

Planning and Development Committee

Tuesday May 21st, 2019

6:30 pm in the Conference Room

Present: Annie Danilko, Alissa Rees, Elizabeth Murphy, Susanne Dahlin (chair), Ian Marcuse, Brenda Lohrenz

Britannia Staff: Lindsay Grant (recorder), Cynthia Low

1 Introductions and Land Acknowledgement

2 Strategic Planning Update

- Britannia is in the process of developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the next 5 years. As a key component of the work we are inviting all committees to strategic planning sessions to develop the Society's vision, mission and strategic goals.
- Britannia Committees are scheduling Strategic Planning sessions over the summer including the planning and development committee.

3 Britannia Renewal Partner's Table Update

- Partner's table meetings have continued to be held sporadically. Delays can be attributed in part to the Vancouver School Board Long Range Facilities Plan process.
- The Britannia Renewal plan has gone through senior bureaucrats at the School Board, but has not yet been approved by the Board Trustees.
- Britannia has reminded the partner's table of the Society Response to the Master Plan and the outstanding issues we have identified.
- Britannia is in the process of coordinating a meeting with staff from Arts, Culture, and Community Services to speak to the Planning and Development Committee about the potential Non-profit hub on site.
- Britannia is exploring the option of hiring consultants to guide us through the housing component of the process, and assist the Society to undertake its own consultation process.
- Britannia continues to explore ways to address the phasing issue with our partners, and develop win-win solutions.

4 Discussion

- The committee expressed concern to protect the public use of all site lands (including School Board and City of Vancouver land) through the rezoning process as well as to come up with strategies to preserve the integrity of the full site into the future.
- The committee requested that further clarification be sought from City staff regarding how potential housing would be funded and current funding policies and models. Concerns were raised with regards to depth of affordability and preventing Britannia space from

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entering the private market. Further questions regarded how additional costs to reinforce ground floor facilities to safely bear upper floor housing would be funded.

- The potential to purchase additional adjacent land was raised.
- The committee suggested architects experienced in collaborative design work and community-led facility design. Staff will follow up.

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