger announcing the goal for bike/pedestrian changes.

Commissioner Archambeau commented on the new sidewalk on Walnut Street.

Bike lanes are gone, no paint on them and suggested to look for a better paint that lasts through the winter season.

Commissioner O'Neill made a motion to adjourn after Executive Session

Commissioner Barr seconded.

Unanimous approval.

Item 12 – Executive Session – broke into executive session

Item 13 – Adjournment and Next Meeting. Next meeting is June 19, 2019.