

**VACC Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 6:30pm**

Attending:

Lisa (co-chair), Heather (co-chair), Tannis, Bryan, Dean, Ken, David (sec), Dan, Arno, Karen, Tess, Deborah, Gerald, Gertjan.

1) Introductions. Welcome to Tannis, Dean, Karen, and Deborah.

2) Adoption of May meeting minutes.

3) Introduction of Heather Harvey as co-chair for this committee. YAY!!

4a) Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 27, 2011 from 7-9 pm. Location at VACC HQ (3 W. 3rd Av.) All interested are welcome to attend.

4b) August meeting (tentatively Aug24) is the annual potluck social (no business conducted).

ACTION ITEM: REQUIRED-->volunteer to co-ordinate the August potluck social. Please contact Lisa [lslakov@telus.net](mailto:lslakov@telus.net) for more information. Very simple!

5) Assessment Rides Update. Heather reports.

Summer assessment rides have changed to Tuesday evening.

June assessment ride covered Prince Edward St. south from 37th Av.

The notes for this ride are posted on the committee message board. All documented assessment rides and Van/UBC minutes will soon be available at a central VACC info storage point.

Next assessment ride to be Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Location and route to be determined.

Suggested future assessment rides to include Dumfries St. , Kent St., Prince Edward St. (northern portion)

ACTION ITEM: Heather to liaise with Gertjen to determine city priorities, to co-ordinate assessment rides with these priorities.

ACTION ITEM: Heather to invite city staff to future rides.

Contact Heather at Heather Harvey <[heatherjharvey@gmail.com](mailto:heatherjharvey@gmail.com)> for more information on assessment rides.

6) BAC/BNSC Update.

Item deferred due to absence of participating members.

For more information on the role of the BAC and engagement with City Hall, please see <http://vancouver.ca/tyclerk/civicagencies/bicycle/>

7) Currently, complaints from members and public regarding bike route problems and difficulties should be directed to [bikevancouver@vancouver.ca](mailto:bikevancouver@vancouver.ca) <[bikevancouver@vancouver.ca](mailto:bikevancouver@vancouver.ca)> or by dialling 311 and, if desired, you can cc or contact directly the VACC regarding these concerns as well. The Vancouver Committee email is [vancouver@vacc.bc.ca](mailto:vancouver@vacc.bc.ca)

ACTION ITEM: REQUIRED-->A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate a "Route problem complaints" file. Please contact Lisa [lslakov@telus.net](mailto:lslakov@telus.net) for further information, with your ideas, or to volunteer to co-ordinate this initiative.

8) City of Vancouver Transportation Plan 2040. Brian reports. The CoV is currently conducting a presentation and public response tour, as well as an online forum ([www.talkvancouver.com](http://www.talkvancouver.com) - only available likely until mid July) Your input and participation in this initiative is encouraged.

The goal of the VACC towards this initiative is to produce a short position paper towards the CoV transportation plan. A working document has been produced and is open for discussion and collaboration via Google docs. Contact Brian Brian Gould <[brian.a.gould@gmail.com](mailto:brian.a.gould@gmail.com)> for an invitation to access the documents.

ACTION ITEM: REQUIRED-->Brian is unable to co-ordinate this effort for too much longer, a volunteer is required to help complete this work.

9) The CoV is currently conducting open-houses towards the implementation of a bicycle share system in the city. Two are scheduled for the end of June. See online [http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/plans/PBSPublicInpu\\_MMtmp32ee5b15/PBSPublicInput.htm](http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/plans/PBSPublicInpu_MMtmp32ee5b15/PBSPublicInput.htm) for details and locations. Note on June 29th and 30th, both downtown.

10) Broadway Corridor Update. Item deferred due to absence of the principal (Tom).

ACTION ITEM: REQUIRED-->More people needed to assist with this file. Please contact Lisa [lslakov@telus.net](mailto:lslakov@telus.net) for further information.

11) Cambie Corridor Update. Arno reports. As the city moves forward with its plans to improve existing major transportation corridors, people are needed to examine and ensure cyclists' concerns are being addressed and represented in these plans. ACTION ITEM: REQUIRED - Please contact Lisa or Arno

<[arno@telus.net](mailto:arno@telus.net)> for further information.

12) IWMB (2nd Narrows Bridge) Update.

Item deferred for lack of information.

- ACTION: Next meeting this Monday June 27 from 7-8 pm at the VACC office. Contact Lorraine [squeakywheel39@gmail.com](mailto:squeakywheel39@gmail.com) to confirm. 13) (extra) Bicycle Parking. Gerald reports. Question of should we engage with property developers, strata councils and CoV to ensure secure bicycle parking is included in every new project and in retro-fitting of existing developments. Suggested encouragement of easing of strata rules to allow bikes to be transported through public spaces (elevators, hallways) and in suites. Suggested skytrain-style lockable bike containers for developments that insist bikes remain in parking garages.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:.

Encourage and support the VACC/ Downtown Vancouver BIA "Discover by Bike" Series. See [www.vacc.bc.ca](http://www.vacc.bc.ca) and [www.discoverbybike.ca](http://www.discoverbybike.ca) for more information.

An attractive 8 page booklet containing maps and information has been produced. Members are encouraged to help get the word out. Please consider locations around your neighbourhood that might be interested in distributing this booklet. Contact the VACC HQ for more information.

The City of Vancouver is sponsoring free bike courses this summer. See <http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/cycling/>

All cyclists, members and friends are encouraged to use the downtown separated bike lanes, and to visit businesses along these lanes to express your support for this initiative. Let them see your helmet. A quick comment like, "The bike lane made it easier for me to shop here today." can go a long way towards generating support for separated bike lanes from influential business community members. An assessment of the business impact from the lanes is going to council in July. Note that Toronto just opted to tear down one of its bike lanes; let's keep all of ours going! Please write mayor and council a quick note telling them how much you appreciate having the cycling lanes and the downtown separated lanes [mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca) <[mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)>