

Bike to the Future Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2007

Manitoba EcoNet, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg

Present: Jackie Avent, Dave Elmore, Ray Yuen, Kevin Miller, Shannon Keys, David Wieser, Gareth Simons, Tim Hunt, Anders Swanson, Glenn Stanley, James Elmore, Brion Dolenko, Jeremy Hull, Jim Chapryk, Howard Skrypnyk, Sonja Jensen-MacDonald, Mark Cohoe, Ben Goldstein, Rob Cosco, Chris Lyon, Melanie Howe, Gord McGonigal (recorder)

Regrets: Karin Kliewer, Liisa Halstead, Curt Hull, Molly McCracken, Don English

Call to order: 5:32 pm

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MAY 8 MINUTES

(Adopted by consensus)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

5. REPORTS FROM BTTF COMMITTEES

a) Treasurer

- \$455.58 in account
- those with outstanding expenses should submit receipts to Curt or Jackie

b) Membership/Outreach/Volunteers

- approx. 75 members
- access to membership info has been limited to several people due to privacy concerns

ACTION: Membership Committee to identify several events to concentrate on

ACTION: Ben to look into a 2-sided biz card for promotional purposes

c) City

- See attached report. Report highlights:
 - o Meeting attended with Streets & Planning Engineer, Neil Myska
 - o The Public Works department had initially requested that we help them identify some major cycling routes from the four quadrants of the city.
 - o People interested in setting up their own neighbourhood commuter cyclists group can contact Anders and he will be able to help set you up like the other groups.
 - o AT Committee rep (see 7a below)

d) Province

- Administered questionnaire to the political parties in the recent election
- main action now is pursuing a provincial bike policy

e) Website/communications

- looking for volunteers for many things. Experience not required. Contact Ben
- vector format logo finalized

**MOTION: To authorize an expenditure of up to \$100 for web hosting services
(Adopted by consensus)**

ACTION: Ben to look into a 2-sided biz card for promotional purposes

f) Events and Fundraising

- * May 16th PACM Active Transportation Open House
 - poor attendance
- * June 2nd Trails Day event Safety Jam
 - poor attendance

A discussion on getting more organized, and setting expectations.

- * Fall event brainstorm and discussion of possibilities

Discussion about a bigger safety jam, a city bike network forum, or both for the fall.

Major idea was for a “Bike Day” type of event, possibly tied in with the PACM AT committee.

ACTION: Events Committee to explore the idea of a Bike Day for the fall.

- * Fundraising ideas
(tabled)

6. REPORTS FROM PROJECTS AND COMMITTEE REPS

a) Winsmart (Tim Hunt, Gareth Simons)

- No Winsmart meetings have taken place since Tim's last Winsmart posting.
- The north riverbank portion work is to start July 31 and finish before freeze-up this year.
- The south Argue St portion is to be completed by the end of 2008.

b) Marconi (Don English, Anders Swanson)

- nothing to report

c) Bishop Grandin Greenway (Don English)

There is concern the rebuilt bridge will not have adequate cycling facilities to properly maintain the connectivity of the BGG. Janice Lukes would like to meet with the City and Province Committees of BttF to discuss.

d) Disraeli (Phil Roadley (not present), report from Kevin Miller)

- stakeholder meeting June 13.
- ongoing discussions concerning the width of the shy lanes. We'd like to see at least 4 feet so they could be up to "bike lane" standards.

e) One Green City (Anders Swanson)

f) North Winnipeg Commuter Cyclists (Anders Swanson)

g) West Central Commuter Cyclists (Anders Swanson)

h) North Winnipeg Parkway (Jim Chapryk)

- signs are up at least

i) Bicycle counts survey update (Jeremy Hull)

- report to come
- volunteer required to count Disraeli (contact Jeremy)

j) UofW Bike Station (Dave Hubbard)

- no report

k) Downtown Biz (Anders Swanson)

- has done an inventory of indoor bike parking
- Dave Hill (Parking Authority) is asking cyclists to report where bike parking is required.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Active Transportation Advisory Committee representative

- The City has invited us to name a representative to sit as a member

ACTION: Board to determine rep selection process

b) Mission statements for standing committees

Every standing and ad hoc committee must have a mission statement.

ACTION: Committee chairs to submit mission statements (probably determined with the help of your committees) to the Secretary by July 3 so they may be collated and adopted as “policy” at the next board meeting.

c) Job descriptions for directors

ACTION: Directors please submit job descriptions for their position to the Secretary by July 3 so they may be adopted as “policy” at the next board meeting.

d) Board Insurance (Rob)

- Rob and Gord looking at obtaining board insurance to cover issues such as misuse of funds, defamation, wrongful termination, etc. Note that this does NOT cover injuries that may be sustained at one of our events.

ACTION: Gord to fill out application for more info.

e) Press release (about our birth)

Discussion about how a feature piece might be better than a press release. Free Press, Metro One, Mb Eco Net, etc.

ACTION: Ben to look into getting some materials together.

f) Setting a date for a conversation about Critical Mass

ACTION: Board to set date

g) Sierra Club "21 point action plan for the government of Manitoba" on Climate Change

- We are asked to speak at the press conference in support of this plan.
- Members had few personal reservations, but there was discussion about whether or not such a broad platform was within the mandate of BttF. Only two of the 21 points are somewhat related to cycling. It might be possible to just endorse and speak to those two points. Note that our name would NOT be in the Sierra Club press release.

ACTION: Board to determine after hearing from other members

h) U of W SUNSET Student Researcher

- For overview see www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/sus-SUNSET-introduction
- Ray Yuen is the student researcher that will be working with us.
- Project to be determined.
- Mark Cohoe to be BttF liaison

i) Jim Ludwig

- provided a binder of cycling related historical press clippings
- is interested in a bike building class in high school

ACTION: Referred to Education and Safety Committee

8. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

7:18 (Ben)

Next meeting
Tuesday, July 10th, 5:30 pm, location TBD
(and every second Tuesday of the month following)

Reports

City Committee Report

Submitted by Rob Cosco

Our primary activity over this past month has been the meeting which we attended with Streets & Planning Engineer, Neil Myska (see the BttF Wiki for the meeting minutes). As a follow up to that meeting I have since forwarded a list of problem areas for cyclists in the city which were a compilation of suggestions by our committee with additions from Jeremy & Don. The primary focus was on signage & pavement repairs for bridges. A variety of other problem areas were identified for the city's attention. No response has been received as of this date with regards to any action by the city.

The Public Works department had initially requested that we help them identify some major cycling routes from the four major quadrants of the city. Our initial response was that at this time we were not prepared to do that but would certainly be interested in being involved in that endeavor. We felt that more public consultation was needed prior to developing this idea.

Anders & Jackie have already started this process prior to the city's request and they can elaborate on an interesting "grass roots" approach to developing cycling routes in the North / Central parts of the city. My personal feelings are that this is an excellent process and recommend that we use it as a model to work on the other quadrants. Anyone who is interested in working on this type of project should contact Anders or myself so that we can come up with a plan of action. This could possibly be excellent information to be presented as part of a future "forum" hosted by BttF & other interested groups.

We received a response from the Public Works Manager, Brad Sacher inviting us to identify a representative for the yet to be formed Active Transportation Committee. As we were not named to the original committee we are very pleased with this outcome.