

Meeting Notes Thursday, March 14, 2013 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Present: Dan Fass (Chair), Penny Street, Helen Spaxman, Gretchen Brown

Staff: Hai Truong (Note Taker), Cynthia Low, Ian Marcuse

1) Approval of Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2013 WITH BRITANNIA ACTION PLANNING ITEM BROUGHT FORWARD.

Penny Street/Helen Spaxman

CARRIED

2) Approval of Notes

There were no Planning & Development meeting notes for the last meeting.

3) Britannia Action Planning (Astorino's, potato farm, Evergreen, court retrofit, candidates meeting)

Astorino's: The Britannia Board continues to support the idea of Astorino's. On Saturday March 16th from 10:00am to 4:00pm, the Astorino's subcommittee group will be cleaning and tidying up the building. The City of Vancouver Development Office wants to see a full scale drawing of Astorino's before it can go into the building and fix it up. Several events, for example some to do with "Idle No More," will be taking place at Astorino's. Britannia continues to lease Astorino's from month to month.

Court Retrofit: There is no news about the court retrofit.

Potato farm: Helen and Ian walked around the Britannia site to identify potential sites for the potato farm. One concern they have is vandalism. If there is youth involvement with the project, it is likely the farm will be less vandalized. Helen and Ian have narrowed the number of possible sites down to three. They will draw up the plan and take it to the school for approval.

Evergreen: Ian Marcuse is currently working with staff from Evergreen to run the Architect for a Green Legacy Project at Britannia for two weeks in June. He is recruiting students from grade 9 to 11.

Candidates Meeting: Dan Fass is working with Brenda Coombs on Candidates meetings for the May provincial election. They have come up with some dates:

- Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-8:30 at Britannia for Vancouver Mt Pleasant (VMP)
- Wednesday, May 1 at Thunderbird for Vancouver Hastings (VHA)
- Thursday, May 2, 6:00-8:00 at Ray Cam (VMP)

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- Saturday, May 4, 10:30-12:30 at Britannia for VHA
- Sunday, May 5 at Trout Lake for Vancouver Kingsway.

There was a suggestion that the forums should be web cast, but to not do a live broadcast because we want people to show up to the meeting. Perhaps web casts could be delayed. This way any malicious comments or unwanted disruption could be edited out. There could be a theme to the forums. Candidates could be asked to reflect on the vision they have for our neighbourhood.

4) Carving Pavilion

In 2011 Britannia Secondary was chosen as the community partner site to house the carving tent for the Skwachays Healing Lodge & Residence project. Master Carver, Khut Whee Mul Uch (Francis Horne Sr.) and his team carved three poles in 2011-2012: a 40.5 foot pole, the Dreamweaver - which sits atop the Healing Lodge, and the 10 foot Shaman Welcome Pole which sits in the street level gallery. Khut Whee Mul Uch also carved a twin welcome pole that was part of the MacDonald elementary renovation project. Having a master carver on the school grounds has generated a tremendous amount of interest and enthusiasm with faculty staff, the student body, and the community at large, as well as producing a fair amount of coverage in both print and broadcast media.

Don Fiddler, District Principal, Aboriginal Education, and the VSB are looking to create a permanent carving/cultural sharing structure. The anticipated construction budget is \$250,000 - (including \$100,000 in in-kind donations of materials and labour.) The pavilion is currently in the design and development stage. The Planning & Development committee will review the process and report any concerns to the Britannia Board.

5) City 2014 Capital Plan

We should work to include the Strategic Master Plan in the 2014 Capital Plan.

6) Recruiting Britannia Board Candidates with an Interest in Planning

We should ask if David Emon would like to join the P&D committee.

7) Community Plan

Tabled for next meeting.

8) Adjourn

MOTION: TO ADJOURN.
Penny Street/Ian Marcuse

CARRIED

Next P&D Committee Meeting: 7:00PM Thursday, April 11, 2013.