

### Meeting Notes Thursday, July 10, 2014 6:00 pm in the Conference Room

**Present:** Susanne Dahlin (Chair), Meseret Taye, Bette Murphy, Morna McLeod, Jane Sheil, Ken Paquette, Mary Spoto Kibbe, Vicki Scully.

**Staff:** Hai Truong (Note Taker), Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky

#### 1) Welcome and Introductions

#### 2) Draft 2015-2018 City Capital Plan – discussion & implications to the Society

Britannia Community Centre has been identified as in need of a renewal and a key priority for the next Capital Plan. The renewal plan is a large scale project and will be completed over two or three Capital Plans. The initial phase of renewal will focus on the portion of the site which contains the swimming pool, fitness centre, Gym C building and the info centre. The first step for the City will be preparing conceptual options in consultation with Grandview-Woodland residents and businesses, service providers at Britannia and the School Board. This consultation will be integrated into the broader community planning process underway in Grandview-Woodland. The first phase of renewal is expected to start in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan period, following a thorough consultation process, and be completed during the first half of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan. This first phase of renewal is anticipated to require an investment of \$75 to \$100 million over two Capital Plans. It was recommended that an allocation of \$25 million be included in the 2015-2018 Capital Plan.

The last consultation in this neighbourhood was very low. There were maybe 50 in person and 800 online responses. Britannia needs to engage the local residents and get them involved with the consultation process. If the family cannot come to the consultations, we should come to them and provide them as much information as possible. We also need to involve ourselves with the planning process. The Planning and Development committee should come up with the concept. We should work closely with our partners and the City. We need to be in the driver's seat.

#### 3) Review of 2007 Facilities Master Plan

The renewal process started in the late 1990's. There was a needs assessment done in 2005, and this was the ground work for the 2007 Facility Master Plan. DGBK Architects and the consultant team were retained by Britannia to prepare a facilities master plan. The purpose of this master planning exercise is to provide the facilities management with a guideline to meet the evolving needs of the community. The document identifies changes in the requirements of services provided by the community centre and to meet the needs of the community in coming years. In the plan, there was an assessment of the current physical conditions of the buildings at the community centre. The 2007 Facility Master Plan wants to retain the old footprint. Britannia wants to keep the old plaza but with more green space and a clearly marked entrance.

## **NOTES – Planning & Development**

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However, we are to have two new buildings, the info centre and the senior building. The senior's building is to have another floor for the art program. This new floor would be a new media centre that can hold 50 to 100 people. The 2007 Master Plan went through many processes between 2007 and 2010, but never made it on the City Capital Plan.

### **4) Review of 2011 Strategic Master Plan (Roger Hughes)**

The 2011 Strategic Master Plan built on the 2007 Facilities Master Plan. While the old 2007 Facilities Master Plan focuses mainly on the Art Centre, the new 2011 Strategic Master Plan focuses mainly on the swimming pool, fitness centre and ice skating rink. Our swimming pool is at the end of its lifecycle; the heating tank can crack at anytime. Several concepts of the new swimming pool were looked at. One design was a more transparent structure where more natural light's able to enter the facility. Another design has an outdoor component connected to the pool where it can be open during the summer months. This outdoor component would be where the high school science wing is now. The science wing is getting old and the VSB doesn't want to renew it. Enrolment is down and the space is no longer needed. In addition, VSB is not willing to put any more money into the existing facilities. However, they are willing to do a land swap with the City. The renovation of the swimming pool would have several phases to minimize the interruption of services.

The 2011 Strategic Master Plan also looked at opening up the site so we can have the view of downtown and Grandview Park. The Britannia High School track and field would get rebuilt to have a proper size. The High School would also open up the old heritage building and have it as the main feature. In the new plan, Britannia would have a front street presence. One of the designs would have the Vancouver Public Library and the Info Centre on Commercial Drive.

### **5) Next Steps**

Planning and Development committee needs to start the consultation process. But first, Britannia needs to meet with our partners and make sure that they are informed and on board with the plan. Then we need to mobilize our community to push the plan forward. Cynthia is going to meet with the Board on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to inform them and get direction from them. We could start a consultation with key players. There are also some local groups like REACH, GWAC and Britannia PAC that we could sit down with. The P&D committee could put together a package. We are going to need to meet every two weeks. There is a lot of work to be done.

### **6) Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.