

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the T.H. Tracy Boardroom, 6th Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Bonnie Fenton, Chair
Jack Becker
Tim Blair
Colin Brander
*Richard Campbell
Paul Dragan
Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair
Robert Holley
Trudy Lancelyn
Neil Salway
Kay Teschke

ALSO PRESENT: David Rawsthorne, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation
Peter Stary, Neighbourhood Transportation
Gertjan Hofman, Chair, Bicycle Network Sub-committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the July 18 and October 17, 2007, meetings were adopted.

Vary the Agenda

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the Agenda in order to consider Item 8. *a.* prior to Item 4. For ease of reference, the Minutes are recorded in numerical order.

1. Expo/Creekside Park Redesign

This item was withdrawn at the request of staff.

2. Off-Street Bicycle Parking Requirements for Commercial and Multiple-Residential

Wali Memon, Strategic Transportation Planning, introduced Brian Beck, Project Manager, Low Carbon Vehicles & Idle Free Program - Sustainability Group, and presented the results of a survey done in the summer of 2006 on bicycle parking space usage in residential and commercial developments, and a recommendation for some changes in the parking by-law, including clearer wording for security requirements for bicycle storage spaces and provision of electric outlets for electric bikes. A Council Report will be forthcoming.

During discussion, staff received feedback and responded to questions in relation to the proposed changes in the parking by-law. The Committee expressed its support, in principle, for the changes, in particular visitor parking, inspections, more secure bike lockers and

electrical outlets. In addition, some members felt that bike rack design should be reviewed and there was a discussion on different forms of bike security such as bike lids.

The Chair asked staff to report back at a future meeting with further details.

Mr. Rawsthorne suggested the by-law changes be forwarded to the Committee for review, via the listserve, to allow enough time for further feedback prior to completion of the Council Report.

3. Proposed Rezoning of 749 West 33rd Avenue - St. Vincent's Campus of Care Site

Joanne Baxter, Rezoning Center, presented a proposal for the rezoning of 749 West 33rd Avenue (St. Vincent's Campus of Care Site) and was accompanied by Wali Memon, Strategic Transportation Planning and David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, who were present to respond to questions (*Master Plan - on file*).

During discussion, the Committee expressed concerns regarding the potential for an increase in motor vehicle traffic on the Heather Street Bike Route, and it was therefore

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the proposed rezoning of 749 West 33rd Avenue (St. Vincent's Campus of Care Site) in principle with the provision that there be no additional motor vehicle traffic on or crossing the Heather Street Bikeway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Richard Campbell absent for the vote.)

4. Workplan

At the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on October 17, 2007, Jack Becker, Robert Holley and Kay Teschke agreed to provide an update on the workplan at the November 21, 2007, meeting.

Accordingly, Ms. Teschke and Messrs. Becker and Holley provided an update, which included a presentation on Strategic Planning (*document distributed - on file*).

The Committee engaged in a discussion on how to go about accomplishing this Workplan and it was agreed that additional time would be required. Subsequently, the Committee agreed to schedule a planning session on **Saturday, January 26, 2008**. It was also agreed that the Committee Liaisons: Councillor Suzanne Anton, Commissioner Spencer Herbert and Trustee Allan Wong, be invited.

Paul Draggan will arrange a meeting room and Robert Holley will look into a facilitator.

5. Subcommittee Reports

a. *Bicycle Education and Promotion Subcommittee*

The Vice-Chair provided a verbal update and advised that she is no longer able to commit to this subcommittee; therefore, with membership unclear at this time, it will no longer be a

formal subcommittee of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. A brief report will be prepared explaining why this subcommittee will no longer be meeting.

b. Bicycle Network Subcommittee (minutes - on file)

The Subcommittee Chair advised that there have been no meetings since the labour disruption ended and that a meeting will be scheduled in two weeks.

6. December 19, 2007, Meeting

The Committee agreed to have a regular meeting on December 19, 2007.

7. Correspondence

The Correspondence folder was circulated.

8. New Business

a. Thang Vu

Thang Vu, a Burnaby resident, was present to seek the Committee's assistance to convene federal committee hearings concerning traffic safety for the purposes of regulatory changes and, in response to questions, advised that the weight of motor vehicles needs to be reviewed (*related materials, on file*).

David Rawsthorne, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, together with Peter Sary, Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions concerning appropriate action on the Committee's part. It was agreed that the Committee bring a recommendation forward to Council and it was therefore

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee refer Mr. Thang Vu's request regarding cycling safety in Vancouver to the Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Campbell agreed to prepare the Council Report with assistance from Colin Brander.

b. Guidelines for the installation of bike lanes on arterial streets

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, sought the Committee's feedback on guidelines for the installation of bike lanes on arterial streets where the lanes or shared use markings can be installed without affecting other traffic movements or parking (*guidelines distributed - on file*).

Peter Sary, Neighbourhood Transportation, noted that these retrofits with paint lines and fitters are relatively inexpensive to apply and maintain.

The Committee discussed the three options presented in the guidelines and expressed some concern over the use of shared lanes (sharows).

c. Leaves on Bikeways

Colin Brander requested staff to report back on leaf cleaning priorities in relation to bike routes. In response to a request from the Chair, David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, agreed to provide a response on the listserve prior to the next meeting.

d. cycling@vancouver.ca

Colin Brander provided a brief update on the site.

e. Signal Issues: East 7th Avenue and Kingsway

Colin Brander advised that the absence of a signal head at the East 7th Avenue and Kingsway crossing could pose a safety hazard. David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, agreed to follow-up on the matter.

f. West 10th Avenue and Oak Street

Colin Brander advised that the intersection of West 10th Avenue and Oak Street needs a full signal and it was agreed that this matter be referred to the Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

g. Cambie Street Bridge

Richard Campbell provided a brief verbal update on Cambie Street Bridge and suggested the reallocation of the lane on the westside and configuration of ramps at the south end be referred to the Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

h. Signal at Victoria Drive and Broadway

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, suggested this matter be referred to the Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

NEXT MEETING:

Day: Wednesday, December 19, 2007
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: TH Tracy Board Room, 6th Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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