

**Meeting Notes  
June 9th, 2011  
7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Dan Fass (Chair), Sarah Cullingham, Lynda Hurst, Ray Spaxman, Sophia Matthew, Helen Spaxman, Bruce Macdonald

**REGRETS:** Bev Seed, Cathy Wang, Gretchen Brown, Bette Murphy, Sam Mohamad-Khany, Mike Lemon, John Flipse, Dan Freeman

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

**GUESTS:** David Parent

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm**

**1) Introductions**

**2) Review Agenda**

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
Sarah Cullingham/Sophia Matthew

**CARRIED**

**3) Review notes from previous meeting**

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE NOTES OF MAY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
Ray Spaxman/Sophia Matthew

**CARRIED**

**4) Report Back on Partner Workshop**

Ray Spaxman reported back from the Partner Workshop. Park Board was absent. VPL, COV and VSB were very positive. Our partners encourage us to proceed with our plan.

**5) Bruce's Report: Why "Synergy" is Important**

Definition of Synergy (wikipedia): may be defined as two or more things functioning together to produce a result not independently obtainable.

History: back in the 1950s, the City of Vancouver was a top down structure. Three thousand people in Strathcona area were evicted from their homes so the city could built a six lane freeway. People banded together to fight it. Mary Chan was the person who rallied people together.

Jane Jacob stated that North American cities are designed for cars and not for people. She believed that in order to have a successful community the structure should have the following: mixed use (to make things more interesting), more walk-ability, human scale, higher density, combination of new and older buildings. This is the synergy model.

## **NOTES – Planning & Development**

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Britannia was the first centre to use the synergy model. We should get more credit for our ingenuity. We were also the first centre that used bottom up involvement.

Britannia is facing new challenges. One is an aging demographic resulting in low enrollment in our school. Another challenge is the difficulty in navigating the site. However, despite the challenges in our institution, we need to push forward the Britannia model that emphasizes partnership and co-location.

### **6) Activity Mapping**

Ray presented about activity mapping (please see hand out)

His activity maps illustrate how people use and move around the site throughout the day.

### **7) Report Back on Park Board Meeting**

Roger Hughes and his team presented the aquatic plan to the Park Board commissioners. He also broke down the cost of a stand-alone outdoor pool and a stand-alone indoor pool. Commissioner Constance Barnes requested an inventory of the operating cost of Britannia pool.

### **8) Communications Working Group Report**

Sarah presented the new posters and hand-outs. She handed out a sign up sheet for up coming events. Our open house will be July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm in the Activity Room. Sarah will contact the Carnival Band about providing entertainment.

Communication Working Group next meeting is Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **9) Review Work Plan**

Sarah will revise the work plan after Cynthia talks to Michel Desrochers.

Sarah will be leaving August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will need a succession plan for when Sarah leaves. She will be back in January.

It would be nice to have the presence of the committee at the up coming open house.

There are three new board members who have expressed interest in joining the committee.

### **10) Other Items**

Suggestion: The committee should invite more advocacy speakers to future meetings.

### **11) Adjourn 8:50pm**