



HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday November 24, 2021

Present: Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Jonathan Mak (Community Organizer, HUB), Andrew Moss, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:30 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add Go by Bike Week Spring and Road Markings on Tenth Street to the agenda. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (October 27, 2021) – Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – Shane posted on HUB-NW's Facebook page.

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – Brad reviewed Mike Anderson's email response to HUB-NW's priorities letter. Mike recognizes that road markings on Tenth Street are incomplete. Andrew F doesn't think the City understands the traffic calming issue around Glenbrook Middle School but the City responded quickly after receiving a letter from Garey's school-aged daughter by switching the direction of stop signs (from Seventh Avenue to Colborne Street) and by placing 30 km/hr speed limit road markings on Seventh Avenue and flexi-bollards by the school. Robert noted that drivers were turning left and heading east onto Seventh Avenue from Sixth Street due to a prohibition to left turns onto Sixth Avenue. Shane feels the issue could be resolved when the City implements a scramble intersection at Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue.

Brad suggested that HUB-NW discuss Third Avenue an official east/west bike route be discussed in a future meeting. Brad also noted that the City seems to have altered the North Road bike path that makes it less safe for cyclists.

Action: Garey will contact TransLink to ask about the progress on the fixing the unsafe portion of the BC Parkway along Stewardson Way and Erica of Parks & Recreation regarding improvements to the Stewardson Way Pedestrian Overpass.

Action: Brad will contact Mike to clarify the City's plans for traffic calming (and suggest a diversion) along Seventh Avenue and for prioritizing cyclists at the Fifth Street/Third Avenue intersection and to request an interim solution for Carnarvon Street (west of Eighth Street).

- b) Uptown Active Transportation Improvements – The City released its engagement summary report. A bike route to New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) along Sixth Street was the most favoured option.

Action: Garey will write a letter to the City indicating that HUB-NW does not support Option 1 (1A or 1B), which uses the alley, to connect the entrance of NWSS to the Crosstown Bike Route.

- c) Qayqayt School Connection – No new developments.

d) Memorialization Park/Former NWSS Grounds – No new developments.

Action: Fulton will contact the School Board to offer HUB's expertise regarding a multi-user path through the park (and emphasize the importance of the multi-user path through the park).

e) Agnes Greenway Update – Garey is seeking feedback on his letter that outlines concerns with the route and suggests route options that avoid Lorne Avenue.

f) Uptown 6th Street Public Realm Improvements – Several members participated in the consultation (see <https://www.beheardnewwest.ca/uptownstreets>).

g) Road Markings on Tenth Street – Sharrows are needed between Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue and a center line is needed between London Street and Eighth Avenue. The City is aware of the need for sharrows.

Action: Shane will use See Click Fix to request the center line.

3. Activities

a) All-Committee Workshop (Thursday October 28) – Robert attended the workshop and raised concerns with the reluctance of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to share its design plans for feedback. Alison Gu, a cyclist and a Burnaby Councillor, attended the workshop.

Jonathan asked for topic suggestions for future HUB workshops.

b) Go by Bike Week Spring – Karon Trenaman, Road Safety & Community Coordinator for ICBC, who has sponsored Bike to Work Week / Go by Bike Week stations in New Westminster offered to sponsor a station at New Westminster Secondary School during Go by Bike Week in the Spring.

Adjourned: 8:13 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday January 26, 2022