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Notes from the November 7th Bike to the Future Meeting

November 7, 2006

Present: Janice Lukes, Stuart Kaye, Rob Cosco, Ben Goldstein, Alain Foidart, Jackie Avent, Kevin Miller, Don English, Tim Hunt, Mark Cohoe, Molly McCracken, Jeremy Hull.

1. Welcome / Introductions

2. Letters to the Editor

A private letter of apology has been sent to the Strickland-Masson Family with the text:

Dear Ms. Glover and the Strickland-Masson Family, On behalf of Bike to the Future, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to your family for your loss of Billie-Jo. We would also like to offer an apology for our letter published in the Free Press on October 25th. Our intent was not to cause any additional grief to your family and we regret our error in judgment.

Sincerely,

J. Avent, Bike to the Future

The original letter will be removed from the Bike to the Future website and Bike to the Future will move on.

ACTION: Alain to remove the original letter from the website.

3. City

a) Follow-up to Candidates Questionnaires

After a discussion about how to continue on with working with the city it was decided that a City Sub-Committee would be formed to move ahead. More participants are welcome!

Current committee members are:

- Molly McCracken
- Tim Hunt
- Rob Cosco
- Mark Cohoe

ACTION: City sub-committee to set meeting time

b) Monitoring upcoming council meetings

It was decided that the City Sub-Committee would be responsible for monitoring the upcoming council meetings. They will contact Jenny Gerbasi to see if she can keep the committee posted on upcoming issues in council that Bike to the Future should be involved with.

c) Other activities at the City

Items that were brought up included: Disraeli Freeway re-construction and Osborne Underpass reconstruction, as well as an upcoming Waverley West Neighbourhood Structure Plan presentation. There is an upcoming Riel Community Committee meeting that is presenting a neighbourhood plan for Waverley West. Tim Hunt and Kevin Miller will attend the meeting and one will speak to cycling infrastructure in Waverley West on behalf of Bike to the Future. Molly will jot some main points of discussion down and then post to list serve for feedback. Anyone who can attend the meeting is asked to go for moral support. Take your bike helmets!

ACTION: Kevin and Tim will meet and coordinate speaking; Molly will write up points and send them to the list serve for feedback. Everyone else is asked to attend the meeting if they can.

Meeting date and time: Tuesday, November 14th at 7 pm at City Hall

4. Province

a) Meeting with the Ministers

As with the city, it was decided to form a Province Sub-Committee to move forward with activities at the Province. More participants are welcome!

Current committee members are:

- Molly McCracken
- Mark Cohoe
- Alain Foidart
- Jeremy Hull
- Jackie Avent

ACTION: Sub-committee to set meeting time

b) Other activities at province

It is of note that Steve Ashton is open to meeting with us. He is from Intergovernmental Affairs and sympathetic to environmental issues. Rob Altemeyer helped arrange this meeting, and can assist with setting up meetings with provincial Ministers.

5. Marconi Line Consultation November 15th, 2006

Community Consultation -- Rail to Trail Conversion - North Kildonan

Wednesday, November 15th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Good Neighbours Senior Centre

755 Henderson Hwy

Hosted by: River East Neighbourhood Network - Trail Committee

a) Pre-meeting

Molly attended the pre-meeting on November 1st.

b) November 15th Consultation

Molly McCracken and Don English will attend the consultation and make a presentation on plan which Don English has developed (see list serve archives for documents). Alain will help to prepare the presentation. Molly will request Bike to the Future be added to the agenda and give the presentation.

c) Monitoring this issue

It was decided that after the consultation on the 15th we will revisit this issues and decide what to do about a sub-committee

6. Website (<http://www.biketothefuture.org/>)

Alain is still fine working on the website, but has asked that someone be available to fill in if he is away for any length of time. Kevin and Ben are both techno-savvy and can fill in where necessary.

Kevin is working on getting a link from the MCA homepage, but this will have to wait until after the MCA AGM.

Alain is working on getting the Marconi information online

Kevin will look into getting bike shops to provide a link to the Bike to the Future website from their websites.

7. Physical Activity Coalition of Manitoba (PACM)

Jackie Avent has agreed to act as a liaison between Bike to the Future and the PACM Active Transportation Task Group of PACM. The Active Transportation Task Group of PACM is working towards some similar goals including: Following up with the City of Winnipeg staff plus the chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works regarding status of implementation of AT Report recommendations. They are also looking to develop an education and awareness campaign that would focus on 'share the road' and safe cycling' rather than broad AT messaging.

8. Other winter activities / planning/ fundraisers?

If we ever require a number to be able to provide tax receipts to donors, we can make such arrangements with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association (MRTA). Contact Janice Lukes for more information.

SATURDAY, November 18th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the Eco-Centre: There will be a Bike to the Future strategic planning meeting focusing on the key messages and priorities of the organization in the coming months. (Another meeting will be planned for January to discuss the structure plan for the organization). EVERYONE IS INVITED! We will be retiring to the Regal Begal for post-meeting fun at 5:00 pm.

9. Winter meeting schedule

Winter meetings will continue the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30.

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2006 5:30 at the Eco-Centre (3rd floor of the Mountain Equipment Co-op building)