

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
November 5, 2009, 6:30-9:00 pm — Conference Room

Present:

Randi Gurholt-Seary, Barry Skillin, Lynda Hurst, Ann Daskal, Eva Sharell, Bruce MacDonald, Cynthia Low, Sarah Gillett & Robin Mills (SCARP Consultants), Maida Brown (Urban Design), Ray Spaxman (retired Director of Planning), Peter Birch (Senior City Planner lead for Mount Pleasant)

Update of Planning Activities

- Tues. Committee went to UBC to discuss student planning for Britannia and Grandview Woodland - Blog website: www.wix.com/BritanniaSCARP/vision

Peter Birch, Planner, City of Vancouver

Presented planning model used for Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant City Planning Process

- Refine and apply to other neighbourhood planning processes
- Mount Pleasant area: Broadway west uptown, Broadway & Fraser
- Issues to consider;
 - Apartments and rental
 - Residential shopping
 - Social issues social planner attached to team
 - Four key social issues expected from community: Received 12 and counting

4 Steps over 30 months

- 1.) Start up and getting in touch
 - Spread the word
 - Community group
 - Feedback on community priorities
 - Get participation in process
 - Hold kick-off community plan fair
 - 1000 people over the course of a weekend
- 2.) Sub Area and Community Action Plans
 - Form community liaison group
 - Charrette's
 - Workshops to create residential area plans
 - Social issues: drug & sex trade, safety & security etc.
 - Identify housing, traffic parks etc.
 - Dana Walker is the social planner
 - Weekends get better turnout
- 3.) Set community-wide directions & options
 - Additional greenery & street furniture housing

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- Social housing Broadway & Fraser contentions
- Solution to accommodate people's concerns
- Surveys: 30 languages @ Mount Pleasant Elementary
- Focus groups; dialogue with homeless

4.) Completing the community plan

Mount Pleasant Community Plan

- Shopping area plans
- Residential area plans
- Community action plans
- Community-wide policies

Recommendations for planning for a site the size of Britannia as Grandview Woodland is up next for local area plan

- Note that Britannia is a special site in area
- Move forward in some detail; consider physical, social and economic needs
- Capital Plan
- Local use plan
- City suggested a needs assessment; still the right program for the neighbourhood
- Master Plan has gaps that should be clarify
- Ongoing conversations with VSB and City planning departments
- Limitations of what is possible
- Who's missing from discussion?
- What fits with what the city wants to do with culture, housing
- When to connect with city and with whom - what questions?

**Ray Spaxman, Retired Director of Planning for the City of Vancouver
Community Volunteer**

Provided recommendations;

- Committee requires a clear vision and plan
- How much can the Master Plan be changed
- Tour groups that came here long ago to see how successful & innovative we are
- Battling things through
- Map of contacts of community members
- We should be leaving each meeting with a list of things to do
- Everybody will come once we generate interest
- Outreach to partnership: school boards, council
- Put a map on wall and start marking it up with ideas