Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) Minutes October 7, 2009
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:
Dwayne Brown       Jordan Fysh       Pauline McKinley
Tarquin Adams      Robert Brown     Marisa DiCenso
Brad Tyleman       Walter Furlan    Liz Duval

Regrets: Tom Ellis, Sean Burak, Andrea Kita, Robert Corsini, Dave Thompson

Staff: Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
   - Walter, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Approval of Minutes:
   - Minutes were reviewed for September 2, 2009. Moved approval, seconded, carried.

3. Council Communications:
   - The letter that was sent to Council members to convey appreciation for their support of the Cycling Master Plan was discussed and members congratulated Bob C on an excellent letter. In discussion it was noted that the decision before Council within the next few months is to make a decision about creating a new permanent city staff position as the current position is a two-year contract.

4. Education:
   - Staff continuing to explore leads to offer CAN-BIKE classes in Hamilton. **Daryl to contact two more leads in Niagara Region and John and Norma locally.**
   - Share the Road banner – Daryl confirmed the banner is to be installed in Dundas this fall (planned to be over King St for a few weeks) and also is scheduled for early summer 2010 downtown over Main St.
   - Share the Road car magnets – various members did distribute more magnets to the bike shops around Hamilton. These shops will receive more magnets in the spring – there is a supply in storage for spring 2010 distribution.

5. Promotions:
   - Dwayne and Brad staffed the HCyC booth at Fix Our World at Bayfront/Pier 4 – low attendance.
   - SuperArtCrawl – **Daryl to deliver a supply of car magnets to Mixed Media** for members to pick up and distribute at the event.
   - Cyclovias in Hamilton – Liz was notified of an organizing meeting on Oct 14 but cannot attend – **Jordan will attend.**
   - Bike Route Pamphlet – **Jordan and Daryl to review email and May minutes for actions**
   - CHCH contact – a reporter asked for contact information for the Chair – **Walter to contact her.**

6. Finances:
   - The 2010 capital budget for cycling infrastructure to be discussed at the Nov meeting
   - Members discussed the volunteer ctte account in further detail and **this decision was Moved/Seconded/Carried.** The proposed budget for 2010 includes $9000 of expenses (revised from the Sept meeting):
     i. $3000 for promotional materials such as “Share the Road” car magnets, volunteer ID clothes
     ii. $1000 for printing cycling pamphlets (companion to the HCA’s “Hiking Hamilton Waterfalls”)
     iii. $1000 for Share the Road banner installations
     iv. $1000 for participating in the Toronto International Bike Show
     v. $2000 to buy bike racks for temporary installation at City festivals and cover City staff installation
     vi. $1000 to support a cyclovia in Hamilton in 2010

7. Planning: the following items were noted: Hwy 8 Greensville, York Blvd dtn, Ancaster TMP, Dundas TMP, Jolley Cut, Truck Routes Study, Dartnell Rd EA, MetroLinx, Lynden Trail, Gore Park
   - **Daryl to continue to pursue bike lanes as part of the York Blvd downtown project** as it proceeds to functional design and detailed design.
   - Jolley Cut – members strongly supported the idea of converting the existing sidewalk into a wider multi-use path (MUP) – connecting to paved ramps near the intersection of Mountain Park Ave/Rossciffe Ave/East 15th St (replacing any stairs). The HCyC also supports the construction of a barrier to separate the MUP from motor traffic. **Daryl to email this opinion to appropriate staff.**
   - Gore Park – the preferred Carriage way design was described. **Daryl to email planners** to confirm this design will permit cycling on the planned carriage way.
8. Projects Update:
- Bike racks: A prototype 2-bike capacity design has been manufactured and has been installed at the corner of James/Cannon. **Members are encouraged to investigate.**
- CP Rail Trail – City is finessing design and plan to construct in spring 2010
- Dundurn St – the bike lanes are planned to be painted in spring 2010 to give area businesses time for the transition in parking supply. Bike racks will also be installed – **Jordan and Daryl to walk the street to plan locations for bike racks.**
- Queensdale – in progress
- Woodward – in progress (Melvin Ave to Brampton St)
- Albion/Eramosa loop – the completed EA report for the bridge over the LINC was circulated
- Lift Bridge – Daryl reported, as per email sent, that there has been discussion of a meeting with MP Mike Wallace to discuss options. **Dwayne will speak with Gene of Burlington for info/actions.**

9. Events:
- Westdale High School – Healthy Living Expo – Thurs Oct 22 – **Pauline volunteered to staff the HCyC booth**
- Bike-to-Work Day on Sept 22 – Liz & Walter participated, low attendance – the weather was not nice
- The Ontario Bike Summit is Sept 21-22. Pauline provided a summary that was provided to her by a friend. No members of the HCyC attended the conference.

10. Maintenance
- Red Hill Valley Trail – Daryl informed the members of a citizen that has an issue with gravel being too loose. He plans to attend the Nov meeting to discuss with the ctte. Other issues flagged by members include more signage at all trail access points and at bridges to notify people that the trail is temporarily closed.
- A letter forwarded by Councillor McHattie from a resident to discuss bike racks to be discussed at the Nov meeting.

11. Announcements


13. Next Meeting:
- Wed. November 4, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B.