

Richmond Local Committee Meeting

March 11, 2021

Attendees: Abbas Virji, Cat Rey, Cathy Acuna, Cedric Lin, Derek Williams, Donna Kwan, Evan Hammer, Ingrid, Shareen Chin, Stephen Desroches, Yvonne

LINKS:

[Agenda](#)

[Webinar of Meeting](#)

Welcome & Introductions Attended

- Reminder of meeting etiquette
- General update - Zoom accounts
- Introduce yourselves (Name, preferred pronouns and something about cycling in Richmond that excites you)
- Call to order for March 11 Agenda - any additions/omissions?

Election Process

- Elections begins with candidates - call for candidate
- Rational for elections

Newly Elected Committee Members

- Cat Rey: Co-chair
- Cedric:Lin Secretary/Minutes
- Donna Kwan: Events
- Yvonne and Derrick-: Infrastructure subcommittee

Virtual team building

- Team contract - Group values and expectations
 1. Brainstorm some guiding values for working together
 2. Take a moment to reflect on what you want from your participation with the Richmond LC
 3. What can others expect from you? What do you hope to expect from the group?

Shareen: Guiding value is respect each other as people, respect peoples work and their time.

Shareen really enjoys being a committee liaison and you can expect support and a communication pathway between the HUB Board and LC. She will continue to bring information from the LC to the Board. Her expectation is that the LC will be a self-sufficient committee

Abbas: Guiding value is understanding and camaraderie which will lead to a team building experience. He hopes to assist with improving infrastructure for AAA. Expectations for the LC is being able to assist where he can, based on schedule.

Cat: Cat works with a lot of kids and many ride their bikes, but Cat see's that a lot of people don't realize where bike lanes are because they aren't marked. They'd like to see better communication reaching the average everyday cyclist. Their values for the committee are, understanding, respect and inclusivity.

Cedric: Guiding value is supporting each other before going ahead with an initiative and being supportive of each other and pushing forward as a team. What he wants from LC, is reaching out to riders around community and involve people who aren't regular cyclists and doing more to promote active travel. What committee can expect from him is that he will work to support committee and also expects teamwork from group.

Derek: Guiding value is that Cat will get all support they need in role of co-chair. Another value is respect for each other and help for one another with shortfalls.

Derek suggests ideas need to be continuous and shared throughout the month and then brought to the meeting for finalizing. Derek is happy to go to meetings on behalf of LC.

Donna: Guiding value is that cycling is good for the body and soul. She believes a community of cyclists can do more than one person. Value is to make friends and have fun. She believes LC should value people and that everyone's opinion should count.

What she wants to do for HUB is organize events and encourage others.

Ingrid: Guiding value is to continue encouraging each other and for the LC to be persistent. It's a small group but the last 2 years a lot has been accomplished for Richmond.

Stephen: Stepping down as chair as he's gone between March-October. 2 outstanding items: Great Blue Herron Way: Updated proposal will be sent to new co-chair. Lansdowne Development: On Monday, Stephen is giving speech to City Council on Lansdowne Development. Please send comments on master plan to Stephen. Speaking on behalf of HUB in support of the Development.

Yvonne: Guiding values are being inclusive, supporting one another. She believes Richmond can improve immensely and be like Vancouver. She wants to see more group rides and people feeling comfortable – AAA.

ACTION: Review the LC starter pack which has information on how to run zoom meetings and other operational items. Save a copy on your drive. IF there are any additions please let HUB know.

Brainstorm regarding future Richmond/YVR Zoom meetings process

- What is working? Ideas for moving forward (allotting catch up/social time near the end of the meeting?)
- Blue sky ideas?
 - Derick/Cat/Ingrid: Social/Catchup time like in pre-COVID suggested. Meet up in an outdoor space when weather is better. Include social time at beginning or end of zoom meeting.
 - Cedric/Yvonne: Strong Agenda makes an effective meeting
 - Donna: meetings with executives and members at large but then also encourage attendance from general public in workshops or education topics
 - Stephen: 1 more booking left at community center to use as you like

Review & Approval of Minutes for Virtual Meeting held February 11, 2021

- [Minutes](#) for Feb 11, 2021 meeting

- Minutes will be posted on wiki in the future so that anyone can access minutes
- In Starter pack there are instructions on how to post to wiki

Items for discussion

- **Connecting more youth to cycling - Cedric**
 - Seeking advice on reaching out for more active transportation.
 - Derik: Message has to come from the school to encourage kids to bike/walk/roll. School could ask HUB to offer assistance to go get a group of kids who want to bike and accompany them. There are other groups, 'Safe Routes to Schools' who might have advice or support.
 - Donna: Legal/Insurance issues surrounding taking group rides with kids. If it's a school ride you need permission slips etc.
 - Cat: Maybe worth approaching this at a district level in order for them to promote
 - **ACTION:** Cathy A. to put him in touch with HUB Education Team
- **New townhouse developments and driveway access that shoots right onto the bike paths – Yvonne**
- Derick commented that in the community plan the city believes that all arterials will have bike lanes, although he is skeptical
- **Richmond LC Action Plan 2021**
 - Update Richmond LC Action Plan 2020 viewable [here](#)
 - **ACTION:** Update for April
- **TransLink onramp to southbound Highway 99**
 - Status unknown.
 - **ACTION:** Stephen to look for past communications.
- **Richmond Infrastructure Sub Committee**
 - GMC (George Massey Crossing/Connection) Working Group
 - Derek has no further update
 - Left turns on Westminster Hwy.
 - Pilot project underway at #7 which will have bike activated sensor when bike is using crosswalk. Bi-directional bike paths and danger at intersections.
 - Biggest problem is that when bikes get to intersection they are going against traffic since bi-directional bike lanes are only on one side of the street.
 - Left turns at intersections red lights
 - Sub Committee using for more red lights for left turns
- **Lansdowne Redevelopment Project**
 - Stephen to speak at the upcoming Richmond Council Meeting on 7pm, March 15th in support of this project.
 - Only problem with plan is multiway 2 way path that goes against traffic, so a vehicle turning left can't easily see a bike
 - **ACTION:** send any comments to Stephen by Monday afternoon
- **Draft business case for [Great Blue Heron Way](#)**

- D.Grigg, Infrastructure Planner for the GBHW seeking feedback from Richmond LC on business case.
- Email text from D.Grigg to Stephen available [here](#)
- **ACTION:** Cat to review documents

Derek updates:

- River Road Parkway opened - cars are now blocked. At moment it only goes to Cambie but will eventually go through to Capstone Way but are waiting on development to make them happen.
- Odlin Road will be completed soon
- Bike stenciling will also be updated/refreshed in spring in various places.

ITEMS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

City of Richmond News / RATC (3 mins)

May need to postpone till April meeting or follow up via email.

Assessment Rides and Reports

May need to postpone till April meeting or follow up via email.

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person assessment rides have been postponed
- Possible virtual tour: Woodward's Road from Railway Greenway to Parkside Trail. Oak St. Bridge virtual assessment ride - see below for link

#UnGapTheMap Updates

May need to postpone till April meeting or follow up via email.

HUB Cycling Notices and Upcoming Events

May need to postpone till April meeting or follow up via email.

Next meeting:

April 8, 2021, 7:00pm - 8:30pm via Zoom or in person if allowed and people feel comfortable. If you have items for the agenda, please email Richmond@bikehub.ca.