

# HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 11 • 7:00-8:30PM

**Place:** Online via Google Meet

## **Google Meet Info**

[meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok](https://meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok)

Present: Donna Kwan, Jesse Li; Vincent Chiu, Victor Martinez, Kelvin Lee, Quincy Wong, Sheryl Atkinson, Anna Chow, Erzsi, Devyn Cairns, Derek Lai

## **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Check-in- name, pronouns; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome. New people:
  - Victor Martinez - registered with HUB more than a year ago, has been a member for quite a while, been wanting to join meetings for a while but had a scheduling conflict until recently. Lives in Richmond, prof @ Kwantlen Polytechnic. Commutes by bike for 4~5 years now, rain or shine
  - Kelvin Lee - new member of HUB, encouraged to join by Donna. Helping out with Energize Richmond Bike Tour
  - Erzsi - Also encouraged to join by Donna. Loves biking.

## **3. Items for Discussion**

- Bark Park assessment ride
  - Background: is an off-leash dog park along south dyke at No 3, concerns about conflict with cyclists, dog walkers unhappy with city staff suggestions
  - Jesse/Quincy/Sheryl toured the park + surrounding roads
  - Councilors may be visiting this week to get better understanding
  - Action item: compile report, doc shared by Jesse to group [here](#)
- Physician's Lunch tabling event
  - HUB was present for advocacy on April 8, trying to encourage physicians to partake more in cycling
  - Identified gaps in commutes, especially Gilbert Rd as staff would cycle from Vancouver to Richmond hospital
  - Many gaps are addressed by Richmond 15-yr plan
  - Action item: look at longer-term gaps, identify opportunities for rapid implementation
- Volunteers for Energize Richmond Bike Tour (Sat. May 11, 10:00-12:30)

- Kelvin/Erzsi are planning this tour to show why cycling and infrastructure are important
- Planned route: starting at Steveston tram with history tour from staff, passing Mill Creek rain catchers and other environmental infrastructure
- Sign up [here](#) to attend, or contact Kelvin/Erzsi if you want to volunteer to help
- Action item: Jesse to forward info to Cathy Acuna
- Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
  - Bark Park: city looking at widening trail around Crown Packaging, currently very narrow (<2m), property concerns
  - Steveston MUP: completed from No 4 to Shell, BC Hydro to relocate one pole, send feedback to Nathan Andrews
  - Midtown: planned route N/S from Granville to Steveston, prefer to avoid school grounds to avoid conflict
  - Island City Bike Tour - can sign up for it
  - April 17 -3-7pm - Capital Projects - City Hall
  - New bike counters in next few months
  - Secured visitor bike parking- Nathan will get report done later this year
  - May 11 - Public Works Open House
  - Bike map overhaul (summer)- will include dog park
  - Summer - improving road markings and signage. Question at RATC about type of paint marking preferences. Response - Any that's quicker.
    - Vincent - Netherlands - bike bridge separators - white triangles (curved?) that run along entire length of bike path
    - Quincy - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0F\\_hTGYa0Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0F_hTGYa0Y) (14:14 - spot where they show separators)
    - Sheryl - scooters in Stanley Park - geo-fencing recommended
  - Maze gates and bollards - are actively being removed. If you see any in your way, let Nathan or HUB/Jesse know. (Action)
- Go By Bike Week - group ride? - June 3-9
  - Donna - hook up with HUB Celebration Station - to get swag and refreshments
  - Devyn - June 8, Saturday for a ride. Celebration station at Canada Line Bridge, we could do a route bw Richmond and Vancouver
  - Donna - invite people from outside of area - had met at the golden tree trunk by Marine Drive (Gateway) and end at Garry Point Park. Route TBD. (Action - Devyn and Donna)

- Vincent - history of golden tree - to talk about old growth disappearing, the lumber industry and how it established this area -  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/douglas-coupland-vancouver-golden-tree-1.3710622>
      - Devyn - can meet there and go to Richmond
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
  - Not a lot pertaining to cycling. April 17 - meeting with BC Ferries. Discussion re: how BC Ferries can incorporate Blue Heron Way (as a tourist attraction), adjacent to Hwy 17. Also focus on Salish Sea, not only the stewardship of the land but also the sea in the region, important to Tsawassen First Nations.
    - Current survey about Terra Nova Park - open house this Saturday at the Red Barn. Can encourage ppl to cycle to this area. Hoping to incorporate First Nations historical and cultural hx. Sheryl suggested a First Nations garden. Slough in park. Also half a dozen buildings to renovate.
- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
- Announcement: Save the Date: BC Ferries Charting the Course Workshop, next phase (see Cathy Acuna's email) (Action - forward email to LC)
  - Vincent - hard to bike to ferry terminal. Have to wait to catch the bike bus on the hour.
  - Sheryl - met someone who biked over from Victoria - said that the bike infrastructure in Victoria is much better by the ferries.
  - Vincent - hard to put heavy e-bikes on buses.
    - Devyn - maybe without battery, would be lighter
- MOTI meeting and MOTI-related issues - see Cathy Acuna's email
  - Vincent - more advocacy needed, such as how to cycle to parks. Ability to get to hiking trails not built out, mainly reachable by car.
  - Jesse - MOTI is trying to make some intersections no-right-turn. Need better partnerships with municipalities
  - Devyn - Trans-Canada Trails - highway shoulder is considered part of the trail
  - Slower to get province to change vs local (smaller)
  - Vincent - anything else you know about MOTI jurisdiction?
    - (Devyn/Jesse)Highways/intersections with local roads and lands surrounding

- Oak St Bridge not great to bike on. Zigzags through residential area and through a fence opening. Path on bridge is tight, esp for two people to pass each other in the opposite direction.
- Moray Bridge - open, no barriers
  - Sheryl - David Gray - has been working on it
- Vincent - MOTI bike helmet laws. Netherlands - if you're wearing a helmet, cars drive closer to you. In Netherlands - they don't wear helmets. If MOTI can examine helmet use, that could reduce a barrier.
  - Sheryl - a lot of ER physicians will disagree with this
  - Donna - had a fall on black ice, helmet helped
  - Devyn - ppl should wear helmets but infrastructure should be built for those who don't wear them (Netherlands has better infrastructure)
  - Derek - Frances - cobblestone - slows down vehicles - is that intentional?
  - Devyn - bricks used at River Dr/Shell - used as a traffic-calming measure
    - Erzsi - these roads also last longer
- Committee Chair Election
  - Donna and Anna to step down
  - Jesse and Devyn now co-chairs!

## 5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send follow-up email with minutes
  - Emphasize in follow-up that they're looking for volunteers, contact Erzsi/Kelvin
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Jesse** - Contact Cathy to promote the Energize Richmond bike ride
- **Everyone** - compile/edit assessment ride report on Bark Park, doc shared by Jesse to group [here](#)
- **Jesse/Sheryl/Anna/Everyone?** - look at longer-term gaps, in Richmond's 15-year plan - identify opportunities for rapid implementation
- **Donna/Devyn** - develop route for Go by Bike week ride on June 8th, from Golden Tree on Marine Drive, Vancouver to Garry Point Park
- **Everyone** - if see maze gates or bollards, please let Nathan or HUB Richmond/Jesse know.

- **Anna** - create HUB LC Calendar
- **Anna** - forward BC Ferries workshop email to LC (done)

**6. Next meeting:** Thursday, May 9, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM in-person and online. If you have items for the agenda, please email [richmond@bikehub.ca](mailto:richmond@bikehub.ca)