

**Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday September 17th, 2019
6:00 pm in the Conference Room**

Present: Jane Sheil, Penny Street, Barbara Cameron, Annie Danilko, Bette Murphy, Pamela Dundas, Andrew Phillips

Britannia Staff: Jessica Hill-Naegeli (recorder), Cynthia Low

1 Introductions and Land Acknowledgement by Cynthia and Annie

2 Report Back From Housing Working Group

- Cynthia and Penny attended the housing working group meeting on August 29th Report from Cynthia:
- Sean McEwan, Scott Hein and Jofferey Pomerlao are prominent figures in the discussion and want to work on the plans for housing on site.
- Jennifer Marchell was mentioned as she was the former master plan consultant.
- Scott and Sean like the proposals Scott has mentioned he would work pro bono and Sean is to be contacted about his fee.

3 Discussion

- The committee has concerns that Jennifer Marchell is too close to the project and that at this point it requires an outside eye but she would be welcome to attend meetings.
- Questions raised as to what the approach to housing is, what are the options, configurations and what housing the housing principals should be
- Concerns around wording of the terms of reference document and changes should be made.
- Questions and discussions around what does 300 units of housing look like.
- The committee has reacted positively to having Scott and Sean involved in the working group.

Next Steps

- Set up a Half day workshop with Scott and Shawn with the Board and the Housing Working Group and the P&D committee.
- Change the Terms of Reference document and email it to members
- Next Meeting for the Housing Working Group is October 8th at 7:00- Scott and Sean should be invited

4 Report Back From Partners Table

- The City's RFP has been started and is focused on phase I, and is looking at the re zoning process and applications to re zone.

5 Discussion

- The committee is concerned what exactly will be shown to the public and that the public will think the draft ideas are set in stone
- The committee wants to have an effect and say on the final vision before it is presented to the public

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- The committee has concerns as to what exactly is in the city's RFP, not enough disclosure
- The committee feels the city hears the call for non-profit housing; but, is ignoring it
- VSB says no housing on school sites but is not clear about adjacent property

Next Steps:

- Suggestions around hiring a professional to draft images and ideas with the committee so as to have something to present to the public and regain the committee's control, upholding its purpose
- Bring in a third party (independent of the city) content expert to help guide the board and committee to understand the rezoning process, application process and social housing strategy

6 Social Non Profit HUB

7 Discussion

- The committee is concerned with city's vision of a self-sufficient operating model where the cost of the space is funded by not for profit groups but that those groups require money to pay to sustain the HUB. The groups Britannia supports within our mandate are groups that have not operating costs and no money to provide funding for a space.
- There are also concerns about who will oversee the usage of this space and how that person could be compromised and could charge whatever they want and select whatever groups they want to support their own interests.
- That the HUB be an extension of the community centre not a separate unit.

Next Steps

- Cynthia will draft a document for a non-profit HUB including Britannia's principals and guidelines for how Britannia sees non-profit and that we support non-paying non-profit groups as a part of our mandate to provide space for grass roots, social and civic purpose groups to meet further defining what non-profit means to Britannia.
- The committee recommends the Board make a statement and sign off on the Britannia Model

8 Child Care Planning Committee

First meeting is October 10th at 11:00 to discuss how the childcare division wants to utilize the two allotted spaces for 69 OSC children and 24 Preschool children. Discussions around what are the components of programming, how to utilize space and how to uphold Britannia's child care vision moving forward.

9 Close

10 **Next meeting October 15th at 6:30pm**