

## NOTES – Planning & Development

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### Meeting Notes October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Lynda Hurst (Chair), Ian Marcuse, Dan Fass, John Flipse, Bruce Macdonald, Ray Spaxman, Penny Street, Bette Murphy, Sam Mohamad-Khany

**REGRETS:** Bev Seed, Adam Potvin, Tammy Schulz, Dan Freeman

**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Hai Truong (Note Taker), Lorrie Wager

**GUESTS:** Ali Armanowski, Sarah Cunningham

#### 1) Review of Notes from previous meeting

**MOTION:** To approve the Notes from the Planning and Development meeting of September 23, 2010.

Ray Spaxman/Sam Mohamad-Khany

CARRIED

#### 2) Marta Farevaag – Consultant Report Back

Marta provided two handouts. One was concerning preparations the consultants are making for the October 18<sup>th</sup> Partners Workshop, and the other was a revised chart for the Master Plan Process.

Two items were revised in the chart. First, the Workshop is now being referred to as the Partners Workshop, and second, the summary and revisions of the Partners Workshop will go through the Planning and Development Committee before it goes to the Britannia Board and to the Launch event on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Updates: The consultants have already met with all the partners except for the Vancouver School Board (Vancouver Board of Education). They will meet with Steve Cardwell next week and report back.

Preparation for the Partners Workshop: Britannia Community Centre needs to appoint four representatives to attend the Partners Workshop, which will be on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Process of the Partners Workshop: The morning will be an information-sharing process. Britannia Community Centre, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Public Library, and Vancouver City Planning will each present their mandate, vision, and work that has been done thus far. The consultants' team will also present on the state of the site and on their preliminary findings and ideas. Each group will take half an hour to an hour to present. After that, everybody will break for lunch. In the afternoon, everybody will break into two or three groups to talk about opportunities and to discuss the issues that came up in the morning session. The ideas generated in the afternoon session will contribute to the consultants' draft report.

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Partner Representatives who will be attending the Workshop: Danica Djurkovic and Terry Walton will be representing VPB, Daphne Wood and Cathy Wang will be representing VPL. Vancouver School Board representatives are not yet confirmed; it was, however, suggested that Bev Seed, principal at Britannia Secondary, should participate in the workshop because she has so much knowledge and experience of the Britannia site and the families that live in the neighbourhood.

ACTION: Cynthia will invite Bev Seed to the Partners Workshop.

Sam Mohamad-Khany will also be at the workshop. He will do a short presentation describing SCARP's involvement with Britannia. He will address the concerns people have raised with some of the SCARP students' proposals for the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood and for Britannia.

ACTION: Sam will bring the SCARP chart to next meeting.

News from VPB: The Planning Department is looking into renovating one of the Park Board Community Centres. They are currently considering Kensington Community Centre, Templeton Community Centre, Hastings Community Centre and Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre. Britannia is not on the list because it is not considered a Park Board community centre. Britannia is often left out of consideration by the VPB because of our unique relationship to the City. Danika Djurkovic did come to Britannia recently to survey the site, and Cynthia met with her and showed her around.

### 3) Communication Working Group Report Back

The Launch Preparation: Mike Harcourt is only available Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The Launch will be in the AML. Tammy Schulz will be helping draft the script for Ray Gallagher, president of the Britannia Board, who will be the emcee. Guests will be arriving between 2pm and 3pm. The actual event will take place from 3pm to 5pm. John Flipse is in charge of the food. There are a few videos that need to be reviewed and approved by the Board.

ACTION: There will be a screening of the videos at the next meeting. It will be at 9:00pm. Cynthia will also make a few extra copies of the videos so that people who prefer to view the videos at home can borrow one.

ACTION: Communication group will send out a task list and will take volunteers.

The Planning & Development Bulletin: Bulletin #2 is completed and ready for distribution. Penny and Adam provided a list of potential distribution sites. This edition of the flyer is to be printed on pink paper.

ACTION: Cynthia and Lynda are in charge of distribution.

Decision about Representatives to attend the Partners Workshop: It was suggested by Cynthia that the four Board members, Bruce, Penny, Tammy and Lynda, should be represent the committee at the workshop. Dan, Ray, and Bette said that they would also like to be at the workshop. Various concerns and opinions were expressed.

