



**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2016
18:30-20:00
HUB Office
1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Anthony, Richard, Kay, Jill, Brian (CoV), Dasha, Jill, Mathew (CoV), Suzanne, Stuart, Leslie, Jennifer (CoV), Kate (CoV), Menno, Clark.

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: Approved with Memorial Ride and Kits Beach Park open house added to the agenda.
3. Minutes from October 2016 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from July meeting		
1	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 to have them addressed by the City. (Note the Bike Vancouver email has been disabled.) Ongoing
2	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our Committee web page. Ongoing
3	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee needs more people in leadership roles in communications (committee newsletter/social media/emails) & other areas. Please talk to Jeff or email us at Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca if interested
4	<i>Jordon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Street Assessment ride. Outstanding (Jeff to follow up)
5	<i>Menno/Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send information on Chancellor Blvd Works Yard to Jeff. Complete
6	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a time & date for the NW Marine Dr. assessment ride.

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
 - Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee, and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents.
 - Open Houses for the 10th Ave Corridor Project – November 22nd, 23rd, 26th and 29th. **We need to support City Council and staff, as there has been some pushback on the changes due to parking.** Review the display boards and project history here: <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/10th-avenue-corridor-project.aspx> and send an email to mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca, cc to 10thavenue@vancouver.ca and cc to us at vancouver@bikehub.ca

- A cyclist was killed recently, and two other cyclists seriously injured, while riding on River Road in Richmond. There will be a “Ride and Remember” memorial ride through Stanley Park on Saturday, November 19th at 10 am. Meet at Ceperley Park.
- Help needed for the HUB booth at the Vancouver Bike Show – March 5th 2017, shifts from 10-2 and 2-6. Please see Jeff if you can help out.
- Kits Park bike path Open House and survey on November 29th. 4-6 pm, corner of Cornwall and Balsam

5. Presentation from City Planning Staff on 800 Robson St. (new plaza in front of the Art Gallery)

- This is the start of the conversation - looking for feedback before sending the emerging concept to council.
- Complex ownership in the area (Province, UBC, City, VAG): Specifically discussing Robson St between Howe St and Hornby St.
- Plaza Stewardship – governance, maintenance, funding model for creating a public space.
- Completed Phase I – information gathering.
- Now into Phase II more focused conversations around design and stewardship.
- On track for detailed design in early 2017.
- Aiming to have a workable plaza in the summer in time for the Jazz festival.
- Also looking at: intersection improvements, Hornby St bike lane made permanent, extending design principles north/south and east/west.
- Missing piece on Hornby St, by art gallery.
- Key Issues: accelerated schedule, managing expectations (heavily used space!), egress from law courts parking onto the Hornby St bike lane. The design is expected to help with some of these issues.
- Looking to streamline approach for using space.
- Very busy space! 1,000 bikes/day on average.
- Emerging Concept:
 - Inclusive space,
 - Flexible (level space),
 - Defined block ends,
 - Well managed and funded, and maintained,
 - Flexible and adaptive space,
 - New seating, lighting and public art,
 - Respect original architectural landscaping intent,
 - Improve connections to/from and through space,
 - Identifiable centre of the City.
- Discussion: Passage through and around, design elements, programming. How will cyclists be accommodated as Robson St is much more attractive for cycling than Georgia or Smithe St. Do we “signal” where you should bike? During an event, cycling through will not likely be possible. Still under discussion.

6. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		

Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). • Next ride: NW Marine Drive and Powell St. (Changes to Powell St are on the City's agenda.) • Feedback on SW Marine Drive has been consolidated and submitted to the City. 	Jeff: Pick a date for the NW Marine Drive assessment ride.
Seaside South (Stuart for Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. • Petition signatures added at BtWW. • Another possibility is to provide positive feedback about riding through Kits Park to the Parks Board, so they are aware of how important it is to cyclists. 	
Destination Streets (Jeff for Jordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This working group is advocating for infrastructure along the streets with a high concentration of businesses and shops, and working with businesses & business associations who often have concerns about bike lanes without knowing all the facts. • No updates on Main St. Ride report outstanding. • HUB now on Grandview/Woodlands Community Plan Stakeholder group: 'Complete Streets' on Commercial Drive was the main focus at recent meeting. • Two open houses overwhelmingly supported protected bike lanes on Commercial Drive. • Some very vocal Business Society members are opposed to protected bike lanes. 	Jeff: Follow up with Jordon on Main St.
Arbutus Greenway (Jeff for Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. • Temporary paved path under construction through to the southern terminus at Milton. 	

7. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights:
 - Transportation and Parking Stakeholder Group for the Grandview Woodland Community Plan – see above. The first project being discussed is a Complete Street on Commercial Drive.
 - 10th Ave Bike Route – Some lobby groups are pushing against the bikeway due to changes to on street parking, although the vast majority (96%) of parking in the area is off street and is operated by the hospital, not the City.
 - False Creek Flats – conversation is about the critical link between transportation planning and land use planning, building connections through the Flats, as well as the new arterial near Prior.
 - NE False Creek Sustainability workshop – focus on transportation alternatives for this new area.
 - Transportation 2040 Stakeholder Update Meeting:
 - City is working on a plan for an interim connection along Powell St to Wall St.
 - Electric vehicle support; should include electric bikes!

- New high tech hub (Digital District) west of Main St between 2nd and 7th Aves. Looking to improve cycling infrastructure to support workers of high tech tenants.

8. Bike Share Working Group (Jeff) No update this month See: <http://vancouverbikeshare.ca>

9. Communications (Jeff)

- Following up on our letter to the Park Board on connections at the south end of the Stanley Park Causeway. We now have a meeting planned in two weeks with a park planner to go through these connection issues in Stanley Park.

10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (ATPC) No report this month

11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff) No report this month.

12. Other Business:

- Bike Share will be sending out a survey to all members through Simon Fraser University.
- Some concerns have been expressed re BtWW posters not focused on safety. “Aspirational” posters; hard to find balance between safety and what ideally cycling would be like.

Meeting adjourned at 20:06

Next meeting: 17 January 2017. No meeting in December.

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc