

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

August 7, 2013

PRESENT:

Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Eric Burchill
Mr. Geoff Le Boutillier
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Mr. Bill Book

REGRETS:

Ms. Joanne Macrae
Mr. Peter Moorhouse

STAFF:

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -- NONE

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence -- None

5.2 Petitions -- None

5.3 Presentations -- None

6. REPORTS

6.1 Continued Review of Community Feedback Tables

The following document was before the Committee:

- Response to Written Public Submissions (Received July 6-19, 2013) – Supplementary (dated August 2, 2013)

Mr. French suggested the Committee continue its review of the Response to Written Public Submissions (Received July 6-19, 2013) that had been distributed at the previous CDAC meeting on July 31, 2013. He provided updates on the following:

- urban reserve land designation, the Purcell's Cove area and long-term planning
- adding policy on septic system pump-out that could, through an eventual area-specific by-law, provide Regional Council with an additional storm-water management tool
- allowing up to 20 units on private driveways through development agreement
- ongoing consultation on the best measurement of high water mark/chart datum based on what data currently exists for areas of HRM

He noted that staff accepted Committee feedback that the objective of affordable housing/housing accessibility is addressed in Chapter 3 of the draft RP+5 Plan and does not need to be a separate principle in the Introduction.

Mr. French also circulated a handout titled “Classic Conservation Design Density Calculations”. He explained that staff were exploring the possibility of adjusting the formula for how density/ net developable land is calculated. The Committee entered into a discussion of the handout and members expressed concern that the proposal could add complexity and create cost uncertainty for developers. CDAC concluded that it was preferable not to use these proposed calculations.

The Committee then discussed removing Map 8 from the RP+5 Plan. Staff clarified that Map 8 would be dealt with under the Road Network Functional Plan and that public consultation is project specific (i.e. widening Bayer’s Road). Several CDAC members emphasized that there is a need for broader consultation. Members noted that residents want to speak on road networks and classifications in a comprehensive way and that consultation is a way to educate residents on how decisions are made relative to growth patterns and targets.

Mr. French then led the Committee through the August 2, 2013 table Response to Written Public Submissions (Received July 6-19, 2013) – Supplementary. He noted that the sections hi-lighted in yellow were new submissions. He also informed the Committee that a section will be added called Protection of Heritage Resources and that the staff position is that HRM should inventory or register potential heritage buildings, districts, and cultural landscapes but not necessarily acquire heritage buildings. He drew the Committee’s attention to public feedback to Policy CH-15(d) in the draft RP+5 Plan suggesting the policy regarding “exceptional new architecture” should be deleted. The Committee discussed this briefly and concluded that CDAC’s position is that Policy Ch-15(d) should remain.

The Committee concluded its discussion. Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. French, Ms. Fraser and all staff for their assistance throughout the process.

- 7. ADDED ITEMS -- NONE**
- 8. NEXT MEETING DATE – To be determined**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support