



## **Bike to the Future**

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## **Bike to the Future Meeting Minutes**

*January 9, 2007*

**Present:** Molly McCracken, Karen Jones, Mark Cohoe, Jeremy Hull, Gord McGonigal (recorder), Rob Cosco, Don English, Kevin Miller, Linsey McBain, Bill Spornitz, Rob Altemeyer, Daniel Gravenor, Kim Marr.

**Regrets:** Jackie Avent, Gareth Simons, Alain Foidart, Matthew Froese

**Call to order:** 5:40

### ***1) Welcome and introductions***

### ***2) Reports from committees:***

#### **a) City committee**

- presentation at Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee
  - Molly and Rob represented us January 9
  - Presentation focused on the 5 points of our letter to the committee
  - It was thought we successfully made the point that commuter cyclists have infrastructure needs differing from recreational cyclists.
  - Indications were received that cycling will become a distinct budget line item, separated from peds, but that AT Study implementation still requires a policy to be adopted.
  - Possible follow-ups: Meeting with Roman M and letter of thanks to the committee.
- Letter of introduction to Leipsic, Swandel (Don, Jeremy)
  - Letters sent
- River Heights group? (Daniel)
  - Forming soon

#### **b) Provincial committee**

- meeting with Steve Ashton, Kerri Irvin-Ross
  - Molly has made contact with Ashton's office, Jeremy still to contact Irvin-Ross (Active Living).
  - Discussion: It was noted that ministers Ron Lemieux (Infrastructure & Transportation) and Jim Rondeau (Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, climate change) would also be worth contacting.
  - Discussion: It was noted that cyclists could have political input into the following:
    - Throne speech (September)
    - Budget (Sept., Oct.)

- Legislation (at the committee stage, watch Hansard for dates)
- Mark's motion is currently stalled, but may still be resurrected at the upcoming NDP convention.

### **c) Communications / media relations / website**

- have not met
- Daniel to contact Alain re site revamp

### **d) Resources / best practices folks**

- Daniel to install Wiki on B2F website and give presentation on usage
- Discussion: "Book of knowledge" suggested as title for best practices manual.

## ***3) Reports from public committees / trails development:***

### **a) WinSmart**

- not present

### **b) River East Neighbourhood Network Trails Committee –**

- Marconi next meeting Thursday at 5pm at the Access Centre

### **c) Disraeli**

- Kevin spoke on his own behalf to Public Works Committee in support of ped/cycling accommodations
- Discussion: It was suggested that perhaps the City's commitment to Universal Design could be leveraged here.

### **d) Bishop Grandin Greenway**

- Karen now on board (but not representing B2F)

### **e) Downtown Biz**

- not present

### **f) other?**

- none

## ***4) Discussion items:***

### **a) Strategic planning Jan. 27th**

- Gord to present on how to set up a non-profit organization in Manitoba
- Molly to present on membership issues (see her preliminary document)
- Daniel to present on Wiki usage
- Mark to research and create a document on how cycling advocacy groups in other cities have been organized.
- **ACTION:** Need to see if the EcoNet has a computer projector

### **b) Membership in B2F – can be discussed at strategic planning?**

- yes, see item a)

### **c) Events:**

- U of M enviro week event? (Daniel or rep)
  - Active Transport Day proposal
  - Discussion: Bike Dungeon exists at UofM for bike repairs
- Do it yourself fest Feb. 17 - 18 Label gallery, we have been invited to have a table
  - not discussed

### **d) Other**

- It was suggested that:
  - Richard Kachur could be contacted to see about moving the AT study forward
  - We might want to be included in the Red Tape Commission
  - We may wish to join the Sierra Club
  - We should have business cards printed with our basic info

## ***5) Correspondence received***

- Letter from Ross Eadie re election survey.
  - Kevin to reply

**Adjourned:** 7:15 pm

**Next meeting:** Tuesday February 13th 5:30 pm, Eco-Centre