

HUB - New Westminster Local Committee

Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting at the Ash Street Room of New West Public Library
Wednesday September 20, 2023

Present: Heidi Hizsa, Shane Griffin, Robert Wong (minutes), Damian, Jaqueline Brower, Andrew Feltham, new member Michael

Call to order: 6:11pm

1. Meeting Openers

Welcoming newcomers & introductions (names and pronouns)

Check-in - 1 Question to get things rolling. What is your personal goal? What do you hope to do, or skill would you like to use in cycling advocacy?

Damian: cycling safety for kids, not good at teaching kid, road safety for kids, freedom, and fun. Need better uptown routes, not enough bike education in schools.

Shane: hauling absurd objects with his bike, xmas trees, hot water tanks, firewood, etc

Robert: cycling is fun, environmentally friendly, cheap, doesn't need gas or parking and relieves stress.

Michael: get City to hurry up and make more connected network, has good writing reports skills.

Jaqueline: likes biking, making friends, platform to interact with younger people, kindergarten and high schools: likes working with kids. More long term - joy, play, activism - bring celebration and delight to draw more people in.

Heidi: an angry person, have a clear vision of what she wants and what the world is like, can communicate well, advocacy - to make things good and fun and energizing

2. Advocacy:

2023 Priority - Awareness, Understanding & Support of Active Transportation Network Plan

AAA Network Plan HUB New West Local Committee Brain Dump (ATNP) (Active) available in Discord

Action: the ATNP Response document is now in the editing process: reviewed requests and comments for approval and documented was edited:

- Extra wording was removed
- Andrew: expected more consistent wayfinding – colour coded routes like in Europe, high contrast signs for people with low vision
- Active Transportation routes should include low mobility transportation
- Bike Detection: bike detected when light is on
- Route between Columbia Square and New West Station – the proposed route C12 that follows Agnes is too steep, should have a bike path along Carnarvon Ave.
- Park Row – needs bikepath along north side of Royal Ave.

- we will be submitting our ATNP input to the City

Bike Parking - We've made a bike parking request document which is available in Discord "Bike Rack Request List by HUB New Westminster Local Committee"

Action: The Bike Rack document has been edited. Review for approval. Shane and Damian to help organize the list of items.

Bike Parking Document - Bike Rack Request List by HUB New West was mentioned by Councilor Nadine Nakagawa at the last City Hall Meeting.

Bike Repair Stands:

- Jaqueline: Ella of NWSS Environmental said it would cost \$800 for a bike repair stand installation which they can fundraise for one
- Possible bike repair stand at the Quay
- Near 22nd Station at intersection of BC Parkway, 7th Ave, and Queensborough Bridge bike onramp.
- At south end of Glenbrook Ravine

Additional locations can still be added to Bike Rack List

Tamasewtx New Pool Development Update: Andrew

- **Hub NW has written a letter to the City**
- **Old pathway through new parking lot has been installed to Cumberland St**
- **New sidewalk to facility added on the McBride Street side just east of O/P**
- **6th Ave detour bi-directional bike path between McBride Ave and Cumberland should be made a permanent bike route**

Safe Routes to Schools

- **Damian wrote a document posted on Discord regarding Komoot, RidewithGPS, and Strava which have heat maps to see popular bike routes used by cyclists**
- **Heat maps show popular usage routes, but should also show direction of travel as some are uphill/downhill.**
- **Shane did a study at the intersection of 7th Ave and 6th St on the use of bike routes by students in the vicinity going to schools nearby. Study results can be found on Discord.**

Translink: Update on Stewardson Way work

- **Damian contacted railway via email, according to Canadian Rail Atlas, rail line along Stewardson Way and 5th Ave is designated as abandoned.**

Question: would we like to have a land acknowledgement at the start of meetings?

Action: Question unanswered to be forwarded to next meeting?

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – update

Youth Advocates – with groups like Monkey Rebels, NWSS Environmental Club, Youth Centre Bike Club etc., it would be great to support youth advocates – Jaqueline – ongoing .process

Fulton has expressed interest to the Youth Centre Bike Club of ongoing participation with leading rides in their upcoming program in January. Robert (TBD) •

Strategy Meeting – some excellent ideas have come up in the discord group lately about research-based strategies for advocacy. Identify interest in devoting an upcoming meeting .to identifying/developing our strategy

Action: To be forwarded to next meeting

Activities.3

ATNP Reading Party #4

Action: Date to be determined/announced in October by Heidi

Bike Social with Council for NWSS Connector – deferred (do we still want to organize this?)

Action: Deferred to next meeting

Group Response.4

?What did you like about this meeting? What would you do differently next time

.Meeting was very productive with active participation and input by all •

**Next Meeting – Wednesday October 18th @ 6:00 pm – Hybrid – virtual/NWPL Ash.5
Street Room**

**Note: ATNP refers to the Active Transportation Network Plan, a 5 year plan to install or
upgrade a comprehensive bike network in New Westminster. Link found in Discord for
.details**

**To obtain a paper copy, get in touch with the HUB New West Local Committee via Discord
or email: newwestminster@bikehub.ca**