Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:

Thursday, September 15th 2016 at 5:00 PM

Burlington Department of Public Works – Front Conference Room
645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT

–Meeting Minutes–

Members Present: Max Tracy, TEUC
Joan Shannon, TEUC
David Hartnett, TEUC

Others Present: Chapin Spencer, DPW
Laura Wheelock, DPW
Damian Roy, DPW
Meagan Tuttle, P&Z
Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro, CEDO
Doug Suisman, Suisman Urban Design
Lucy Gibson, Dubois & King
Jason Von Dreische, Local Motion

Max called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

1. Agenda

Max moved to accept the Agenda.  All in favor.

2. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

3. Minutes of 7/26/16

Max motions to approve the minutes, Joan seconds. All in favor.
4. Local Motion Initiatives – Jason Von Dreische

Jason wished to offer an update on Local Motion’s initiatives and advocacies. Some highlights include a supporting role with the North Avenue Pilot Project holding a workshop for bike safety with children; encouraging public engagement regarding the pilot project; a pop-up project demonstration trailer; and the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Safety Project. Local Motion also recently moved to a new database mapping website allowing improved public outreach.

5. North Avenue and Walk/Bike Plan Update – Chapin Spencer, DPW

Chapin gave a brief update on the Walk/Bike Plane stating that there will be several presentations to commissions and advisory committees before seeking final approval from City Council in November/December. Hard and online copies are available at Public Works and at http://www.planbtvwalkbike.org/ respectively.

The North Avenue Pilot Project initiated a survey on Sept. 13th using large orange signs on each end North Ave along with Front Porch Forum posts. The survey data along with traffic data will be presented to City Council on October 17th. Decisions on how to proceed will be made based on City Council’s feedback.

6. Great Streets: Main Street Concepts and City Standards – Laura Wheelock, DPW; Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro, CEDO; Lucy Gibson, D&K; and Doug Suisman, Suisman Urban Design

Kirsten introduces the Great Streets team made up of herself, Lucy Gibson, Doug Suisman, and Laura Wheelock. Laura explains the Great Streets Project is an initiative that originated from the downtown TIF vote and that Doug’s presentation is the fruition of that initiative.

Doug gives a comprehensive presentation of Suisman Urban Design’s evaluation and design proposals for Burlington. The presentation focused on design standards for Main Street, College Street, Church Street, and Saint Paul Street corridors; access to the waterfront; and pedestrian and bicycle movements and wayfinding.

7. Councilors Updates

None given.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

The date for the next TEUC meeting is tentatively set for October 20th, 2016 @ 5:00pm.