

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Tim Blair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: David Rawsthorne, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

There were no objections to granting a leave of absence to Tim Blair for this meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of January 16, 2008, were adopted.

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The Committee agreed to hear item 3 first. The Minutes are recorded in numerical order for ease of reference.

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1. Vancouver Active Communities Network

Sharon Urton, Vancouver Active Communities Network (VACNET), provided an overview of VACNET and asked the Committee to be available to provide input on cycling safety, particularly as it pertains to infrastructure and programming, and noted there is a one-year celebration of the program on Monday, February 25, 2008, at Van Dusen Gardens.

Ms. Urton responded to questions regarding her role at VACNET, ways can VACNET help with cycling education and promotion, and noted Jim McKenzie, Vancouver East District Recreation Coordinator, is the main staff contact. Ms. Urton requested any input be sent to Mr. McKenzie.

Note from Meeting Coordinator: Mr. McKenzie can be contacted via email at jim.mckenzie@vancouver.ca.

In discussion it was noted the UBC survey on cycling might be useful, possibility this can be tied into Committee work, there is a need for more secure bike lockers and traffic enforcement, possibilities for linking to other groups, including the Provincial Cycling Program and other municipalities cycling groups.

2. EcoDensity Update

Thor Kuhlman, EcoDensity Team, provided an update on the EcoDensity program, noted there is a feedback form in the draft EcoDensity Charter (distributed - on file) and noted there is a Council meeting to hear from speakers on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kuhlman responded to questions regarding the effects of EcoDensity on cycling facilities, how to affect people's attitudes towards active transportation,

The Committee offered suggestions to staff, including:

- increasing green/social space might increase cycling;
- should include reductions in parking and reassigning that space to active transportation;
- development of parking co-ops;
- more bike parking, including parking in buildings, and
- should assume from the outset that people will have bicycles and be using them.

The Committee agreed Richard Campbell would represent the Committee at the Special Council Meeting on EcoDensity on February 26, 2008.

3. 700 West 8th Avenue Rezoning

Wali Memon, Engineering Services, and Michael Naylor, Planning Department, presented a rezoning proposal for 700 West 8th Avenue (*photos distributed - on file*).

Mr. Naylor noted there are more detailed plans available at the Rezoning Centre.

In discussion it was noted the Committee would like to see no on street parking on the west side of Heather Street between 8th Avenue and Broadway.

RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the proposed rezoning of 711 West Broadway in principle with the provision that motor vehicle access for the proposed development not be from the Heather Street Bikeway
- B. THAT the short-term parking within the development be increased to replace the on-street parking on the West Side of Heather Street between 8th Avenue and Broadway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Reports to Council

Jack Becker provided an update on the following two reports to Vancouver City Council (*drafts distributed - on file*).

Prior to discussion, the Meeting Coordinator provided clarification on the role of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and methods for advisory bodies to report to Council.

i. *Signal at 10th Avenue and Oak Street*

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee adopt the Other Report dated February 20, 2008, entitled "10th Avenue at Oak Street Traffic Signal", as circulated at the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on February 20, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. *South End of Cambie Street Off-Ramp*

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee adopt the Other Report dated February 20, 2008, entitled "South End of Cambie Street Off-Ramp", as circulated at the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on February 20, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Bicycle Network Sub-Committee Report

Gertjan Hofman, Chair - Bicycle Network Sub-committee, reviewed the meeting notes from the last meeting. Mr. Hofman indicated the meeting notes would be posted to the listserv shortly, and the previous meeting had focused mainly on Canada Line Stations, noting the Sub-committee generally felt the Rapid Transit Office had done a good job with connecting cyclists to stations, however some work still needs to be done.

6. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulated.

7. Other Business

i. *Concord Pacific Rezoning on Nelson*

The Committee requested a report on the Concord Pacific Rezoning between Nelson Street, Pacific Boulevard, Smithe Street and Terry Fox way. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to contact staff and invite them to a future meeting. The Committee noted there are some tentative cycling facilities in the area and that it may be a good idea to address this now and talk about bike facilities as part of the development.

ii. Park Board Priorities for Capital Planning

The Chair asked for ideas for park board-related ideas for capital planning, noting she would communicate them to the Park Board Liaison.

In discussion, the Committee suggested the following:

- more bike parking and bike lockers especially at beaches;
- need for festival parking;
- generally need to adapt to bicycles and make them part of the transportation network by considering paving and lighting;
- improvements for paving, lighting and parking is needed at: Spanish Banks, Vanier Park, Queen Elizabeth Park, the Langara area; and
- better, more consistent way-finding.

iii. Strategic Plan

Robert Holley provided a status update on the strategic plan, noting there is material for a good vision document and that action items on how to get from vision to goal is needed. Mr. Holley agreed to send out a reminder and directions on how to provide input, over the listserv.

vi. Promotion Item

Robert Holley suggested a bicycle route traffic report on local radio stations might be a good promotional item to increase interest in cycling.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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