

Meeting Notes Thursday, January 10, 2013 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Present: Dan Fass (Chair), Michael Brigham (Guest), Meseret Taye, David Parent, Penny Street, Helen Spaxman,

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

1) Approval of Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2013 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE WALDORF AND BRITANNIA CENTRE CANDIDATES FORUM FOR 2013 PROVINCIAL ELECTION.
Penny Street/Meseret Taye CARRIED

2) Approval of Notes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING NOTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2012.
Penny Street/Helen Spaxman CARRIED

3) Guests – Evergreen Legacy

Michael Brigham from Evergreen explained that Architects of a Green Legacy is an 8-week opportunity for Vancouver youth from different backgrounds and cultures, to work together to transform degraded areas of their neighborhood through creative urban greening projects that celebrate creative expression and cultural diversity. The program is entirely driven by youth, from conceptual brainstorming through to project execution, with mentorship and guidance by Evergreen. The youth are usually between the ages of 15 to 24. They will have to commit a minimum of two hours per week for eight weeks. In return, they will learn to work cooperatively on shared community goals, in capacity building workshops, have access to internships and future jobs, project development experience, and will receive an honorarium of \$450 (participant) and \$600 (youth leader) for their participation.

Evergreen would like to bring this project to Britannia Community Centre. The program would be condensed to a two week project with 4-5 hours each day, for 5 days per week. It would take place from early to mid July. They would like to work with youth who feel pushed out or marginalized. Hopefully, this project could help them reconnect with the community. There will be a celebration at the end where the participants could invite local residents and people who use the space at Britannia Community Centre. Evergreen will provide the tools and guidance. They will work with VSB to identify a suitable site and will work with on-site staff to ensure that the project is appropriate. Evergreen will also need the Britannia Board to endorse the project.

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MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE ARCHITECTS FOR A GREEN LEGACY PROGRAM IN PRINCIPLE, THAT THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM, AS WILL THE ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE AND THE GRANDVIEW-WOODLAND FOOD CONNECTION, AND THAT THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD ALSO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM IN PRINCIPLE.

Penny Street/ Meseret Taye

CARRIED

4) Update of Britannia Action Planning (BAP) Group including Potato Farm, Astorino's and Court Retrofit

There is no news about the racquetball court retrofit.

There is \$2000 from neighborhood matching fund to be spent on the Potato Farm Project. Ian Murcuse will be meeting with the Britannia Elementary School PAC to discuss further planning for the project. There has been suggestion that the PAC take the lead in the project.

For the last few months, we have had no problem renting the space at Astorino's. Several groups have expressed interested in using the space. We did not have any advertisement; so it must have been through words of mouth. Oliver Conway of the Britannia Board has established a committee to work on Astrorino's as an extension of Britannia. This committee is yet to be approved by the Board. Penny Street has volunteered to be on the committee with Oliver Conway. The initial collaborators for the project have changed. Tony and Tina's Wedding have dropped out but Calypso Caribbean Society and Safe Amplification Society have recently joined. There are some structures that need some upgrades. Risk and cost benefits assessment is still underway. A Development Permit application has been submitted to the City and negotiations with Boffo, the developer, continue.

5) Waldorf

The Waldorf is closing. There may be opportunities for Britannia through the Astorino's project to provide space to fill the vacuum for supporting local talent caused by the closure of the Waldorf.

6) Britannia Centre Candidates Forum for 2013 Provincial Election

The next Provincial General Election takes place on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. In 2011, Britannia hosted candidate forums for Park Board, Mayor and Council, and School Board prior to the last municipal election on Saturday, November 19, 2011. The forums were 6:30pm-8:30pm on October 25 and 27 and November 1 respectively. Britannia spent over \$2,000 on the forums, including \$1,200 on advertising.

At the January Board meeting a motion was passed "THAT WE HOLD A CANDIDATES FORUM FOR THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION WITH PLANNING TO BE DONE BY THE

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WITH A FINAL REPORT COMING TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.”

There was a suggestion from the Board that the Planning & Development Committee should look at the forum details. We need to consider many factors, including that Britannia is on the border of two ridings and that other organizations in the area will most likely be holding forums. Discussions should include event coordination and possible shared (e.g., of advertising).

7) Brainstorm About Enlivening Planning and Development Committee

Tabled.

8) Adjourn

MOTION: TO ADJOURN.
Penny Street/Helen Spaxman

CARRIED

Next P&D Committee Meeting: 7:00PM Tuesday February 12th 2012.