

Bike to the Future -- Monthly Meeting

Tuesday October 9th, 2007, 5:30 pm -- Eco-Centre

1. Welcome and Introductions

19 attendees, but two left at 6:00 and two arrived at 6:00, so 17 here at once

Present: Gareth Simons, Mark Cohoe, Tim Hunt, Chris Leo, Dave Elmore, Rob Cosco, Shannon Keys, Ken Gerrard, Ben Goldstein, Jackie Avent, Brion Dolenko, Guy Madill, Debbie Shkolny, Charlie Thrift, Kevin Miller, Molly McCracken, Bill Spornitz, Dustin Anderson (the Purple Pirate), Anders Swanson

Regrets: Jeremy Hull, Curt Hull

2. Approval of the agenda

Consensus

3. Adoption of minutes from the last meeting

Consensus

4. Business arising from the minutes

Fall forum – talked about below, Eco-Journal Article written and submitted by Jackie, however it is not going to be out in time to promote the fall forum as originally planned.

5. Reports from Directors

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

☺ We have had a lot of media coverage recently (Free Press and CBC)

☺ AGM will officially be held on November 13th, 2007; 5:30 pm at the Eco-Centre with the regular monthly meeting following directly after.

☺ There are two vacant positions open on the board

b) Treasurer (Curt Hull)

☺ Financial Report attached

☺ We currently have \$1046.96 in the bank

c) Secretary (Vacant)

☺ Gord McGonigal has resigned as Secretary due to his busy schedule teaching at Red River College.

d) Membership/Outreach/Volunteers (Karin Kliewer)

- Status of the Membership Drive, which culminates with the draw for the \$165 MEC incentive package at our Fall Forum on Thursday October 11th.

☺ We have 151 members and are growing quickly due to our successful membership drive.

e) City (Rob Cosco)

☺ Report attached as submitted by Rob

☺ October 16 – Parking Bylaw review at Planning, Property and Development Meeting. Mark, Rob and Tim Pearce worked on bylaws and are making recommendations at this meeting.

f) Province (Jeremy Hull)

- ☞ BTTF Fast Facts were prepared and sent out by Jeremy and we can use these at the Fall Forum and on our website
- ☞ Jeremy is representing BTTF at the Climate Change Round Table, which is being held tonight. Curt is there too on behalf of Climate Change Connection

g) Website/Communications (Ben Goldstein)

- ☞ Kudos to Kevin for all the great media coverage
- ☞ Press release for forum being sent out. If you are being interviewed, mention the Bike to the Future name as much as possible.
- Sustainable Community Project Grant from Assiniboine Credit Union
 - ☞ We received a grant for \$2000 from ACU to go towards our website development and to provide those who will benefit with a small honorarium. Some other uses of the money may be money for hosting for the next several years, domain name registration, volunteer stipend etc... We will decide how best to use this money once we have received it from ACU.

h) Events and Fundraising (Molly McCracken)

- Update on the Fall Forum – Thursday October 11 at U of W Bulman Centre.
 - ☞ Discussions were held and final plans were made for the Fall Forum.

i) Safety and Education (Dave Elmore)

- ☞ There has been a lot of cycling media lately because of safety and education issues. Many accidents.
- ☞ Safety and Education committee is planning a CAN-BIKE training this coming weekend with Howard Skrypyk. Dave Elmore, Curt Hull, Dave Hubbard and some MPI representation will be participating.

6. Reports from Project and Committee Reps

Chief Peguis Extension – Henderson to Lagimodiere (Brion Dolenko)

- ☞ East Kildonan committee recommended additional road closure to open for multi-use trail.
- ☞ See CPT-Community Committee Recommendation attached.

7. New Business

- ☞ Rob Cosco mentioned that he feels that there is too much trails and bikeway information coming through the City Committee. He is wondering if we need something like a Trails Committee to be the point person to speak to all developments at a trails level for Bike to the Future. It would make sense to have some sort of a Community Liaison rather than one person making reports for each topic at the regular monthly meetings. The City Committee is too overwhelmed with information at this point.

The board will discuss and make recommendations at a later meeting.

- ☞ There will be a WTA Fall Update Open House at the Forks Atrium on Thursday October 25th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Bike to the Future can send 5-6 reps, so please contact Kevin Miller if you are interested in attending.

8. Call for Adjournment

Please send written reports to biketothefuture@gmail.com