

DISTRICT 12 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 22, 2010

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ms. Heather Ternoway, Chair  
Ms. Beverly Miller, Vice Chair  
Mr. Clary Kempton  
Ms. Katherine Perrott  
Councillor Dawn Sloane

STAFF: Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Trophy Room, City Hall.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOVED by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Perrott that the minutes of August 23, 2010 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions**

Addition:

8.1 Future of the District 12 PAC

**MOVED by Mr. Kempton, seconded by Ms. Perrott that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. Business Arising out of the Minutes**

Ms. Miller asked if there was any update regarding the Committee's discussion on the Heritage Property Act review.

Mr. Kempton advised that he contacted Mr. Barrett and was advised that the Committee would not be able to give specific input into the process, but would have to be involved in the general consultation session with all others interested in the process.

It was noted that no members of the Committee attended this consultation session.

At 6:41 p.m. Councillor Sloane entered the meeting.

Ms. Miller advised that at the last meeting, it was noted that the Committee's Terms of Reference state that the Committee should meet with Peninsula Community Council once a year and she questioned if the Committee was going to pursue this.

Councillor Sloane suggested that the Committee could either make a presentation to Peninsula Community Council at its next meeting, or have an informal meeting with Community Council prior to its next regular meeting.

**5. Consideration of Deferred Business: None**

**6. Public Participation - General Planning Issues: No Requests Received**

## **7. Status Updates:**

### **7.1 Monthly Status Updates - Planning Applications:**

A brief discussion ensued with Councillor Sloane responding to questions.

### **7.2 Update from Councillor Sloane on Development Activity**

Councillor Sloane provided updates in regard to the following: 'Sam the Record Man' building, the Waterside Development, the development at the corner of Morris and Hollis Streets, a proposed development at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Birmingham Streets, the City Centre Atlantic Development., the 'Dave's Bottle Exchange' building, a proposal on Gottingen Street, and a proposal in regard to the Agricola Street Liquor Store.

In her remarks, Councillor Sloane noted that the former Saint Patrick's High School property would be handed back to HRM in July 2011.

**MOVED by Ms. Miller, seconded by Councillor Sloane that District 12 Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Peninsula Community Council that when the Saint Patrick's School site is given back to the City and if City deems that it is going to offer it for sale, then a comprehensive development district be developed for the site, and which follows the process used by the Alexander School Site.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

A discussion ensued with regard to the United Gulf Twin Towers proposal (former Texpark site) and the status of the site now that the Development Agreement has expired. The Committee requested an overall update on the site and, as well, clarification on the provision in the agreement in regard to parking, now that the development agreement has expired, i.e. has the parking requirement also expired.

### **7.3 Review of Status Sheet**

The Committee reviewed the Status Sheet

The Committee requested an update on Gerrard Lodge, specifically, if the property owner has been made to conform to the Development Agreement.

### **7.4 Decisions of Council**

Information on Peninsula Community Council's decision with regard to Case 01214 Amendments to the Accessory Building Requirements of the Halifax Peninsula LUB was submitted.

## **7.5 Demolition Permit Applications**

The Committee reviewed the information regarding demolition permit applications that was provided.

**MOVED by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kempton that staff provide an update on the status of the Waterside Project and the associated demolition permits.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **8. Added items**

### **8.1 Future of the District 12 PAC**

This item was added to the agenda at the request of the Chair.

The Chair advised that last week the Committee met informally to discuss the Regional Council report which had been submitted in regard to amending the Committee's Terms of Reference. She noted that it was unfortunate the Committee was not given prior notice of this report coming forward. She indicated that the report suggests that there is some ambiguity in the Committee's role given other advisory committees that now exist. The Chair expressed concern that the report was eroding the Committee's role and the voice for the public in regard to development decisions in downtown Halifax.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning whether the Committee should draft a letter of response to the Council report and submit it to Regional Council.

**9. Next Regular Meeting Date:** January 24, 2011

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant