

**Meeting Notes
Thursday, February 9, 2012
7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

Present: Dan Fass (Chair), Lynda Hurst, Sarah Cullingham, John Flipse, Jay Aikenhead, Elizabeth Murphy

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

Guests: Nathan Edelson, Carol Ranger, Alex Wallace, Norma-Jean McLaren, Jason Blackman, Teresa Diewert, Ann Daskal

Regrets: Helen Spaxman, Penny Street, Dan Freeman

1) Introductions

2) Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2012.

Lynda Hurst/John Flipse

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3) Meeting Notes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING NOTES OF JANUARY 12, 2012.

Lynda Hurst/Sarah Cullingham

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4) Presentation from Nathan Edelson on Community Plan

Nathan said that conducting polls and surveys can be tricky. Wording the questions can be difficult, and then you have to translate those questions into different languages and get them out to everybody. Statistics are great tools to explain things, but they do not tell a story or reveal the person behind that story. In addition, statistical data sometime does not represent the community as a whole. It can be very difficult to reach some groups with polls and surveys, for example, it is very difficult to reach immigrants and low income families.

Stories are important. It is important that people are given the space and the opportunity to tell their stories. One way to engage adults is through their children; for example, give children cameras and ask them to take a picture of something they love about their community, something they hate about their community, and something about their community that gives them hope.

If you are going to have a community plan, it is important to have an honest process.

NOTES – Planning & Development

5. Community Plan Update

Dan Fass reported back from the last meeting about the Community Plan, which was an Open House on 31 January. Andrew Pask has collected feedback from various groups in Grandview-Woodland. A Grandview-Woodland Terms of Reference document will be going to Council.

6. Eastern Core Strategy Update

The Eastern Core Strategy was supposed to have had a workshop in December but it got pushed back to January but January came and went and nothing has happened. Dan Fass and Penny Street will keep us posted.

7. Work Plan

Cynthia went over the work plan. She suggested that we should host several festivals over the spring and summer to engage the public. One suggestion is local artists doing an environmental art project. Another is having a presentation about energy conservation on the Britannia site. Britannia might also do a video project on its BASH program.

8. Other Business

Invite Kate Purkins (Trout Lake Community Centre) and Cameron Gray (Former Director of Housing Centre) as key speaker to future meeting.

9. Adjourn at 9:00pm

Next P&D Committee Meeting: 7PM Thursday March 8, 2012.