

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 15, 2006

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Bonnie Fenton, Chair
Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair
Colin Brander
Jack Becker
Mary Sherlock
Kay Teschke
- ABSENT:** Justin Berger (Leave of Absence)
Graeme Brown (Leave of Absence)
Allison Felker (Sick Leave)
Ken Timewell (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Ladner
Peter Stary, Neighbourhood Transportation
Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation
Scott Edwards, Structures and Greenways
Brigid Kudzius, Greenways
David Rawsthorne, Neighbourhood Transportation
Douglas Scott, Greenways
Rudy Roelofsen, Park Board
- ALSO ABSENT:** Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

The Committee approved Leaves of Absence for Justin Berger, Graeme Brown and Ken Timewell.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2005, meeting were adopted.

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The Committee agreed to vary the agenda to hear items in the following order: item 3, item 4, item 6, item 5, item 1 and item 2. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in order items were dealt with.

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1. Tupper Greenway

Brigid Kudzius, Greenways, updated the Committee on Council's decision taken on the Tupper Greenway at the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on February 14, 2006. Ms. Kudzius gave an overview of the project's history, noting it was approved at the previous day's Council meeting, construction will be started over summer break and explained the difference between neighbourhood and city-wide greenways.

2. Hillcrest/Riley Park Development

Rudy Roelofsen, Manager of Facility Development - Park Board, along with Scott Edwards, Structures and Greenways Engineer, provided an update on the Hillcrest/Riley Park Development.

Highlights of the presentation:

- overview of site and history of the plan;
- a new curling venue is required for the 2010 Olympics as the present facility is getting old;
- Percy Norman Pool is the first priority for replacement;
- Council has mandated a study on traffic calming and the greenway; and
- plan is to minimize the impact to Ontario Street and encourage traffic onto 33rd Avenue;

Mr. Roelofsen responded to questions regarding:

- the number and use of parking spots when they are not being used for parking;
- traffic and space for cyclists;
- blocking off 30th Avenue;
- bicycle parking; and
- whether street parking is needed all the time, or will be primarily for event times.

In discussion it was noted the Committee's May 2005 motion on this issue is sufficient and the important thing is to see the plan take form.

The Committee invited Mr. Roelofsen to the June 21, 2006, meeting.

3. Central Valley Greenway

Douglas Scott, Greenways, updated the Committee on Sections 2 and 3 of the Central Valley Greenway (*handouts distributed - on file*), noting the report is tentatively slated for the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on March 23, 2006, and requested a motion from the Committee regarding that report.

a. Section 2

Mr. Scott reviewed the handouts and along with Peter Stary, Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding bike lane markings, a diverter at Clarke Drive and cycling in crosswalks.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee support the design for Section 2 of the Central Valley Greenway between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive, with the following enhancements:

- Cyclist westbound crossing at Clark Drive;
- Parking area bulge at the lane west of Commercial Drive; and,
- Dotted bike lanes eastbound, west of Commercial Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Section 3

Mr. Scott reviewed the handouts, providing an overview of options for this section, noting potential issues with path width and safety issues, and asked for experiences crossing Boundary Street, particularly asking if there needs to be a signal at that intersection.

Mr. Scott responded to questions regarding lighting, cyclist guides and path width.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee support the design for Section 3 of the Central Valley Greenway noting a signalized crossing at Boundary Road is imperative due to the use of the greenway by families with small children.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee thanked Mr. Scott for his work on the plan.

In discussion, it was noted design details regarding the plan for both sections could be referred to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee.

4. Burrard Bridge Update

David Rawsthorne, Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an update on the Burrard Bridge, noting there is currently a draft terms of reference, but it may be another month before it is finalized.

5. 29th Avenue Bike Route

David Rawsthorne, Neighbourhood Transportation, presented the plans for the 29th Avenue Bike Route to the Committee and asked for suggestions on a new name for the route.

In discussion, it was agreed that submissions for names would be submitted electronically.

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At 7:23 p.m. the Meeting Coordinator declared the meeting adjourned due to loss of quorum.

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006
5:30 p.m.
Strathcona Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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