April 25th , 2012

VACC Vancouver/UBC Advocacy Committee

In attendance: Lisa, Jens, Gertjan, Henny, Arno, Clark, Stan, Neal, Rocky, Debra

1. March minutes unanimously approved.

2. Announcements:

* Saturday April 28th - Year of the Bike Party (launch “new” VACC/HUB) at Woodwards downtown
* May 1 – Members’ discount night at MEC Broadway
* June 25th- Velo-Talk – the VACC’s satellite event heading into Velo-city Global conference- limited registration. <http://vacc.bc.ca/news>
* Mike Vlasman is now the official online “greeter” for new/renewing local VACC members. We’re also open to anyone interested in organizing social events/rides etc

3. Assessment rides

* Rocky, Clark, and Heather to lead future assessment rides.
* Discussion of the problems created by cars pulling away from the curb on narrow greenway bike routes.
* Action: Rocky, Clark, and Heather to meet to plan strategy and timeline for assessment rides.
* Action: Rocky to draft letter to the city about VACC concerns about car movements on the Off Broadway bike route.

4. Letters to the city re: Rize and Little Mountain developments

* Action: Gertjan to complete a letter to the city about Rize.
* Action: Arno and Richard to draft a letter to the city about Little Mountain.

5. Arbutus Corridor

* Stan is working with the city and other stakeholder groups. He has spoken with Heather Deal and things are looking positive.

6. Broadway Corridor

* Henny circulated a draft response to the Broadway Corridor planning process.
* Action: Henny and Jens to tweak draft and send to Lisa to go out to the VACC committee for feedback. Henny to incorporate feedback into revised draft, ideally for next meeting

7. Clark’s presentation of exciting European cycling facilities

* Clark showed a slideshow of photos of cycling infrastructure from his recent trip to the Netherlands, Czech Republic, and Hungary.

8. Wiki

* Under construction currently. Nothing new to report.

9. UBC

* Jens reported that there have been issues with trucks staging on Marine Drive.

10. Public bike share

* Debra has spoken with Scott Edwards at the city. He says that a decision about whether the bike share will go ahead will likely occur in the next few months.
* Action: Bike share subcommittee to work with Erin to put together a proposal to work with the bike share provider (assuming the project goes ahead).

11. False Creek Flats/viaducts

* Action: Clark to check with COV re what happening re this area and next opportunities for review/feedback

12. North end of the Burrard Bridge intersection

* Action: Stan, Arno, and Richard to write a letter to the city about reported safety concerns and encourage COV to set swift timeline for improvements

13. Active Transportation Policy Council

* Lisa attended the first meeting on April 18th as an independent citizen.
* We are continuing to lobby for a designated VACC spot on this committee.

14. Second Narrows Bridge

* Nothing new to report.

15. Velo-city

* TransLink and Velo-city have contributed passes so that we will be able to attend and present our papers.

Some committee members then went for post-meeting drinks at the Fairview Pub; how about joining in next time?