

**WVCA Minutes, January 24, 2011
Fisher Park, 7:30**

Present:

Board Members: Jason Thomson, Duff McLeod, David Haskins, David Lindsay, Bill Mohrmann-Watson, Vivian Knapp, Katie Paris, Richard Van Loon, Peter Bleyer, Peter Duschenes

Regrets: James Gilbert, Susan Kennedy

Others: Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona Community Group), Randy Kemp (Cycling Committee of Wellington West BIA), Schuyler Playford (Bike Share Intern, Causeway Work Centre)

1) Approval of minutes from December meeting – Approved

2) Presentation by Randy Kemp (Wellington West BIA Cycling Committee)

Randy reported that the Westboro Transportation Management Implementation Plan, containing near, medium and long-term recommendations, will go to Transportation Committee on February 2. He also noted that the Wellington West BIA Cycling Committee is supporting both the Laurier segregated lane pilot project and a segregated bike lane for Scott Street. The Cycling Committee feels that more emphasis needs to be given to cycling on Wellington/Richmond and on Byron (which has been neglected because of the jog at Holland), as these are important east-west linkages. Among the proposals for Wellington: “sharrows” (arrows painted on road to indicate that cyclists will be sharing the road), bike boxes at intersections (bike-only painted areas on asphalt, the length of a bike and full width of lane), prohibitions of right turns on red lights, and 6-second head starts for bikes (as is already in place for pedestrians at certain intersections).

3. Presentation by Schuyler Playford (Bike Share Intern, Causeway Work Centre)

Schuyler addressed the Board regarding the SLOWest/Causeway Work Centre Bike Share feasibility study and survey, the object of which to determine whether a community-based Bike Share Program will work in Ottawa West. A Bike Share Program is a sustainable transportation program that offers bicycles for public use for short trips. For the Ottawa West project, the bikes would likely be available through 3-4 stations located on or near Wellington St/Richmond Rd; the details will be determined as the feasibility study progresses. The survey will be accessible until the week of February 4th.

4) Presentation by Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona) on the Convent (114 Wellington) development status

Lorne provided an overview of the development status on the Convent property (see also Hampton Iona email/website post “Community Associations meet with Councillor Hobbs over Convent Development”), including the status of the OMB challenges being put forward by Ashcroft and by Hampton Iona/Westboro CAs, and the implications of various possible outcomes regarding the development's statutory requirement to provide park space (which land and the amount of land which will be included, possible ways that it might be paid for). The Hampton Iona website post includes the sentence “The boards of Hampton Iona, Wellington Village and Westboro Community Associations have had a chance to consider these latest

updates and consider it totally unacceptable that the City should take land as park that was going to be open space anyways.”)

5) WVCA decisions/business conducted since the last meeting

- WVCA Pedestrian Crossing letter: Letter was approved as circulated to Board prior to meeting, with the addition of a sentence noting that the timing of the Clarendon/Wellington crossing should be reviewed for cars as well. [Letter was sent to Katherine Hobbs and City Traffic Manager Greg Kent on January 27.]

- “Alternative Corridors Evaluation Criteria” for the Western LRT Corridor study: not discussed.

6) Committees - Liaison with BIA/city-wide issues/planning – not discussed

7) Other business (Next Meetings: February 28, March 21, propose the 18th for April)