



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 19, 2011

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 5:30 pm, in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Bill Bargeman (Leave of Absence)
Keltie Craig (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Constable Pat Allen, Vancouver Police Department
Sarah Blyth, Vancouver Park Board
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, Staff Liaison
David Lewis, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation
Councillor Meggs, Vancouver City Council

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

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VARY THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with item 1 last. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2010, were approved.

Attendance

There were no objections to granting Leaves of Absence to Bill Bargeman and Keltie Craig for this meeting.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Meeting Coordinator held elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2011 term.

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

Rob Wynen, Chair
Rhiannon Chernencoff, Vice-Chair

2. Engineering Services Reorganization

Dale Bracewell, Engineering Services, provided an update on the Engineering Department reorganization and introduced himself as the new Committee Staff Liaison. He also expressed appreciation for Scott Edwards, former Bicycle Advisory Committee Staff Liaison.

Jerry Dobrovolny, Director of Transportation, provided an update on the number of Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings clerked by City staff per year, and responded to questions. He noted that he will work with Bicycle Advisory Committee members and City staff to find a solution to ease into the policy regarding four clerked meetings.

3. Union Street and Hawks Avenue: Cycling and Pedestrian Safety Concerns

David Lewis and Ross Kenny, both from Engineering Services, discussed issues raised by the Strathcona Residents' Association at Union Street and Hawks Avenue and responded to questions. The Committee agreed to refer this issue to the Bicycle Network Subcommittee to work with City staff and discuss short and long term solutions.

4. BNSC Terms of Reference

Gertjan Hofman, Chair, Bicycle Network Subcommittee, presented Terms of Reference for the Bicycle Network Subcommittee and responded to questions.

MOVED by Gertjan Hofman
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee approves the Terms of Reference for the Bicycle Network Subcommittee as presented at January 19, 2011, Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting (*circulated and on file*).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kari Hewett abstained for the vote)

Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".

5. Hornby Separated Bike Lanes

Councillor Meggs, along with David Rawsthorne and Dale Bracewell, provided an update on the Hornby Separated Bike Lanes.

6. Other Types of Transportation in Bike Lanes

John Whistler and Constable Pat Allen, VPD, provided information on by-laws regarding use of bike lanes by other types of transportation and responded to questions. Mr. Whistler gave a brief overview of some of the issues with the by-laws which the Bicycle Advisory Committee may choose to address in 2011. He agreed to update the Committee when new information becomes available.

7. Seawall/Cactus Club Park Board Enquiry

Rob Wynen provided an update, noting the signage problem regarding the Seawall has been fixed.

Sarah Blyth, Parks Board Liaison, noted that the Park Board is currently accepting submissions from the public until January 28, 2011, on project proposals that will help inform the development of the Park Board's submission to the 2012-14 Capital Plan. Rob Wynen agreed to send an invitation to Bicycle Advisory Committee members to meet with Ms. Blyth and discuss ideas for the Capital Plan.

8. Annual Report

Kari Hewett and Rob Wynen provided an update, noting that firm guidelines regarding the annual report will need to be in place before the Bicycle Advisory Committee begins working on it.

9. Workplan

Kari Hewett provided an update, noting that the Committee should keep with the March deadline contained in the Terms of Reference.

10. Women's Bicycle Ride for Bike Month 2011

Jennifer Dawkins, Staff Liaison for the Women's Advisory Committee, provided an update on the Women's Bicycle Ride proposed by the Women's Advisory Committee for Bike Month 2011, and responded to questions. She noted the proposed date for the event is June 10, 2011, and Velopalooza are interested in organizing the event.

11. Other Business

a) Science World - Detours

It was noted that the Science World detours need improved signage. David Lewis agreed to follow up on this item and Sarah Blyth, Parks Board Liaison, asked the Committee to identify the issues in an e-mail and she will send them to the appropriate staff.

b) Cambie Corridor Planning Project

Richard Campbell inquired if the Bicycle Advisory Committee could have a presentation on the Cambie Corridor Planning Project. Dale Bracewell agreed to follow up.

c) Development on Terry Fox Way

Richard Campbell inquired about the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommendations for the Development on Terry Fox Way. It was agreed that Mr. Campbell could contact David Rawsthorne for information.

The Committee adjourned at 7:50 pm

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