Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21st, 2014 18:30-20:00 HUB Office 1-828 West 8th Vancouver, BC

Attendees: Cail, Jeff (Chair), Lisa (Co-Chair), Leslie (minutes), Ari, Mina, Cammie, Seppe, Clark, Doris, David, Mike, Tom, Colin, Joe, JF, Llowyn, Arno.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Lisa or Jeff at Vancouver@bikehub.ca

- 1. Introductions and welcome to new members
- 2. Agenda: Approved with the addition of Seaforth Peace Park (discussed under Communications)
- **3.** Minutes from September meeting: Approved
- **4.** Announcements (see https://bikehub.ca)
 - Streets for Everyone Public Forum Nov 3rd, 7-9 pm, Astorino's Hall, 1739 Venables
 - BikeHub at UBC is hiring! Two positions open: Bike Kitchen Manager and Programs Manager

5. Updates from Working Groups

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION		
Updates from Working Groups				
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	 Reminder: Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). The City has asked us to prioritize our lists for major improvements, and for spot improvements. Bute St. Report: The CoV is pleased with our report on Bute St, and in particular that we could articulate why this route was important and where it fits in the ranking. Greater Nanaimo Cycling Coalition: GNCC is starting assessment rides and HUB has provided them with our assessment ride guidelines. Next Assessment Ride: November 3rd: 10th Avenue. 			
Complete Network Committee (Cail)	 Reminder- The Complete Network Committee (CNC) is working to address gaps in signage and connectivity around Vancouver. Ultimately the committee would like to develop a tool/app that enables cyclists to document problems they encounter while riding. A letter re Powell St overpass connections has been drafted to send to the City Bike Network Questionnaire – please test! 	Committee Chair- send letter to City Everyone: continue to test network questionnaire: tinyurl.com/cycling concerns		
Elections (Lisa)	 Municipal Election on Sat, November 15th Two questions have been developed in conjunction with the HUB office to City Hall and to Parks Board 	Everyone : Don't forget to vote!		

	 candidates. Responses have been requested by the end of October and responses will be posted on the website the first week of November. Meetings have been scheduled with several parties and party candidates. 	
Future Bike Friendly Car Zones (Lisa)	There is some activity, but this group needs a lead.	
Kent Ave (Jeff)	 The group is drafting a letter to the CoV based on the assessment ride. Ultimately the group would like to see a continuous route from Boundary Rd to 75th Ave west of Granville. 	
Bike Share (Lisa for Neal)	 Still moving forward but no real updates. Colin S from the HUB office is following up with the City for further information. 	

6. General Updates

Communications (Jeff) Top Ten Infrastructure	 Seaforth Peace Park- Letter has been sent to the CoV and a City Engineer will be evaluating the concerns shortly. May just start with some new paint, and then re-assess. Powell St Overpass – Letter went from HUB to the City, and some local businesses have expressed concerns to the City as well. Wayfinding signs have been added to the route. 10th Ave – communication received re 10th Ave by St John's School at morning "drop off" time; assessment ride of 10th Ave is Nov 3rd. NW Marine Drive – Recent media activity on whether cyclists should be on the road or sidewalk has encouraged MOTI to meet with HUB. Kent & Cambie- There are a number of concerns from cyclists about the reconfiguration. The City is aware of the concerns. Off Terminal Bike Path – possible assessment ride candidate. Separated bike lanes on Ontario at 49th- Traffic volumes are quite high on Ontario, and exiting from Langara College. Traffic volume, along with the narrow lanes, make these challenging AAA bike lanes. BC Parkway – Some cyclists are crossing Grandview Highway without stopping, and there have been some confrontations. HUB will follow up with the City. Capital Plan (discussed elsewhere) KickStarter Campaign – \$1,900 urban bikes for sale 10th at Kingsway and at Main St – discussions around volume of through traffic, and is it possible to block through traffic at either of these intersections? Or possible restrictions to one way? Note we encourage anyone who writes HUB with concerns, also writes the City. The City has a list of priorities over the longer term, 	HUB Office will follow up Jeff will follow up for details

Improvements (Jeff)	 including improvements to existing routes to make them AAA (All ages and abilities) routes. They would like HUB's input to that list as well. Jeff has developed a draft list using information from various sources over the last few months, but needs feedback from the group. We need to decide the criteria for choosing our "top ten" list. E.g. Safety, continuity of routes. In this way, we will be able to keep the priority list updated as new candidate routes come up. 	within the next month or so. Post meeting note: meeting arranged for Mon, Nov 17 th .
Velo Works Conference (Arno)	 Arno presented a summary of the number of interesting topics presented at this conference. For further information, see veloworks.org 	
Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa)	The council is providing input on a number of key city items such as parking, the Capital Plan, select city route issues etc. Lisa plans to work with the council on strategic ways to input effectively re active transportation into the City's budget (including Capital Plan) planning. Would work with HUB on this.	
HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)	 Discussions at the most recent Board meeting included: BtWW: significant increases in number over the years. The CoV is supportive of HUB's education campaigns, but will be putting the program out for bidding next year. The Bike to School program is the largest that HUB offers. The teachers' strike had a minimal impact on the program. 	
Regional Advisory Council (RAC) (Arno)	 "Ungap the Map" – campaign to create a regional cycling network. Reestablished a committee in South Delta. Director of Operations at MOTI wants to discuss all MOTI issues in metro Vancouver. E.g. UBC, Iron Workers Memorial Bridge, Stanley Park, Lions Gate Bridge, new Massey Tunnel. RAC would like to be proactive and provide feedback before projects are started. 	
UBC/UBC Bike Co-op Update (Jeff for Jens)	 Interested in mobilizing a larger group of stakeholders and draft a community statement on how to improve cycling to and from, and within UBC. 	
Streets for Everyone Liaison (Lisa)	Would appreciate interested HUB members showing up at their next meeting at Astorino's (See above)	Everyone: consider signing the online petition on Streets for Everyone website (streetsforeveryone.org) and to follow their twitter and Facebook to stay up to date with the campaign.
Committee Budget (Lisa)	 \$400 per fiscal year, and \$300 is remaining. Suggestion to save some for the transit referendum. 	Everyone: email Lisa with your suggestions and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Reminder: call City 311 if you see issues on your route, or if vehicles parked on your route.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc