

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday June 21 2023

Present: Jaqueline Brower, Andrei Chernykh, Uliana Chernykh, Tammy Dewar (left at 6:38 pm), Andrew Feltham (online), Shane Griffin, Damian Gyski (left at 7:36 pm), Madeline Gyski (left at 7:36 pm), Heidi Hizsa, Andrew Moss (arrived at 6:26 pm), Sarah Purdy, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:05 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions
- b) Check-In (Anticipated Activity by Bike)
- c) Review of Agenda & Minutes from Last Meeting – Review of Agenda. Approved.
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2. Advocacy

- a) 2023 Priority – Awareness, Understanding & Support of ATNP – Heidi gave an introduction to the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) and reading parties for new attendees.

Comments about the ATNP are encouraged in the Brain Dump document at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d_J19mWApblzGcMjR5IqFOx2BM21ihvn_M/edit#heading=h.motikmtktpoz

Damian would like to know the grades of official bike routes. Andrew F noted that all ages and abilities (AAA) bike routes must have a suitable grade. Members were concerned about the unsafe section of the BC Parkway along Stewardson Way by Fourteenth Avenue.

Action: Heidi will ask TransLink for an update on this section of the BC Parkway.

- b) Bike Parking – Madeline wants more covered bike racks at Ecole Glenbrook Middle School. Damian was informed by the City that no one on staff is responsible for managing bike rack requests.

Action: Heidi will create a document where people can indicate locations where bike racks are needed and will request more covered bike racks at Ecole Glenbrook Middle School (in particular by Seventh Avenue).

c) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – There was no new information regarding this item.

d) Community Bike Month & Community Bike Day Update - Messaging for Community Bike Month needs to be tweaked if the event happens again. Bicycling should not be referred to as a sport but as a mode of transportation. The photo used with the Community Bike Rides was intimidating for beginning cyclists.

e) Be Heard Surveys - 2024 Budget and E-Bike Share Feasibility (<https://www.beheardnewwest.ca/>) - The City is seeking input on its budget including its budget for the ATNP and the potential for an e-bike share program.

f) Youth Advocates - HUB-NW would like to support and facilitate youth groups such as the Monkey Rebels and the NWSS Environmental Club. Robert and Fulton have been leading bike rides for the Youth Centre Bike Club in June.

Action: Jaqueline will reach out to Ecole Glenbrook Middle School teacher Angela Jurgensen about inviting the Monkey Rebels to attend the New West Farmers Market with HUB-NW.

g) Strategy Meeting - HUB-NW's Discord has generated ideas about research-based strategies for advocacy. HUB Cycling has held All-Committee meetings regarding how to advocate. HUB-NW will contact Jonathan Mak about advocacy strategies.

h) Safe Routes to Schools - The City has safe walking route maps (see <https://www.newwestcity.ca/transportation/getting-around/school-travel-planning#best-walking-routes-to-school>) for all students in the district except for NWSS students. Andrei would like more action on getting students to bike to school.

Action: Shane will set up a channel in Discord for safe routes to NWSS and Damian will investigate whether safe routes to NWSS have been identified.

i) Stakeholder Safety Meeting re Brunette Avenue & East Columbia Street (Thursday June 22) - Heidi will attend the meeting, which concerns the pedestrian death near the intersection. Andrei suggested turning one of the road lanes along East Columbia Street into a bike path.

3. Activities

a) ATNP Reading Party #4 – A reading party for July is not anticipated. Heidi is planning a HUB-NW social gathering at Moodswing Bar sometime instead

b) ParticipACTION Community Bike Month - Community Bike Day takes place on Saturday June 24 in Moody Park.

c) New West Farmers Market (Thursday July 20) - HUB-NW will have a stall at the market.

d) Bike Social with Council for NWSS Connector – The event is no longer a priority and has been deferred.

Adjourned: 7:44 pm

Next Meeting: Saturday August 26: meeting (11 am - noon) and potluck (noon - 2 pm) in Moody Park