



HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting at Moody Park: Wednesday July 28, 2021

Present: Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa, Gordon Lamont, Jan Tache, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:38 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (June 23, 2021) – Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – Heidi promoted HUB’s Bike to Shop on social media.

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – HUB-NW intends to get finalize the 2022 priorities list (see [Google doc](#)) by September for submission to the City. Members were encouraged to advocate for specific priorities (eg through letters and meetings with officials). With a ready list of priorities, the City can apply for funding as financing opportunities arise. The group reviewed each item on the priorities list and modified the list where appropriate and prioritized items.

The City has begun work on 10th Street (between London and 6th Street) and will hold community consultations regarding 7th Avenue (between 5th Street and 8th Street), where it wants to create an all ages and abilities (AAA) route. One possibility is severing access to 7th Avenue at 6th Street to lower motor vehicle traffic. Another is establishing a two-way bike route in the center of the street to address the multiple driveways.

The City has completed an item on the priority list: the creation of separated lanes on uphill sections in each direction of the 3rd Avenue/Quayside Overpass.

Action: Gordon will send a letter to the City to thank it for the improvements on the 3rd Avenue/Quayside Overpass.

The group agreed to keep the East Columbia item (between Cumberland Street and Debeck Street) on list priorities list but to revise the wording because the City will not implement signage asking cyclists to yield to pedestrians since cyclists are not allowed on this portion of the sidewalk. The City plans to find a solution.

The group agreed to keep a separated bike route along 8th Street (between 8th Avenue and Dublin Street) and a diagonal crossing of 10th Avenue (into Burnaby) at 18th Street on the priorities list.

While HUB-NW wants priority for cyclists at the intersection of 5th Street & 3rd Avenue, which is part of the Uptown Downtown Bike Route, a three-way stop is not necessarily the solution. Mike Anderson, Acting Manager of Transportation has noted the stop signs such as at 10th Street & 7th Avenue need to be justified by traffic volumes.

Action: Fulton will ask the City why Front Street and 6th Street (between 6th Avenue and 5th Avenue) were not closed this summer like last year.

b) Agnes Greenway Update – The City has requested a letter of support from HUB-NW. The Greenway will connect Victoria Hill, the new Pattullo Bridge and downtown.

Action: Garey will draft the letter of support.

c) New Pattullo Bridge/Connections – HUB reached out to Rob Fleming about concerns with TI Corp’s plans for the CVG but changes to the plans are not expected.

d) CVG on North Road – The southbound curb lane on East Columbia Street was reallocated to cyclists and pedestrians to allow for social distancing during the COVID pandemic. The City requested a letter of support from HUB for a permanent solution. One possible solution is narrowing the four motor vehicle lanes to create a narrow multi-user path. Another solution, favoured by HUB-NW but opposed by TransLink is creating a 4 metre-wide multi-user path by removed a northbound motor vehicle lane.

Action: Garey will draft the letter of support.

3. Activities

a) Century House Cycling Event – The dates Garey and Robert have proposed dates for their presentations on cycling trips but have not received a response from Century House.

b) Bike to Shop – HUB is seeking volunteers to help with Bike to Shop. There is no Bike to Shop event in New Westminster this year.

Adjourned: 8:52 PM

Next meeting: August social event (date to be determined by Doodle poll)