

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday May 17, 2023

Present: Jaqueline Brower, Garey Carlson (left at 6:57), Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa, Andrew Moss, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:12 PM

1. Meeting Openers

a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions

b) Check-In (Bike Ride)

c) Review of Agenda & Minutes from Last Meeting – Review of Agenda. Add Social Event with City Councilors Update/Planning. Approved.

Review of Minutes. Approved.

2. Advocacy

a) 2023 Priority – Awareness, Understanding & Support of ATNP – At the most recent ATNP Reading Party, it was discovered that the ATNP includes detailed maps in the appendices and the City has proposed some projects that weren't on the radar of HUB-NW. Comments about the plan have been posted in the ATNP Brain Dump document at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d_J19mWApblzGcMjR5IgFOx2BM21ihvn_M/edit#heading=h.motikmktpoz

b) t̄m̄əsew̄tx^w Active User Entrance & Crosstown Greenway – The Walkers' Caucus has sent the letter raising issues with the site amenities for pedestrians and cyclists. Heidi endorsed the letter on behalf of HUB-NW.

c) Bike Parking – The City's Contact Us webpage at

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/services/online-forms/contact-us> can be used to request new bike parking racks.

d) Snow Management Letter – The letter has been sent.

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

Action: Andrew F will reach out for an update and Heidi will connect Andrew F with the Parents Cargo Bike Group.

f) Earth Day Bike Ride (Saturday April 22) - The event was well attended.

g) Meeting with Mayor Patrick Johnstone Recap - Members were pleased to hear about the City's desire to connect Pier Park and Sapperton Landing Park.

Shane wants to know whether cyclists need to stop if there is a green light (heading west at 7th Avenue and 8th Street). Shane would like bicycle signals to be closer to where cyclists stop as in Europe.

Heidi noted that advocacy has tended to focus on issues with current facilities rather than looking forward at what optimal facilities would look like. Active transportation is a keystone issue that improves well-being in multiple ways.

h) Ungap the Map Ride? – Heidi suggested setting Ungap the Map aside for now due to other priorities and because the City may have used Ungap the Map to inform the ATNP.

3. Activities

a) ATNP Reading Party #4 – The next ATNP Reading Party will take place sometime in July.

b) Hyack Parade (Saturday May 27) – HUB-NW will participate in the parade. So far, 22 people have committed to joining HUB-NW in the parade.

c) Go by Bike Week (Monday May 29 - Sunday June 4) – Two stations are planned for New Westminister: a station at Royal Columbian Hospital (noon to 2 pm) on Wednesday May 31 and a station at New Westminister Secondary School (3 pm to 5 pm) also on Wednesday May 31. Robert is volunteering at the stations.

Action: Fulton will send a note asking people to volunteer for Go by Bike Week (at <https://bikehub.ca/civCRM/event/info?reset=1&id=774>).

d) ParticipACTION Community Bike Month - HUB-NW, Gordon Hobbs of Cap's Bicycle Shop, the City of New Westminister and the Welcome Centre at NWSS are collaborating on a series of free cycling events in May and June. For the list of the events and registration information, see www.newwestcity.ca/bike-month.

e) Social Event with City Councilors Update/Planning – HUB-NW will proceed with the social event that includes a short bike ride along the NWSS Cycling Connector.

Action: Heidi will contact the Mayor & Council on their preferred date for the social event.

Action: Fulton will contact the New West Farmers Market about having a table.

There is new bike infrastructure in the Edmonds area of Burnaby.

Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Hybrid Meeting: Wednesday June 21 at 6 pm virtually on Discord and in the Ash Street Room of the New Westminister Public Library