The following people are interested in attending the workshop: Bruce Macdonald, Dan Fass,

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Ray Spaxman, Penny Street, Lynda Hurst, Tammy Schulz, Cynthia Low, Sam Mohamad-Khany, and Bette Murphy.

MOTION: Lynda and Cynthia will consult with Marta Farevaag and the Britannia Board to decide how many people should represent the Planning & Development Committee at the Partners Workshop and who they should be.

Ray Spaxman/Dan Fass

CARRIED

### **4) Discussion regarding the use of Robert's Rules for future meetings**

Tabled to next meeting

### **5) Issues raised by GWAC**

MOTION: To take meeting to 9:25pm to discuss the last item.

Dan Fass/Bruce Macdonald

CARRIED

Dan's letters (endorsed by GWAC directors) and his more recent memo (with motions, attached) were discussed. His issues have to do with the possibility that housing on the Britannia site will be included as part of the Master Plan, and if it is, that it will likely employ a P3 funding model, which Dan views as potentially disastrous. He expressed concern that the proposal to build housing on Britannia site was considered as a part of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Charrette, and that one of the questions on the SurveyMonkey survey, concerning the idea of on-site housing, was phrased in a "leading" way. He also wants to ensure that geothermal heating and cooling and other environmental features are considered in the new Master Plan.

His other concerns are that the March 6<sup>th</sup> Charrette was videotaped and that there is not adequate information about the Planning & Development Committee's activities (visioning, Master Planning, etc.) on the Britannia Web Site.

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### **Notes from Discussion pertaining to Dan Fass's Memo and Motions**

Discussion regarding the "presentation" Dan Fass planned to give at the Planning & Development Committee.

- There was a debate on how much more time should be allowed for the issues raised by GWAC. The discussion was to begin at 8:15 pm and continue until 8:45 but was delayed due to previous items on the agenda. It was agreed that this item would wrap up at 9:25 pm
- Lynda shared her disappointment with Dan that he felt the need to go to the Board of Management with his "concerns" about the committee. It was also pointed out to Dan that whatever motion was passed here would be revised and perhaps overturned by the Board. She also pointed out that Dan's letter is already on the agenda for next Wednesday's Board meeting.
- Dan explained to those members remaining how the discussion should proceed, pointing to which motions should be discussed and offered to explain each item. He started to read his three-page memo to the committee.
- Reading the memo aloud was overruled by other committee members since they had all read it. It was suggested that we move on and immediately address the motions.
- Dan argued that the questions in the survey pertaining to housing were "leading" questions.
- Penny suggested that the way in which the questions were posed was to inspire people and to get discussion going in the community. The questionnaire stated numerous times that the questions and choices were not exhaustive but to get people thinking about pertinent issues.
- Bruce stated that he supported the concept of housing at Britannia, that the idea was exciting and it is about the vision for the future. Bruce challenged Dan's charge of "leading question". He said it was not leading.
- Dan suggested that the results of the SurveyMonkey survey, in which 17 people supporting social housing, be stricken from the records because the question on the survey was a "leading question," therefore clouding the judgment of the responders.
- Lynda asked if Dan was implying that those who agreed with the survey questions regarding the concept of social housing were unable to think for themselves.
- Ray suggested that Dan constantly demanded that his opinion be heard and that only his opinion must be the right one.
- Bette suggested that all the information must be gathered.
- Dan implied that if we voted against his motions he would "take action" on behalf of GWAC.
- Ray countered that it really didn't matter what the committee did because if we did not vote with him on his motion he would announce to the world that we were "against Motherhood as well"...

**Motion 1**, regarding neutral balanced presentation of issues... (as presented by Dan Fass in a 3-page memo, attached): 2 for and 5 against. Motion Defeated.

**Motion 2**, regarding consultation... includes consideration of and feedback from those consulted, about different funding sources...P3s (as presented by Dan Fass in a 3-page memo, attached): 3 for, one abstention, and 4 against. Motion Defeated.

**6) Next Meeting is Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:00pm.**