



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 16, 2013

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 5:38 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Dean Alexander
Joan Andersen
Peggy Harowitz
Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair
Tom Lancaster*
Lisa Slakov
Adam Vasilevich
John Whistler

ABSENT: Graham Anderson (Leave of Absence)
Eugene Chin (Leave of Absence)
Jeff Cole
Debbie Forbes
Liliana Quintero (Leave of Absence)
Meghan Winters (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
Commissioner Constance Barnes, Vancouver Park Board
Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Joan Anderson
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Graham Anderson, Eugene Chin, Liliana Quintero and Meghan Winters, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tom Lancaster absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by John Whistler

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of June 19, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tom Lancaster absent for the vote)

1. Subcommittee Reports

(a) Projects Subcommittee

Tanya Paz reviewed recent subcommittee activities.

During discussion regarding the Pearson-Dogwood redevelopment project it was,

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by John Whistler

WHEREAS

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) generally supports the emerging policy directions for the Pearson Dogwood redevelopment as presented to the Projects Subcommittee on October 2, 2013;
2. ATPC supports dramatically reducing minimum vehicle parking requirements for projects in general;
3. ATPC is encouraged by the efforts made in street network design to prioritize active transportation modes and discourage or block vehicle traffic through the site;
4. ATPC recognizes the need to balance predicted high vehicle volumes at peak times on some new streets, with a desire to maximize pedestrian-first space.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends the following be considered:

- A. THAT the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment set a new standard to maximize active transportation and that all components of the design principle be guided by active transportation to create a healthy and delightful community experience, building on the strength of the existing neighbourhood.
- B. THAT impacts to vehicle volumes on bike routes should be minimized through project design. Impacts should be limited to the blocks immediately adjacent to the development site, with diverters or other closures installed to limit this impact when appropriate.

- C. THAT separation should be considered on the Heather Street and North Arm routes to ensure safe cycling for all ages and abilities on the portion immediately affected by increased vehicle volumes.
- D. THAT rain coverings for site pathways should be considered to ensure comfort for pedestrians and cyclists in all seasons.
- E. THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council would still encourage all design features to emphasize the AAA (All Ages and Abilities) and pedestrian-first nature of all un-built spaces (e.g. through street width, texture, short blocks, etc.) and encourage building frontages to maximize pedestrian and cyclist comfort (active, diverse frontages with minimal setbacks, awnings or other coverings for pathways and bike parking, etc.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Partnerships & Promotion Subcommittee

John Whistler and Subcommittee members reviewed recent subcommittee activities.

2. Stanley Park Causeway

Commissioner Constance Barnes provided an update on proposed Stanley Park Causeway improvements, and along with the Council and Staff Liaisons, responded to questions. She advised the provincial government is pushing to move forward with a plan to rectify the pedestrian and cycling safety issues and noted the importance of ensuring ATPC has input into proposed changes. ATPC members expressed interest in inviting the Stanley Park Ecology Society to the next Working Session meeting to share ideas and concerns regarding proposed improvements.

3. Seaside Greenway

Tanya Paz provided an update and discussion ensued regarding the proposed Kitsilano Beach section of the Seaside Greenway.

4. Oakridge Development

Tanya Paz provided an update on an open house she attended regarding phase 1 of the Oakridge Development.

5. Staff and Council Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided a high level update on a variety of items. Councillor Deal provided additional updates and responded to questions. Topics discussed included a new job posting for Active Transportation Stakeholder relations, long range bike network planning, 2014 capital planning, 2013 projects currently under construction, potential upcoming projects such as the Great Northern Way Campus and a policy discussion on narrow streets. ATPC members were encouraged to provide staff with items to be included on the new bike map for 2014, ie. schools, bike pumps, etc.

ATPC members expressed a desire for staff to bring back for discussion a variety of topics related to bike parking including incentives for reduce minimum parking requirements for commercial and residential parking lots, improvements to bike parking in EasyPark parking lots, and bike parking safety in apartment buildings.

6. Liaising with Other Committees/Agencies

(a) Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Seniors Advisory Committee

John Whistler advised he has been in contact with the Chairs of the above-noted Committees. He noted both committees assign a member to attend the others' meetings, which enables communication and dialogue regarding shared topics of interest. He advised he has requested to attend the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting on October 24, 2013.

(b) Vancouver School Board Active Transportation Committee

Tom Lancaster provided an update on matters discussed at a recent VSB Active Transportation Committee meeting.

7. Other Business

(a) 2014 Meeting Dates

The Meeting Coordinator advised that following a 2014 meeting planning session, the City Clerk's Department has booked the following dates for 2014 ATPC Regular Meetings.

Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 5:30 pm

Discussion on 2014 Regular meeting dates was postponed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by John Whistler

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: TBD
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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