



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 23, 2016**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns
Eric Burchill

STAFF: Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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

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The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. and the Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed new member Christopher Daly. Mr. Daly commented on his background.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ms. Godsoe

That the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting of the Community Design Advisory Committee be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 STAFF

8.1.1 Review and Update – Centre Plan Launch on March 21, 2016

Mr. Ritchie introduced representatives of O2, consultants for the Centre Plan, Mr. Michael Rack and Mr. Chris Hardwick and Mr. Ian Watts, a local consultant working with O2. He then briefly reviewed the presentation given at the Centre Plan Launch Event held on March 21, 2016 at Alderney Landing.

Mr. Ritchie indicated that attendance had been good and participants appeared to be engaged. He indicated that the presentation, an introduction to the project, was given three times over the course of the evening. Mr. Ritchie noted that the call to action on How To appeared to prepare

Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hardwick briefly provided the presentation given at the Launch, which is included in the report for this meeting. Mr. Ritchie noted that a review of the regional centre had been identified including two additional areas 1. North of Shannon Park and the area on the other side of Mic Mac Mall. He reviewed the various tools used at the Launch include, seven theme boards to which participants could add notes on the particular theme. A resources table where staff provided answers to participants on more technical questions, a kid's corner and refreshments.

Mr. Hardwick reviewed the Themes with Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hardwick providing details on the policies falling under those themes.

Mr. Hardwick noted that a public consultation event would be held the end of May reviewing scenarios and in September a second event will review the draft plan. Mr. Hardwick noted there are a number of smaller scale events on particular topics planned between May and September.

Referring to the results of a debrief after the launch and the findings of preliminary research, Mr. Ritchie provided the following:

- Over 450 participants
- 12 municipal staff from various groups within the organization, and consultant team made it easy
- Shift from 6-8 p.m. to 4–7:30 p.m.
- Web traffic – 2200 visits, 1760 engaged (clicked on more than one location), 200+ document downloads
- Center Plan site – 650 visits
- 293 respondents to introductory survey in two weeks
- This is a light survey but data is good.
- Rolling presentation worked well
- Stamp your feedback on themes allows participants to self-categorize
- Iconography is important
- Place for children, lego/drawing
- Resource table – more technical questions directed to this table

Open House Inputs/Outputs

- Comments on map will be digitized and posted to the web
- Photo record of Theme boards will also be digitized and shared through What we Heard Report
- Question Cards will be typed with answer and posted to the Shape Your City site

Referring to the May consultation, Mr. Ritchie indicated that the local scenarios would focus on what type of growth and where it should happen.

Members attending the Launch commented as follows:

- Youth consultation was a concern
- Information regarding where to park be made available prior to the meeting. Parking garage be open
- Copies of the documentation be forwarded to all libraries
- Advertise that the presentation is given more than once during the event

Following the presentation, Committee members identified a number of matters about which they would like to receive information or discuss:

- It would be interesting to know how many of the participants (both open house and web site) were new to the process
- Committee should review the interim report on water and sewer capacity
- An update on the Shannon Park Lands be provided to the Committee

In response to questions, Mr. Ritchie indicated that the process would include detailed area planning. He further noted with regard to commercial development, the Centre Plan would describe what is permitted, what this is going to look like and the tools used to achieve the desired outcome. Mr. Ritchie commented that there is no requirement to grandfather any development approvals.

During a discussion of the next stage of the consultation, staff was urged to respect what is happening in the community and to work with the Committee to ensure continued engagement. Note was made that non-profits are often integral to the well-being of communities and, if possible, the plan should ensure that

location of non-profits is protected. Members referred to youth engagement noting that efforts should be made to include youth as young as 12 keeping in mind that amenities for children are essential to a livable city. Active transportation must have a focus in the plan as it is a leverage point for HRM and on the national stage. With regard to the Plan and the Land Use Bylaws, these documents must be transparent with solid definitions and linkages.

Mr. Ritchie clarified the impact of the Centre Plan on changes to the Regional Plan noting that in effect Chapter 6 of the existing Regional Plan will be moot upon adoption of the Centre Plan.

9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk