



Bicycle Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 6, 2011

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 5:35 pm in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Rob Wynen, Chair
Michael Alexander, VACC Alternate Representative*
Bill Bargeman
Jack Becker
Colin Brander
Rhiannon Chernencoff, Vice-Chair
Keltie Craig
Meghan Winters
John Whistler
- ABSENT:** Richard Campbell (Leave of Absence)
Kari Hewett (Sick Leave)
Gertjan Hofman, VACC Representative (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Vancouver Park Board
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation
David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator
Constable Pat Allen, Vancouver Police Department
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of absence were approved for Richard Campbell and Gertjan Hofman.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 21, 2011, meeting were approved.

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VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to hear item 4b first. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. Transportation Plan

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, and Marnie McGregor, Stakeholder and Community Relations Lead, Active Transportation, provided an update on the process and timeline for the transportation plan public and internal consultation and collaboration.

2. Bicycle Network Subcommittee Report

The Vice-Chair reviewed the notes of the last meeting (on file).

a. 428 Terminal Avenue and Proposed Thornton Overpass

MOVED by Rhiannon Chernencoff
SECONDED by Colin Brander

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

- A. THAT Access to 428 Terminal Avenue be on Scotia Street or Thornton Street and not the alleyway.
- B. THAT more design attention be given to the south facade facing the Greenway.
- C. THAT any future rail crossing be dedicated to active transportation modes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Cycling Research

Meghan Winters provided an update on UBC cycling research.

4. Updates: Liaisons to Other Bodies

a. Vancouver School Board

Bill Bargeman provided an update on the Vancouver School Board Bicycle Advisory Committee (VSBAC), noting a motion will be coming forward to make the VSBAC an official advisory committee to the VSB, and provided an update on proposed actions by the VSB to encourage cycling in schools. Mr. Bargeman noted these items would be discussed at the VSB Committee 1 meeting on April 26, 2011.

b. Vancouver Park Board

MOVED by Rhiannon Chernencoff
SECONDED by John Whistler

- A. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee confirm its support for the following Park Board Capital Plan 2012-2014 submissions for improved and additional pathways:
- Seaside Path Upgrades
 - Jericho Beach, Locarno Beach and Spanish Bank Path Upgrades
 - Fraserview and Champlain Heights Pathways
 - John Hendry Park Pathways
 - Langara Pathways
 - Queen Elizabeth, Hillcrest and Riley Pathways
 - Rupert, Charles and Thunderbird Pathways
 - VanDusen and Oak Meadows Pathway
- B. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that, in addition to considering the suggested specific improvements, attention is paid in all future Parks Board improvements to consistency of the bike lane treatment, to providing sufficient capacity to accommodate future target mode share goals set by the City and to ensuring park facilities are properly connected to the city network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michael Alexander absent for the vote)

7. New Business

a. Cargo Bikes

John Whistler provided an update on cargo bikes.

MOVED by John Whistler
SECONDED by Rob Wynen

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council allow for licensing of cycle-based goods movement businesses in Vancouver, including electric assisted cycles and tricycles.

FURTHER THAT these businesses be allowed to operate on any public road open to bicycles, including segregated or off-street bikeways, and

FURTHER THAT the City monitor the use of cargo bicycles to determine if further regulation is needed to ensure their safe operation.

- B. THAT, to encourage this type of goods movement, Council consider reduced licensing fees.

CARRIED
(Jack Becker opposed)

b. 2012-2014 Capital Plan

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, provided information on the 2012-2014 Active Transportation Capital Plan and requested Committee input on greenway and bikeway projects. The Committee agreed to stay after the meeting to have a brief workshop on the matter.

c. Women's Advisory Committee Bike Ride

The Vice-Chair explained the Women's Advisory Committee has requested Bicycle Advisory Committee verbal support for the proposed women's bike ride. Members expressed concern about the length of the proposed route and suggested alternate routes.

Next Meeting (Non-clerked):

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 2011
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Room
Subground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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