

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday June 19, 2024

Present: Andrew Feltham (online), Shane Griffin, Damian Gyski, Heidi Hizsa, Deb Hughes, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong, Fadi and Lucia (online)

Call to order: 6:06 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions
- b) Check-In - Summer plans
- c) Review of Agenda - Completed

2. Advocacy

a) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - Andrew met with Tammy Dewar, the vice-principal of Queen Elizabeth Elementary School regarding the report.

b) Youth Advocates - Damian organised a Bike to School Week event at Skwo:wech Elementary School where there were 30 to 40 bikes per day during the week. The kids enjoyed getting spoke beads, which were funded by the PAC, but many showed up without bike locks.

New Westminster Secondary School hosted Bike to School Week events including a Celebration Station that included free ice-cream funded by HUB.

Tammy Dewar organised a Bike to School Week event at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School.

Ella Durning, President of the NWSS Environment Club, is graduating. Jaqueline is in touch with Ella's successor.

c) Construction & Flagging Issues - Anne Murray of HUB's Regional Advisory Committee had no information about the issue. The City has guidelines but contractors are not following the guidelines and the City is not enforcing the guidelines regularly. The City needs a project inspector. Shane noted issues with the construction on 7th Avenue including poor signage for cyclists. Contractors need incentives to follow the guidelines. Flaggers are required to be certified and should be reported if they are not doing their jobs.

Action: Fadi will contact a City employee in insurance and risk mitigation about the issue.

d) Sociable Tandem Bike - No new information

e) Pathway between Hume Park and Braid Station - No new information

f) New to New West Event (Saturday June 8) - HUB-NW had a community table at the event. It was a good opportunity to engage with newcomers, who were not necessarily cyclists. Gordon and Fulton also used the event to distribute some of the bicycles that Gordon has been collecting and refurbishing. One solution for diverting bicycles from the waste centres is getting Recycle BC to indicate which organisations would like second-hand bicycles.

Action: Everyone will talk with City or School District representatives about getting some of the bicycles being dropped off at the United Boulevard.

g) Active Transportation Summit (Tuesday June 18 and Wednesday June 19) - Andrew participated in the bike ride organised by the summit. The ride used e-bikes and visited NWSS and Lord Kelvin Elementary School. Many of the e-bikes blew fuses when going uphill in New Westminster.

h) Summer Meetings/Socials - HUB-NW did not book the Ash Street Room in July and August. Instead of regular meetings, HUB-NW will have a bike ride on Wednesday July 17 and a potluck picnic at Moody Park on Wednesday August 21.

Action: Fulton will send out an email to gather suggestions for the route of the bike ride.

3. Activities

a) New West Farmers Market - HUB-NW will have a community booth on Thursday June 27 (3 pm to 7 pm). Gordon Hobbis will serve as a bike mechanic at the event.

b) July Meeting - See above.

c) August Meeting - See above.

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 18 at 6 pm