

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

July 31, 2013

PRESENT:

Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Mr. Geoff Le Boutillier
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Mr. Bill Book
Mr. Peter Moorhouse

REGRETS:

Mr. Eric Burchill
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Ms. Joanne Macrae

STAFF:

Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Jane Fraser, Director, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Susan Corser, Project Coordinator,
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2013

MOVED by Mr. Book, seconded by Councillor Watts that the minutes of July 17, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Watts noted that CDAC had requested in the minutes that staff provide Committee members with a brief written summary of the public engagement and decision-making process through CDAC, CPED and Regional Council.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair requested two additions under Business Arising:

- 4.2 CDAC Recommendations to CPED and Regional Council
- 4.3 CDAC's Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Mr. Morley that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Revised Performance Measures

The following document was before the Committee:

- Draft Performance Measures Table (dated July 17, 2013)

Mr. French circulated the revised Table and suggested that, once finalized, this document appear as Appendix A in the RP+5 Report. The Committee requested that the urban, suburban and rural growth targets include the respective percentages (25, 50, 25). Members also expressed a number of concerns as follows:

- the number and detail of some measurements and targets may be more relevant to the Centre Plan process than to RP+5
- the number of beds available in homeless shelters should be measured against the demand
- measures of performance that are tracked annually (or more frequently) should be announced to residents; also, frequent tracking allows for course corrections if needed

- residents could more easily follow the performance measures table if it were divided into four parts (annual measurement, every two years, every three years, every four years)
- if some targets have very specific numbers, this could be considered a “substantive change” and trigger an additional process
- it is not enough to report on the process and tools used, it is outcome that needs to be measured

4.2 CDAC Recommendations to CPED and Regional Council

The Chair noted that the Committee’s mandate is to provide advice, express concerns constructively, and, if necessary, state substantial concern or disagreement with staff recommendations. She suggested that the Committee give responsibility to a small writing/working group to draft a report that will come before CDAC for a vote. The Committee agreed that Mr. Burchill would assist the Chair with this report, with input from other members as necessary.

4.3 CDAC’s Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to meet on August 7, 2013 and discuss the remainder of the CDAC schedule at that time.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence

This item is dealt with under 6.1.

5.2 Petitions -- None

5.3 Presentations -- None

6. REPORTS

6.1 Continued Review of Community Feedback Tables

The following documents were before the Committee

- Urban Development Institute press release (dated July 25, 2013)
- Chapter 1: Introduction – Supplementary Table (Comments from July 10 &16/13 Public Open House, Gaetz Brook & Sheet Harbour, dated July 31, 2013)
- Response to Written Public Submissions (Received July 6-19, 2013)
- Public Written Submissions, Package IV (dated July 19, 2013)

Councillor McCluskey, Councillor Nicoll and Councillor Mason emphasized their concern with including Map 8 in the final RP+5 Report because the way that road

classifications or changes in classification are indicated on the map is confusing and upsetting residents. Councillor Watts agreed but added that if Map 8 comes out, there needs to be another process to consult with residents, possibly in the Road Network Functional Plan. Staff responded that the intent is to explain the classifications through the FAQ.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that CDAC recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee consider developing an outline of the Road Network Functional Plan's content and process for public consultation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Book requested that it be noted that he was not in favour of the motion.

Councillor Watts then informed the Committee of the decision by Regional Council on July 30, 2013 regarding the obligation by Halifax Water to provide water to Brunello Estates. She explained her concerns about the immediate and future costs of providing water within the "serviceable boundary."

Mr. French then reviewed the Response to Written Public Submissions (Received July 6-19, 2013). He noted that staff had divided the submissions into themes and then created a table that indicated the community feedback and the staff response, leaving room for a column where CDAC members could provide comment. The Committee agreed to continue reviewing the table individually following the meeting, as well as the Public Written Submissions, Package IV, which they received July 31, 2013.

7. ADDED ITEMS

Mr. Book informed the Committee that he wished to bring a motion as follows:

HRM supports and encourages the concept of underground wiring in all new developments; however is not mandating the process with the current Review of the Regional Plan. Further review will be undertaken to: 1) better determine the true costs associated with the concept; 2) obtain industry concerns on common utility trench design; 3) determine the impact on housing affordability.

The motion was not seconded.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 7, 2013

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support