

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 20, 2018 18:30-20:00 Creekside Community Centre

- Attendees: Lisa, Leslie (minutes), Jeff (Chair), Stuart, Stan, Mike, Anthony, Navdeep, Richard, Dasha, Tim, Sam, Laura, Eric, Megan, Julie, Mary, Sean, Eleni, Clark, Sonya, Jeff M.
- 1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
- 2. Agenda: Approved
- 3. Minutes from February 2018 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting				
1	Everyone	• Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. <b>Ongoing</b>		
2	Jeff	Schedule and lead Pender Corridor assessment ride. To do		
3	Stan and Tim	Draft Arbutus Greenway assessment ride report. In progress		

- 4. Announcements (see <u>bikehub.ca</u> updated regularly)
  - If you are interested in helping with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at <a href="mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca">vancouver@bikehub.ca</a>
  - Please see the committee webpage: <u>https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc</u> for key information on our committee, and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents.
  - We have a workshop during the meeting tonight on the future of Vancouver Parks, through Van Play. All other agenda items will be compressed to allow for this workshop.
  - We have booked a HUB Vancouver committee table at the Vancouver Public Library Club Day, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 15:00. Volunteers are needed. Morning: Sean and Mike (confirmed) / Afternoon: Eleni, Anthony (not confirmed)
  - South False Creek seawall paths opened today!
- 5. Updates from Working Group Leads.
  - Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION			
Updates from Working Groups					
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul> <li>Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki.</li> </ul>	Jeff, and Stan: Schedule rides, or complete ride reports as noted above.			

	Ride on Pender Corridor (Hornby to Stanley Park) is pending.
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul> <li>Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar.</li> <li>Park Board meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, but a decision was deferred.</li> <li>Planning underway for next steps.</li> </ul>
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul> <li>Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services.</li> <li>Light at Broadway now active.</li> <li>No action yet at SW Marine Drive crossing.</li> </ul>
Broadway Subway (Anthony)	<ul> <li>Working group looking at the extension of the SkyTrain from VCC Clark to Arbutus St. Currently in planning stages. TransLink projects construction will start in 2019.</li> <li>Principals and Strategies Open House last week. No real new information. Current focus is on mitigation of construction impacts</li> <li>Phase II of Mayors' Vision was approved last week, including ~300km of new and upgraded protected bike lanes.</li> </ul>

## 6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights; input requested for workshop:
  - Fortis BC construction planned for 1<sup>st</sup> Ave: Hwy 1 to Clark Dr., including road closures on a rolling basis for six months. HUB met with Fortis BC to discuss crossings at bike routes, detour routes and problem reporting. CoV plan is to close Adanac overpass to vehicles. The pipeline route extends from Clark Drive to Coquitlam.
  - TransLink meetings re the Major Bikeway Network (MBN): TransLink is establishing criteria for focusing increased investments in active transportation, including MBN standards, and a Cycling Zone Analysis study.

## 7. In Depth Look on future planning for Vancouver Parks by Van Play (Facilitated by Lisa)

- Lisa provided an introduction to the exercise.
- The 22 HUB meeting participants were very keen to have an opportunity to provide input into the Park Board's master plan for parks "Vancouver Playbook". This plan is set to provide a 100-year vision, 25year outlook and a 10 year implementation strategy for Vancouver's parks and recreation amenities and may not have any more opportunities to input!
- HUB found out about this opportunity to participate quite last minute and, unfortunately, only a few people in the group were even aware that the Park Board was developing this Plan, due to go for consideration by Park Board Commissioners in summer 2018.

- Considering the recent Park board decision to continue to delay-after 4 years- to correct safety & comfort of the Seaside Greenway through Kits Beach Park (where little children are directed into busy parking lots and onto car filled streets) plus the recent Park Board communications about having people on bikes get TO parks but not IN parks, there is serious concern that this Park Board will set a plan for Vancouver parks that is not bike friendly.
- Overall, the participants in this meeting's input activity recognized the many complementary goals of the park board and people biking- active, lifelong, social recreation; environmental benefits (no emissions/noise pollution and encourages non-car park access that results in less paved parking required); relatively inexpensive and accessible activity for people of all ages & abilities etc. People thought that there should be excellent bike paths as well as access to key park & recreation amenities, encouraging people to bike to and in parks. There should also be excellent and extensive bike parking to encourage more biking to parks. We all know how difficult it is to park our bikes in many parks & beaches, for example.
- Please provide additional feedback to vanplay@vancouver.ca, letting them know that you/your friends/family etc bike and love to bike in parks for the reasons that match the Park Board's goals. Tell them you care passionately about our parks and want to see the next 25-100 years with great access to and within parks by people doing that wonderful recreation of bicycling! Further comments, contact: www.vancouver.ca/vanplay or email vanplay@vancouver.ca
- 8. Communications (Jeff):
- Vancouver Taxi Association interested in setting up a meeting between taxis and the cycling community. Sam and Richard interested in participating in this meeting.
- Reliance Properties re 10<sup>th</sup> and Granville discussion on the importance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave bikeway. Topics covered included proper cycling facilities; developer contributions to bike lanes in front of new buildings e.g. Quebec St and 1st Ave. HUB provides information to developers to understand the importance of bike routes. Bike routes benefit all bike lane users.
- 9. Board Update (Jeff): no update this month
- 10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa): no update this month
- 11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff): no update this month
- **12.** Other Business: Jeff led a tour with Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change last week through the downtown protected bike lanes, on her way to the GLOBE Forum 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00

## Next meeting: 17 April 2018, at Creekside Community Centre.

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