

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

August 1, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Acting Chair
Mr. Eric Burchill
Mr. Geoff LeBoutillier
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Mr. Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Peter Lund

REGRETS: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Mr. Bill Book
Ms. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Councillor Jim Smith

STAFF: Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Ms. Leticia Smillie, Cultural Planner
Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at the Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Councillor Watts – Traffic Authority

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Watts, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence

The following submissions were before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Our HRM Alliance dated July 25, 2012
- Correspondence from Peggy Cameron dated July 24, 2012
- Correspondence from Cathy Carmody dated July 23, 2012
- Correspondence from Councillor Sloane dated July 26, 2012 (weblink addresses)
- Correspondence from Tom Vinci dated July 14, 2012

Councillor Watts inquired whether questions raised in correspondence received by the Committee will be addressed or responded to. Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator, noted that the formal submission period has closed, and staff are looking for direction from the Committee on how to deal with this correspondence.

Following a brief discussion, the general consensus of the Committee was that the questions should be integrated into the tables for response.

In response to Councillor Watts, Ms. Corser indicated that additional engagement will be held in the fall, with the 3-D modelling. A report is forthcoming with staff's proposal for further engagement, for the Committee's discussion and recommendation.

5.2 Petitions - None

5.3 Presentation - None

6. REPORTS

6.1 Staff: (RP+5)

6.1.1 HRM is 'Liveable' – Response to Community Comments

This discussion is continued from the July 25, 2012 meeting.

The Theme 3: HRM is Liveable document (draft – July 18, 2012 version) was before the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the “Liveable” document with staff noting revisions.

Mr. Moorhouse commented on the need for further discussion with the Halifax Water Commission and the Province regarding the management of shared sanitary systems (clustering), including identifying priority areas suitable for these services. This matter will be added to the bike rack.

Councillor Uteck and Eric Burchill arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Responding to a question from Councillor Lund, Ms. Corser indicated that the Open Space policy review will be coming back to the Committee in November or December.

The Committee discussed the need for cohesive wetland policy on the provincial and municipal level, so that both the province and HRM work simultaneously toward wetland conservation.

Staff commented that the “Mobility” document will be coming up for review in the near future, and certain transit concerns being raised such as community transit, frequency of service, park n’ ride lots, and transit tax re-assessment, can be discussed further at that time.

The Committee discussed the need for once central, searchable list of community facilities, including churches and community halls, which would include practical considerations such as the number of electrical outlets, wheelchair ramps, etc.

Eric Burchill retired from the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

6.2 Committee Members

The Committee discussed a need to keep within the mandate of the Committee, and stay focused on topic to make meetings efficient and effective.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Councillor Watts – Traffic Authority

Councillor Watts noted that staff and the Committee should be entering into discussions with the HRM Traffic Authority to ensure that false expectations are not set with the public, such as proposing using streets in different ways that than the Traffic Authority would permit.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 5, 2012 – Bloomfield Centre

The next Community Design Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room at the Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax.

It was noted that the Centre Plan report along with the ‘Prosperous’ and ‘Vibrant’ documents will be coming forward at that meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant