**MINUTES**

**Planning & Development Committee**

**April 19, 2022**

**6:30 – 8:30pm | Zoom/Boardroom (hybrid)**

**Attending:** Susanne Dahlin, Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, Ingrid Kolsteren, Cynthia Low, Betty Murphy, Ken Paquette, Vicky Scully, Oliver Tennant, Kiel Torres, Khai Truong, Mark Versfeld

1. **Acknowledgement and Introductions**
2. **City Blackout Period—**City council has directed a blackout on all public consultations on behalf of the city until after the municipal election. The period will begin in mid-June and will end in the fall (~5 months). Britannia can still carry out consultation but we cannot share our gatherings with the City. Rezoning community events and consultation will take place after the election.
3. **Review of Perkins&Will Consultants Presentation (April 7, 2022)**— This presentation is not yet public. It includes the initial site and landscape designs for site options, site criteria, massing for site options, site sections for building heights and trade-offs. The three options presented are made up of the consultant’s visualization of the space based off of feedback received from our partners, other departments (housing, arts and culture) and the Board’s response. The VSB asked the consultants to envision the renewed site without moving the high school tech shops, which presents an issue in not allowing for the natural return to grade.
   * + - 1. **Option 1—**closest to Master Plan

Building 1: pool, community gym + annex, fitness, childcare (NO HOUSING)

Building 2: rink, housing (NW corner of building), Streetfront, Indigenous Hall of Fame, ceremony, multi-purpose space.

Building 3: library, storytelling, gallery housing (NE side of building), childcare

Building 4: VSB shops and classrooms with the idea of an artificial turf on the top

Building 5: Performance ceremony space, dining and kitchen, Gym D, Eastside Family place, Intergenerational Hub, artist studios, non-profit hub, Outreach

Summary of key differences from Master Plan

* + - Skateboarding in play way in adjacent to two apartment buildings – problematic for noise
    - Greening + landscaping: gradual pathways under 5-degree grade for accessibility
    - Buildings marked at 100ft, not at 65ft
    - Does not include housing

Discussion:

* + - Promenade throughout site is really nice!
    - Problem: skate park is not included on the roof of Building 5 as initially proposed
    - Height of building 3 being 100ft – Working group could submit a drawing with a cut-off height of 65ft

**b. Option 2**—Proposes tweaks to the Master Plans based on the 2022 Board response to the Master plan and on improvements suggested in community engagement.

Summary of key differences from Master Plan

* + - Configuration of šxʷqʷeləwən ct is different: šxʷqʷeləwən ct faces water features, which is a culturally appropriate approach
    - Skate park is located under Building 1 (size TBD)

Discussion:

* + - Note on naming: the presentation uses “carving pavilion” and “cultural hub” instead of šxʷqʷeləwən ct and social and cultural non-profit hub
    - Greenspace: Option 2 includes the most greenspace, but the exact percentage of greenspace is TBD
    - Clarify “incubation space”: a place for developing ideas and projects (ex: Kickstand, maker spaces…)

**c. Option 3**—Provides options for a renewed site should the VSB’s funding is limited or unrealized. This option maintains the VSB’s science wing and shop buildings in place and includes Gym C. Despite including less proposed changes to the Master Plan, it is the most undesirable option to the City and to Britannia.

Summary of key differences from Master Plan

* + - Building 5 is spread over 2 buildings but retains a similar configuration with a retaining wall to mark change in elevation
      * Building 5a: performing ceremony dining kitchen, art studios
      * Building 5b: intergenerational hub outreach
    - šxʷqʷeləwən ct is adjacent to elementary school between Buildings 5a + 5b
    - Non-profit hub moved to Building 3
    - Skate park is returned to roof option but will require elevator access as it does not have natural grade

**d. Summary of housing—**Number of units: TBD

Option 1: No housing

Option 2: Housing on NW corner Building 1

Option 3: Housing on NE corner of Building 1

ACTION ITEM: Cynthia and Board Working Group to ask City for the total square footage of proposed housing (if they won’t commit to the number of units), and for an option without housing and with more facilities stacked to allow for more green and open space.

1. **Skate park**—Recent volunteer clean-up of the Courts. Scrap wood was disposed of and the space was repainted! Great job Oliver**!**
2. **Announcements:**

Program Needs Verification Public Engagement Sessions:

* May 16, 2022 | 3-6pm, Rink Mezzanine
* May 28, 2022 | 2-3pm, AML

AGM: May 25, 2022: <https://www.britanniacentre.org/agm>

Upcoming field trips: Minoru Centre, Friday April 22 @ 8:45am | email Cynthia to RSVP

1. **Next Meeting:** May 17, 2022, hybrid