

Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 5:30 PM

Eco-Centre, 3rd Floor – 303 Portage Avenue (Mountain Equipment Co-op building)

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions

Present: Kevin Miller, Jackie Avent, Jeremy Hull, Shannon Keys, David Weiser, Charlie Thrift, Mark Cohoe, Dave Elmore, Gareth Simons, Ben Goldstein, Ken Gerrard, Curt Hull, Glen Stanley, Rob Cosco, Bill Spornitz, Dave Hubbard, Matthew, Chris, Brion Dolenko, Ted Mann, Guy

Regrets: Don English, Gord McGonigal, Liisa Halstead, Molly McCracken, Anders Swanson, Alain Foidart, Jim Chapryk, Cory Bellhouse

2. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved by consensus

3. Adoption of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes approved by consensus

4. Business arising from the minutes

Kevin listed business and results from last minutes.

5. Reports from Directors

a) Co-chairs (Jackie Avent & Kevin Miller)

MEIA – we're invited to have a speaker on October 4th on Bike to the Future. Kevin is going to do a 20 minute presentation.

ACTION: Kevin to do presentation.

Eco-Journal – Jackie is writing an article about the Forum and the Membership Drive for the Eco-Journal. It will likely include the poster.

ACTION: Jackie to write article, circulate and get into Eco-Journal.

Confirmation of Directors – we need to confirm that all are going to continue on before the AGM. Kevin will take the leadership on this and will follow-up with Directors.

ACTION: Kevin to start the ball rolling.

b) Treasurer (Curt Hull)

Current bank account is \$422.13. We will be receiving \$80 back from cheque error. Jackie will return the BTTF cheques to ACU Medical Arts Branch and we will receive refund.

c) Secretary (Gord McGonigal)

Jackie will take minutes as Gord is teaching a course.

d) Membership/Outreach/Volunteers (Karin Kliewer)

- Mountain Equipment Co-op incentive package for our membership drive between now and the AGM on Thursday October 11th
 - Everyone who is currently a member of BTTF will get an entry
 - We will allow board members to be entered into the draw, however Kevin and Jackie will not be entered and will facilitate the draw – they will organize how the draw will be done in collaboration with Karin.
 - Start announcements about Membership Drive tomorrow – please contact folks get them to become members.
 - Matt will write an article for the Uniter and will circulate it to BTTF before hand.

ACTION:

ALL: recruit recruit recruit members! Membership drive prize entry works as a pyramid scheme!

MATT: Write article for the Uniter and circulate it before hand.

- Liisa has handed in her resignation as Membership Chair, so a replacement will have to be found before the AGM. Kevin will work with this as part of confirming continuation of Board members.

e) City (Rob Cosco)

August has been a slow month for our committee. We have had some email
>correspondence with regards to our goals & direction for the upcoming
>year & will be meeting within the next week to set some priorities.
>Some of the discussion will focus on how we can best work with the new
>Active Transportation Committee, lobbying city politicians &
>administration, monitoring the city's compliance with the AT
>recommendations which they have now formally endorsed, working with the
>already established cycling groups, the establishment of more city wide
>neighbourhood groups to facilitate the development of cycling routes in
>their sections of the city. We would welcome any input that members
>have to offer & will soon have a dedicated email address which anyone
>can send email directly to our committee through our website.
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>I was unable to attend the Downtown Biz monthly meeting & as a result
>have no report as we currently do not have any active projects that we
>are working on with them.

They are currently planning for the next year and are going to meet to set priorities.

Wed - Sep 19 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 p.m. at RRCC Downtown Campus in Cafeteria –
anyone is welcome, but please contact rncosco@yahoo.com before hand

f) Province (Jeremy Hull)

Notes from the last provincial meeting are attached.

Glen suggested that we provide BTTF meeting minutes to the Ministers when we meet with them so they can follow the development of the organization.

There may be funding to bring in a speaker with Provincial dollars – they seem keen to financially support us in small ways.

They asked us to come back in a year in the hope that they'd have something concrete to show us.

g) Website/communications (Ben Goldstein)

Website committee is going to meet next week – Ben will circulate the time and date of the meeting once it's decided. We'll have a "see the new website" kiosk at the Forum.

The committee is always looking for communication volunteers.

Working on a press release for the forum – it will be distributed 10 days in advance, will hit fax lines for radio stations, TV etc...

Bill mentioned that the wiki migration was rocky, so if you uploaded any information at any time check it out to see if your materials made it.

We might want to think of a permanent poster for Bike to the Future to post up in key locations. This is something think of eventually.

ACTION: If you ever put materials on the wiki and are concerned that they may have been lost in the transfer check it out.

