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HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday September 22, 2021

Present: Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham, Heidi Hizsa, Andrew Moss, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Fiona Walsh (joined at 7:01), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:33 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add Agnes Greenway Stair Rail, Sapperton Green and John Knox High School Traffic Calming to the agenda. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (July 28, 2021) – Action items were done. Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – Heidi will post information about Go by Bike Week and the Moody Park Pop-Up on social media and requested photos. Andrew F encouraged group members to use social media to request more support from the City of New Westminster for cycling infrastructure and to respond to a recent New Westminster Record article about more provincial funding for cycling (see <https://www.newwestrecord.ca/local-news/new-west-gets-provincial-funding-for-permanent-agnes-greenway-4350230>).

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – HUB-NW recently sent its 2022 priorities list to the City but has not had a response yet. Brad anticipates a virtual meeting with the City. He reviewed for the group the priorities list, which includes a direct path from 7th Avenue Greenway to the 6th Street entrance of New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS), and designation of 10th Street (between 7th Avenue and London Street) as a primary bike route.

The group thanked Brad for writing up HUB-NW's priorities and sending it to the City.

- b) Qayqayt School Connection – The developer of a property adjacent to the school has been asked by the City to explore HUB-NW's recommendation for a bike route at the development. HUB-NW will encourage the developer, the City and the School Board to cooperate.
- c) Memorialization Park/Former NWSS Grounds – Following the demolition of the old NWSS, which was built on a disused cemetery, the School District will build a memorialization park. Fulton volunteered to represent HUB-NW on the Memorialization Advisory Committee.
- d) Central Valley Greenway at Brunette & East Columbia – Mike Anderson met briefly with Garey and Andrew F about changes to the area that include new road markings and signage. HUB-NW requested cyclist activation to cross East Columbia Street when cycling northbound.
- e) New Pattullo Bridge/Connections – Pile driving for the new bridge on the Surrey side will begin shortly. Having attended a meeting about the heritage wall along the Central Valley Greenway, Robert noted that TI Corp was reluctant to release the final designs for the Pattullo Bridge.

f) Agnes Greenway Stair Rail (at Lorne Street and Agnes Street) – The facility is not useful for cyclists. Brad will bring up the issue with Mike at their next meeting.

g) Sapperton Green – The development is proceeding. Improvements to the Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway are expected in phases 2 and 3 of the development.

h) John Knox High School Traffic Calming – Heidi noted that a consultant has been hired to address traffic calming for all schools in the City. Curb extensions and a painted median for the bus stop at John Knox will be implemented on a temporary basis.

i) Happy City Public Consultations – Happy City is holding pop-up consultation event in Moody Park on Saturday September 25 regarding a cycling route to NWSS and the 7th Avenue Greenway between 5th Street and 8th Street. The City is also seeking feedback on these two routes through its Be Heard online platform. Members are encouraged to provide feedback.

HUB-NW regards a cycling route to NWSS through the alley and new development on 6th Street as the worse of the three options the City is considering

Action: Fulton will publicize the pop-up event and the Be Heard consultation among HUB-NW members.

3. Activities

a) Century House Cycling Event –Century House has not responded to proposed dates for presentations.

b) Go by Bike Week – HUB-NW is organizing a station on the BC Parkway on the morning of Tuesday September 28. Volunteers are needed to help with the station.

Adjourned: 7:44 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday October 27, 2021