

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 5:32 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Kari Hewett, Acting Chair
Jack Becker
Tim Blair
Colin Brander
Richard Campbell
Gertjan Hofman (VACC alternate)
Robert Holley
Trudy Lancelyn
Kay Teschke

ABSENT: Bonnie Fenton, Chair (Leave of Absence)
Paul Dragan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

Leaves of absence were approved for Bonnie Fenton and Paul Dragan.

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of October 15, 2008, were adopted

VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the agenda to hear item 5 immediately after item 1. The minutes are recorded in numerical order for ease of reference.

1. 59th Avenue Bikeway

Lisa Leblanc, Engineering Services, and Sandy James, Planning, provided an overview of the proposed corridor for the 59th Avenue Bikeway and an update on the planning process, identified locations along the corridor that may pose design challenges, and along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Neighbourhood Transportation and Greenways, responded to questions (*brief distributed - on file*).

2. Vancouver Police Department: Traffic Contact

No report.

3. Downtown Streetcar Update

Eric Mital, Olympic Transportation Group, provided an update on Vancouver's 2010 Streetcar and its potential integration with cycling, noting the line will operate from Granville Island to the 2nd Avenue Canada Line station during games time as a demonstration of modern streetcar technology (*brief distributed - on file*). Mr. Mital along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, and Mike Anderson, Engineering Services, responded to questions from the Committee.

In discussion, suggestions were made to improve cycling integration were made, especially relating to bicycles on trains and track crossings that are appropriate for cyclists.

4. Bicycle Parking in Vancouver - Opportunities through Placement and Design

Karen Parusel, Vancouver Public Space Network, introduced her organization and presented an update on a study of the bicycle parking observed on Robson, Denman, West 41st Ave, Broadway, and Commercial Drive, and recommendations for more accurate and plentiful provision of secure bicycle parking in Vancouver (*brief distributed - on file*)

In discussion, it was noted different options are needed for bicycle parking, solutions need to address bike theft, general support for the recommendations in the report,

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee expresses its support in principle for the Vancouver Public Space Network's efforts to raise the profile of bicycle parking issues in the City through its preparation of a study of the current secure parking shortfall along Robson Street, Denman Street, Broadway, West 41st Avenue and Commercial Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Update on Cycling Counts

Lisa Leblanc, Engineering Services, provided an update on cycling counts recorded in Vancouver this year (*brief distributed - on file*) and along with Scott Edwards, Manager of Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions.

6. Bicycle Network Sub-Committee Report

Gertjan Hofman, Chair - Bicycle Network Sub-committee, and Robert Holley reviewed the meeting notes of the meeting of November 18, 2008 (*distributed - on file*).

7. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulated.

8. Other Business

a. Working with Staff and Council-elect

The Acting Chair led a discussion regarding getting staff and Council more involved with the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the concept of making new Council aware of the Committee's thoughts on the direction of cycling within the City, and charges the chair to investigate the opportunity and invite Council members to such a meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Reapplying to Committee

The Meeting Coordinator provided information on reapplying to the committee, noting members should check the City website and local papers for advertisements.

c. Cyclist's Collision Checklist

The Vice-Chair circulated a brochure from UVIC/GVCC detailing what to do when cyclists are involved in a collision.

The Committee adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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