ACTION: If you are interested in being on the Communication committee then let Ben know.

h) Events and Fundraising (Molly McCracken)

Planning is underway for the Fall Forum (October 11 at UofW Bulman Centre)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP OUT WITH THIS!!!

The committee is meeting again at 6:30 pm at Eco-Centre on Monday September 17th

i) Safety & Education (Dave Elmore)

Wants to have a CanBIKE instructors course the last weekend of this month. Dave will circulate information next month. 5-6 people. MPI might want to have a REP on that.

j) Directors at Large

Nothing to report.

6. Reports from Project and Committee Reps

a) City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Gareth Simons)

There have been no further city AT meetings, however, the three Sharrow routes are now final - Roblin/Grant, Plesses/Regent, and Dakota/Dunkirk. Please note that these are pilot projects and they are hoping to implement them ASAP this year.

The BTTF AT reps are in the process of working towards forming a comprehensive framework for a vision of cycling in Winnipeg - we will likely be working with the City Committee on this item. This will be important for the City AT Committee when it starts to formalize goals and strategies for AT in Winnipeg. We are also hoping to develop a comprehensive cycling map of cycling routes and we are trying to figure out how to proceed with gathering information from the public.

b) WinSmart (Tim Hunt)

WinSmart update from Kevin Nixon: They are still planning to do WinSmart between Jubilee and Brandon this year but ran into admin problems around the award of the contract. Tim Hunt's update: The Main St to Osborne St riverbank portion of the Winsmart trail will not be built this year because environmental approval was not obtained in time. The entire project, including the Argue St "bikeway" from Osborne to Jubilee is scheduled to be built by the end of 2008, according to funding requirements.

c) North East Pioneers Greenway – Marconi (Don English)

Kevin ran along the trail this weekend and it is wide and being well used. There was a comment made that Transit doesn't want to put the rapid transportation corridor in the Southern portion anymore. This is something to talk to Transit about. Don has written a proposal for CP rail to use part of their land to form a connection. It is backed by Jon Buhler who wants to see a trail from the Forks to Birds Hill Park.

d) Bishop Grandin Greenway (Don English)

Don English has done an incredible amount of work for Bike to the Future in the last month. He's a champion! A developer wanted to build a strip mall beside Bishop Grandin Greenway. Don wrote a letter and did a presentation at the city and the plans did not go through. The developer may still try and push this, but for now it is a victory.

e) Disraeli Rehabilitation (Kevin Miller)

Public consultation is coming up – open house will be late September, early October. When the open house dates become known Kevin will send the information around.

f) One Green City (Anders Swanson)

Anders mentioned to AT advisory committee: he has more questions from Mayor's office about what do we want and when do we want it? Give him a list. Marconi is popular and political will is building, so this needs to stay on our radar.

g) North Winnipeg Commuter Cyclists (Anders Swanson)

Had a picnic in the park, had a bike valet. They provided free tune-ups and it was a huge success. FYI: if you ever do a bike valet service make sure that people know that if they lose their tags they don't get their bike back until the end.

k) West Central Commuter Cyclists (David Wieser)

Report attached

l) North Winnipeg Parkway (Jim Chapryk)

Report attached

m) UofW Bike Station (Dave Hubbard)

The ground is broken where they are building onto Duckworth Centre and there is going to be some space identified for Bike Station in the plans for the add-on. U of W has said that the

Greyhound station is too big and so they are going to identify part of Duckworth Centre as the Bike Station. It will be some form of an indoor locking secure centre. Haven't been in touch with Mark Burch or anything, but will check to see if there's another meeting coming up.

n) Downtown Biz (Rob Cosco)

Has missed meetings over the summer, but wants to infiltrate the committee to get them thinking of routes downtown when we're ready to do that. How are we going to tie all these routes that we are working towards together? We need to have downtown Biz on board.

o) UofW SUNSET Student Researcher (Mark Cohoe)

Ray Yuen sends his regrets. He's working on lit review, but will work on a survey that he can give out at the Forum and have people to hand in.

p) Chief Peguis Extension – Henderson to Lagimodiere (Brion Dolenko)

Report attached.

7. New Business

- a) Confirmation of official rep

Motion: Brion Dolenko is our official rep on the City of Winnipeg's Chief Peguis Extension project.

Passed by consensus.

- b) Other matters to think about and keep on the radar

Winnipeg Cyclist map: A discussion was had about the need for an improved and new cyclists map for Winnipeg. Ted is interested in working on something, but doesn't know where to start. Jackie will connect Ted and Anders to see if they can think about working on something eventually. A discussion ensued about the place we are in right now – with a lot of work to develop a map that [at this rate] will quickly change. That being said, a lot of cities publish new updated maps every year. The example of Vancouver's pocket folding map came up as a very useful tool.

8. Call for adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.