

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 31, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 5:32 pm, in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Kari Hewett, Chair
Bill Bargeman
Jack Becker
Colin Brander
Richard Campbell
Rhiannon Chernencoff
Keltie Craig
Gertjan Hofman, VACC Representative
Meghan Winters
John Whistler
Rob Wynen, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Richard Migicovsky

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood
Transportation (Staff Liaison)
David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cobi Falconer, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 18, 2010, were approved.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Meeting Coordinator held elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2010 term.

Following due process, the following individuals were elected by the Committee, both by acclamation:

Kari Hewett, Chair
Rob Wynen, Vice-Chair

1. Acknowledgement - Councillor Meggs

BAC members wished Councillor Meggs well and for a speedy recovery.

2. Acknowledgement - Rob Wynen, Olympic Torch Bearer

Rob Wynen thanked the City for being chosen and reflected on the opportunity as a positive opportunity to promote green transportation.

3. Update: Extension of VPD Bike Squad

The Committee agreed to request an update for extending the VPD Bike Squad through a letter addressed to the Vancouver Police Department.

MOVED by Richard Campbell
SECONDED by Colin Brander

THAT The Bicycle Advisory Committee request an update of Report dated February 4, 2010, requesting that the Vancouver Police Department continue the VPD Bicycle Squad indefinitely.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. False Creek South Seawall Accident

Scott Edwards provided a synopsis of the accident as well as an update on new signage and paint markings which are currently being planned and underway. Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation staff are open to any concerns and/or questions.

MOVED by Jack Becker
SECONDED by John Whistler

THAT The Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the seaside path be upgraded to provide capacity for future cycling growth and more sharing, including upgrading the seaside path bypass for accommodating through and commuting cyclists, especially in the section:

- 1) from Cambie Street to Granville Street
- 2) seaside path in total length;

AND, in addition, refer to sub-committee for discussion to appropriate designs and standards;

AND, in addition, consider development of an off-road bike trail program to the rail rail track in this section.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Vancouver School Board Bicycle Advisory Committee

Bill Bargeman, BAC liaison to the VSB, provided an update of the VSB meetings to the BAC regarding green transportation activities such as cycling to work, building bike racks, support for the Arbutus corridor, and whether it is possible to change a by-law to allow children to bike on sidewalks. Research regarding this type of by-law is currently being conducted by David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator.

6. Bike Month - June, 2010

Kari Hewett asked that the BAC be updated regarding their role for Bike Month such as acquiring and handing out promotional materials, and also enquired about Bike Month signage. Scott Edwards discussed how Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation is currently re-thinking their target audience when branding "Bike Vancouver".

7. BAC 2010 Work Plan

Kari Hewett circulated a Draft Work Plan which everyone reviewed and made changes to. Final version will be ready for the next meeting.

8. Bicycle Advisory Committee - 2009 Annual Report

Kari Hewett requested that each member assist on gathering information for the 2009 Annual Report which is due in May. Target date for first draft is May 5, 2010, and discussion and confirmation of draft document will be on May 19, 2010.

9. Bicycle Network Subcommittee

David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator, and Gertjan Hofman, Chair, Bicycle Network Subcommittee, provided an update. They would like to have their minutes posted alongside their agendas. Richard Campbell has volunteered to Chair the next Subcommittee meeting in Gertjan Hofman's absence.

10. Other Business

(a) Burrard Corridor

Richard Campbell inquired how the process was moving along. This issue will be discussed at the next Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

(b) Granville Corridor

Richard Campbell inquired how the process was moving along. This is a question that should be posed to TransLink.

(c) Seymour Plan

Richard Campbell inquired how the process was moving along. At the moment, there has been no staff input.

(d) Bike Parking By-laws

Colin Brander had questions about bike parking by-laws which needs to be formalized into a question for Scott Edwards to respond to effectively.

(e) Enhancements to bikeways

Scott Edwards provided an overview of various updated enhancements to bikeways.

The Committee adjourned at 7:54 pm

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2010
TIME: 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

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