

Osborne Bridge NAC Notes – October 7th 2009

The second meeting of the Osborne Bridge Neighbourhood Advisory Committee was held at the River Osborne Community Centre October 7th, 2009. In this second meeting, we were given presentations from various sectors and allowed to make short presentations on our areas of concern, hopes and communication plans.

Review of Minutes from September 16th Meeting

A couple of important clarifications were made to the minutes of September 16th meeting.

- Regarding the comment that was made stating that there would not be enough room for bike lanes, this comment has been clarified to state that there is not enough room for bike lanes *under the current configuration*. That is a big change, and very important. It at least holds out hope for improvements.
- There will now be a person from Transit on the Advisory Committee (Alex R?)
- There was also a clarification on the Roslyn/Osborne intersection. The minutes will now reflect that the stacking of traffic into two lanes blocks and restricts bicycle traffic at this intersection.

NAC Member Introduction of their Sector and Communication Plan

Each member of the committee made a quick presentation introducing themselves, their organization, and their sector. The presentations included the sectors interests in the bridge, where those interests were being met or not being met, hopes for this project, and a communication plan.

Highlights of the Member Presentations

- There was strong agreement on the need to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists
- There was strong agreement on the need to make an aesthetically appealing bridge

Project-related information presentations

Following the member presentations, several PowerPoint presentations were made giving background information and expert knowledge.

- History of the Osborne Bridge
- Osborne Village Development
- Plan Winnipeg 2020 and Osborne Village Secondary Plan
- Sustainable Transportation and Active Transportation
- Universal Design Policy and Accessibility Design Standards
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Homelessness and Street Youth
- Public Art
- Public Works Capital Project Planning within a Regional Context

Next Meeting

The next meeting will likely be the most critical, as it will provide the committee with analysis of the opportunities available, and the current potential. This meeting will set the goals for the project.

Meeting Highlights

- Clarification on the minutes regarding the possibility for extra width on the bridge. We've gone from "there will be no room for bike lanes" to "there is no room for bike lanes in the current configuration". We will have to wait and see if that will lead to any improvements being implemented.
- There is wide support for improvements to the cycling and pedestrian facilities on the bridge.
- Osborne Village secondary plan prevents any right of way expansion being used to create new motorized traffic lanes.
- There are strong community concerns about cut through traffic.