

Planning and Development Committee Tuesday, February 18th 2020 6:30 Conference Room

Present: Jane Sheil, Lorraine Evans, Cynthia Low, Brenda Lohrenz, Elizabeth Murphy, Cindy Schoenaner, Annie Danilko, Ian Marcuse

Britannia Staff: Jessica Hill-Naegeli
Chair: Cynthia Low

Introductions - Land Acknowledgment

1 RFP Update

- RFP has been released by the City
- The Committee raises concerns over the language used in regards to housing and approves a call for the Board to amend the RFP to include wording that stresses housing is still a proposal pending community consultation and wishes to remove/ adjust phrasing that implies housing has been approved.
- The committee is concerned with putting housing and child care over a pool or up multiple stories (small children going down multiple flights of stairs in fire drills) and raise concern with the logistics and potential health risks of child care being situated over a pool.

2 Children, Families, and Educators Committee

- The Children, Families and Educators committee is close to finalizing its name, guiding principles and special requirements.

Discussion:

- The logistics of having childcare spaces anywhere but at ground level.
- The potential to lose existing childcare programming (after school care and pre-school) in favor of infant and toddler care.
- Britannia should be keeping with progressive child care initiatives and continue being a pioneer in the field.
- The possibility of developing a child care HUB ensuring dedicated spaces for children and families at all levels of development rather than separate child care spaces and multi-purpose rooms that are utilized under the 'pull out' style of programming sharing room usage with other programs on site.

3 City Plan Update

- <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190709/documents/rr1.pdf>
- A long term vision for the city of Vancouver. Over the next 4 years the city will develop the Plan by: 2020: Listening, 2021: Strategizing, 2022: Revision, 2023: Implementation.

Discussion:

- How does this committee engage? Do we support the plan as it stands?
- Does the City plan include GW neighbourhood plan?
- Development and density of the neighborhood will strain Britannia's services; especially if there is additional housing on site.

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/grandview-woodland-community-plan-summary-highlights.pdf>

Meeting Minutes – Planning & Development

18/02/20 draft for adoption 24/02/20

4 Britannia Board of Management Strategic Plan Update

- Discussion of the Strat Plan

Action Items:

- Letter to be sent to the Board requesting changes are made to the RFP in regards to housing and childcare. Letter drafted by Elizabeth in the meeting and passed to Cynthia to be taken to the board. Letter and recommendation to the Board approved unanimously by the Committee.
- Ask GWACK if they are involved in the City Plan and to clarify their involvement

Recommendations to the Board: Changes are made to the RFP in regards to the proposal of housing and childcare in first phase of development.

Meeting Close: 8:33

Next Meeting: March 17th at 6:30