

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday April 17, 2024

Present: Brad Barber, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (online), Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes)

Call to order: 6:11 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions
- b) Check-In - Heidi's cycling/hiking trip in Bellingham
- c) Review of Agenda - Completed

2. Advocacy

a) 2024 Priorities/Projects – Damian gave an update on his projects. He received feedback on his Cycling Routes to NWSS document from the Environmental Club. The NWPD has offered him swag bags for the Bike to School Week event that he is organizing at Skwo:wech Elementary School. He plans to use the school newsletter to promote the event and to field questions about the event from parents. He is also volunteering with HUB-Burnaby at the Decathlon opening at Metrotown.

Gavin Hermanson, CoNW Transportation Planner is expected to attend the May meeting to give an update about the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP). Brad suggested having a list of questions for Gavin. He also noted that cycling connections from the New Westminster SkyTrain Station to 10th Avenue and to River Market via the McInnes Overpass are missing in the ATNP.

Action: Heidi will ensure that Gavin has access to HUB-NW's Brain Dump document regarding the ATNP and will ask attendees to come up with two questions for the next meeting.

b) Present at Council in Support of Active Transportation Network Plan - A presentation is no longer needed given that Council has passed the budget for the ATNP.

c) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - No new information.

d) Youth Advocates - HUB-NW members will meet with the NWSS's Environmental Club to plan Bike to School Week events on Sunday April 21.

e) Construction & Flagging Issues - Anne Murray, HUB Board Member will reach out to HUB's Regional Advisory Committee to investigate the issue of contractors not following municipal guidelines when construction impacts bike routes.

f) Sociable Tandem Bike - No new information

g) Pathway between Hume Park and Braid Station (behind Amazon facility) - Eden Rose is investigating a bike route on the north side of the Brunette River with other HUB-NW members. Such a route is not the jurisdiction of New Westminster and is not being considered by the City of Coquitlam. The Sapperton Green project, which includes improving a section of the Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway, has been postponed indefinitely.

3. Activities

a) Earth Day Ride (Sunday April 21) - The ride starts at 11 am at the Treats in Queen's Park. Fulton will lead the ride. Volunteer sweeps are required for the ride.

b) Meeting with Gavin Hermanson, City Planner (Wednesday May 15) - Discussed above.

c) Hyack Parade (Saturday May 25) - HUB-NW has registered for the parade.

Action: Fulton will send out information about how people can join HUB-NW in the parade.

d) Community Bike Month - HUB-NW did not get the ParticipACTION grant. The City has put a notice about the bike donation drive in its Active Living Guide and on its online Calendar of Events. Brad offered to help with cleaning/repairing bikes. Heidi suggested contacting Adam Wasik to see if he and students of John Knox could help as well.

Action: Fulton will contact Gordon to see if he needs help with repairing bikes and will update HUB-NW's Facebook page about the need for unused bicycles .

e) Go by Bike Week (Monday June 3 - Sunday June 9) and Bike to School Week (Monday June 3 - Friday June 7) - No new information.

f) Active Transportation Summit (Tuesday June 18 & Wednesday June 19) - HUB Central may be able to pay for HUB-NW members to attend the event, which takes place at the Anvil Centre.

Action: Heidi will contact HUB Central to confirm support to attend the event.

Adjourned: 7:17 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 15 at 6 pm