



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2016**

PRESENT: Fred Morley, Chair
Gaynor Watson-Creed, Vice Chair
Dale Godsoe
William Book
Eric Burchill
Joanne Macrae
Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Waye Mason

REGRETS: Christopher Daly
Councillor Tony Mancini

STAFF: Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design
Stephanie Saloum, Planning Intern
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to Community Design Advisory Committee are available online

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions

9.1 Passive Park Integrations

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Ms. Godsoe

That the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

5. CALL FOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - None

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Correspondence was distributed from:

Steve Parcell, Peter Lavell, Chair, Bloomfield Neighbourhood Residents Association, Andrea Arbic Janet Shortwell, Linda Forbes, Judy Halven, Judith Fingard, Peggy Cameron, Helen Marshall, Mik Owen, Alan Collins, Janet M. Stevenson, Friedmann Brauer, Kay Crinean, Janet Morris, Carolyn van Grup, Joy Woolfrey, Tayla Barss, Michael Chender, Marjorie Willison, Kevin Manos, Beverly Miller, Wendy Scott, Blair Beed, Elizabeth Pacey, Chair of HRM Committee, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, and Phil Pacey,

A petition dated August 2, 2016 from residents requesting that consideration be given to the rezoning of PID#00173856 from Multiple Dwelling Zone (R-3) to passive park/green space as part of the implementation of the Centre Plan was also distributed.

Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design noted that the e-mail staff have been receiving through HRM Plan Halifax site has not yet been distributed to the Committee.

The Committee directed that a summary of the e-mail with staff's interpretation be provided for the next meeting of the Committee. The correspondence is to be included in the package.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 STAFF UPDATES

8.1.1 Ongoing Public Engagement

The following was before the Committee

- A memorandum dated August 19, 2016 from Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager

Mr. Jacob Ritchie reviewed the August 19, 2016 memo noting that the Urban Design team had met with 35 developers, both large and small, in 1-2 hour sessions. A list of these will be included in the final staff report. Members, particularly Councillors, indicated they would like to be advised of the Community groups staff is planning to meet with and also of the upcoming pop up events. Mr. Ritchie indicated that the comments/critiques being received from residents are driving staff to be better

In response to a question regarding how staff refute bad information, Mr. Ritchie indicated that staff endeavor to ensure that the correct information is made available (broadly) to the public.

8.1.2 Web Presence

The following was before the Committee

- A memorandum dated August 19, 2016 from Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager

Mr. Ritchie provided a brief overview of the August 19, 2016 memo including website use to date, learnings and changes going forward.

Mr. Burchill noted that the link from the Centre Plan page could be strengthened

Mr. Ritchie indicated that the status of the plan will be more clearly identified with an update of exactly where HRM is in the process.

8.1.3 Planifax Video

Mr. Ritchie introduced Mr. Uytae Lee of Planifax Video. Members then watched the Planifax Video entitled ' Planifax Centre Plan Video #2, found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEfqNTeZ1lw&index=2&list=PLD2A01FCD76066FDC>

Following the video members congratulated Mr. Lee on the excellence of video noting they appreciated that the video identifies the tensions.

Expressing concern about the bad information circulating, the Committee suggested that staff should look at having paid advertising to promote the video, tweet and post it to Facebook.

8.1.4 Population Growth

The following was before the Committee

- A memorandum dated August 19, 2016 from Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager

Mr. Ritchie, referring to his memorandum, noted that population is never static and the plan will provide for reviews which can respond to any changes which may occur.

8.1.5 Presentation – Draft Plan Preparation Next Steps (Oral)

Mr. Ritchie, referring to the next steps in the preparation of the plan, indicated that staff believed that a phased release of chapters would enable Council and the public to better digest and understand the Centre Plan. The intent would be to address the Plan on a chapter by chapter basis beginning in mid September. Each chapter will represent one of the themes of the Centre Plan.

Note was made that each Chapter should be accompanied by a contextual document.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Ms. Watson-Creed that the Community Design Advisory Committee endorse the approach set out by staff to release the Centre Plan by themed Chapter and including a contextual background document with each chapter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Passive Park Integrations

Councillor Watts referred to passive park integrations and asked if within the Center Plan there has been consideration of such an integration. She asked if this could be included in zoning.

Mr. Ritchie responded that staff are looking at this in the review of the Parks and Institutional zone. He went on to indicate that specific requests should be forwarded to staff.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 28, 2016

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk