**MINUTES**

**Planning & Development Committee**

**June 21, 2022**

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

**Attending:** Susanne Dahlin, Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Craig Ollenberger, Vicki Scully, Jane Sheil, Helen Spaxman, Kiel Torres, Mark Versfeld

1. **Acknowledgement and Introductions**
2. **Partners table update**—Reviewed site-partner update presentation. We are currently in the process of developing functional programming. The two parts of this phase includes submitting a rezoning application (aimed to complete by June 2023) and confirming the functional programming for Building 1.
   * + - 1. **Project schedule**—Quiet period will take place from June – October. The hope is that consultants will continue to work on functional programming and site-partners will continue to discuss site-options to then bring to the public in fall 2022. An updated Master Plan needs verification will be facilitated through targeted workshop sessions.
         2. **Preparatory work for options**

Discussion: How has the blackout period for the Renewal been justified to project partners when other City of Vancouver consultations and public hearings are not stopping (e.g. Broadway Subway Expansion Plan, Safeway hearings)

* This could be a matter of distinguishing between council meetings and hearings in the public sphere.
* For the Renewal, rezoning consultation has to stop, but all of the details for building programming can continue.

Discussion: How can PDC help keep the Renewal project on track when City costs are going UP?

* VSB has a different funding model than city—presents a challenge! VSB is uninterested in expanding past their capital planning which is only a 3-4 year outlook, so it’s hard to plan for a phased project that will take 10-15 years with partners who own most of the land on this site.
* The Society needs to think about fundraising opportunities for facilities that aren’t just for recreation (the City will always be keen to fund/build big box recreation facilities).

1. **Society update**
   * + - 1. **Social and Cultural Non-profit Hub Engagement**—this hub is not part of the City’s partnership group, but rather between Britannia and VLACC. This collaboration will help Britannia better understand how we can evolve into a stronger support space for community now and into the future. Part of this is ensuring community has space available outside of a rental model (not everyone has the revenue). The co-creation sessions that have been held this past month are to envision the values of our future space: to nurture groups and individuals in building their own resilient communities. Another important role for this hub is to help create a facility that is nimble in times where City staff aren’t capable of providing support and community groups can step up to help—think how the City closed community centres at the beginning of COVID lockdown.
         2. **Options engagement**—The Society will continue to consult with committees on the options that have come out through discussions with partner: height, skate park, etc. It should be noted that none of the options presented at the partners table included a multi-purpose park, despite the City just releasing their skate strategy. The Courts hosted a big event on June 21 for National Indigenous Peoples Day and the turnout demonstrated how the skate park is an important space for cultural, gender and generational diversity.
         3. **Britannia Focused Workshop – Britannia and Templeton Pool Users update—Pamela**—Pamela attended the workshop on Monday, June 10 hosted by Perkins&Will and noted that it largely consisted of Templeton pool users:

* Concerns were raised over Templeton pool’s closure: how will Britannia accommodate this influx of pool users (sport and recreational) even 10 years from when the renewed pool is completed? Templeton pool is currently the same size as Britannia’s (25m lanes).
  + Is it Britannia’s responsibility to absorb this issue caused by Parks Board’s decision to close Templeton pool without any plans on reopening a new one to accommodate all users? Note that the Templeton pool closure was delayed due to Britannia expressing concerns to VanSplash.
* Discussion included features specialized for sport users—50m pools, diving platforms—with the desire of creating a pool fit for competitive swim

Discussion

* The term ‘competitive pool’ is slippery, as there is actually no pool in the lower mainland fit for competition despite having 50m lanes—the Commonwealth Saanich Centre, Victoria is the only place in BC that’s a proper ‘competition pool.’ This is determined by requirements relating to having sufficient warmup space and deck space for spectators.

1. **Committee meeting schedule**—PDC will continue to meet in July and August but with a reduced meeting time: 6:30-7:30pm. Lots of new people relocate to Grandview-Woodland in the summer, so it’s important we have opportunities for new neighbours to get involved with the Renewal.
2. **Announcements:**

Britannia/VLACC Typologies co-design sessions:

Saturday, June 25 — Gym D

10am-12:30pm, with lunch

Tuesday, June 28 — Zoom

3-5pm

Contact Cynthia for further information.

1. **Links**: <https://iaks.sport/>

**Next Meeting:** July 19, 2022 | 6:30 – 7:30pm