

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

- PRESENT: Bonnie Fenton, Chair
Tim Blair
Richard Campbell
Paul Dragan
Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair
Robert Holley
Kay Teschke
- ABSENT: Jack Becker (Leave of Absence)
Colin Brander (Leave of Absence)
Trudy Lancelyn (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Spencer Herbert, Vancouver Park Board
David Rawsthorne, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

There were no objections to granting leaves of absence to Jack Becker, Colin Brander and Trudy Lancelyn for this meeting.

The Committee also approved leaves of absence for Bonnie Fenton for the meetings of June 18 and July 16, 2008.

1. Arbutus Village Shopping Centre

Sara Brodie, Engineering Services, and Dwayne Drobot, Major Projects Group, presented an overview of the preliminary planning and policy for Arbutus Village Shopping Centre site redevelopment, for information to the Committee (*plans distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*). Ms. Brodie and Mr. Drobot noted a more detailed design will be presented when a rezoning application is filed, there will be a public open house Thursday May 29, 2008 from 4pm-9pm at the Hellenic Cultural Centre 4500 Arbutus Street, and that more information is available online at <http://vancouver.ca/arbutuscentre>

Ms. Brodie and Mr. Drobot responded to questions regarding access to the site

In discussion it was noted that it would be ideal to push the development the extra distance to develop high-quality pedestrian/cyclist facilities, as there is already a high level of walking/cycling in this area.

2. 5th Avenue - Cambie to Yukon Street

Mike Anderson, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, sought the Committee's support for a staff recommendation to convert 5th Avenue between Cambie Street and Yukon Street to one-way westbound operation, with two-way bicycle traffic permitted, to allow for significant improvements to pedestrian and cyclist access to the Cambie Bridge and Olympic Village Station, enhanced bicycle safety on this connection to the Off-Broadway Bikeway, and additional on-street parking facilities for the Vancouver Police.

Mr. Anderson responded to questions regarding linking to designated bikeways, traffic controls and queuing space for cyclists on the north side.

In discussion it was noted that this is generally a positive development, and the Committee

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee support the conversion of West 5th Avenue between Yukon Street and Cambie Street to two-way cycling with one-way westbound motor vehicle operation and back-in angle parking on the south side, as well as associated intersection modifications and crossing improvements at 2nd Avenue and Cambie Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Bike System

Jo Fung, Sustainable Transportation, provided an update on the Public Bike System (PBS) for the Committee's information, explained the features of PBS's, considerations in developing a PBS and issues facing such development.

Ms. Fung, along with David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding accommodation at Canada Line stations for these bikes, revenue sources, Olympic support, and annual spending on road maintenance.

In discussion it was noted there are many other benefits than greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, and rainfall in Vancouver on a yearly basis is equal to other cities with successful PBS systems.

Ms. Fung requested any other comments be sent to her at jo.fung@vancouver.ca.

4. Bike Month

Peter Sary, Bicycle Program Coordinator, along with Mike Anderson, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an update on activities for bike month, noting there are no completed bikeways to open this year, there will be stations publicizing the bikeway network, and reflective trouser bands and a survey on attitudes towards cycling and cycling safety will be distributed.

5. Working Committee on the Capital Budget

At the March 19, 2008, meeting, the Committee agreed to provide input on cycling issues for the Capital Budget. Accordingly, Tim Blair provided an update (*report distribute - on file in the City Clerk's Office*)

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, noted staff would like to meet with the Chair and other interested members regarding this report, as some of the recommendations are not appropriate for reports that address the Capital Plan.

The Chair and Tim Blair agreed to discuss the report with staff.

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee approve in principle the report *City of Vancouver Cycling Program (2009-2011 Capital Plan, Cycling Portion)* as circulated at the May 21, 2008, meeting, and allow the Chair and Tim Blair to make any appropriate changes, in consultation with staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Burrard Bridge Discussion

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, provided an overview of the costs of widening the sidewalks on the Burrard Bridge, and explained the process to date (*memorandum dated April 28, 2008, from the General Manager of Engineering Services to Mayor and Council distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*).

7. Workplan and Annual Report

The Vice-Chair presented the draft 2007-2008 Annual Report for adoption.

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, noted some of the recommendations in the report noted in Item 5, above, would be more appropriate for the "Future Directions" section of the annual report. The Committee so agreed.

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee adopt the report *Bicycle Advisory Committee Annual Report for the Year 2007* dated May 21, 2008, with revisions noted at the meeting on May 21, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Vice-Chair agreed to make the requested changes.

8. Design Guidelines for Local Street Bikeways

Robert Holley presented an update on the Design Guidelines for Local Street Bikeways, noting there should be a forum for discussion on these issues and engineering staff should be encouraged to test out if the formula presented for this issue works.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to refer this issue to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee (BNSC). Mr. Holley agreed to lead the development of a process to discuss this at the next BNSC meeting.

9. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulated.

10. Other Business

a. *Bike Month*

Mike Anderson, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, noted there will be report to Council in June on staff cycling activities.

b. *Bicyclist Injuries and Cycling Environment Study*

Kay Teschke noted the Bicyclist Injuries and Cycling Environment Study is about to start.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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