



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 28, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Watts, Acting Chair
Dale Godsoe
William Book
Eric Burchill
Joanne Macrae
Peter Moorhouse
Christopher Daly
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Tony Mancini

REGRETS: Fred Morley, Chair
Gaynor Watson-Creed, Vice Chair

STAFF: Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design
Myles Agar, Senior Planner
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 11:35 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 29,2016 and August 24, 2016

MOVED by Ms. Godsoe, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the minutes of June 29, 2016 August 24, 2016, be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Mr. Book

THAT the agenda be approved.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - None

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 Staff Updates

Staff updates were considered as part of agenda item 8.2.

8.2 Centre Plan Roll-Out

The following was before Committee:

- Memorandum from Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Planner, delivered the presentation reviewing the objectives of the centre plan noting that the objectives must be correct and integrated. He noted that his intent was to review the objectives to reach agreement that they align with the vision of the Centre Plan. The policies are written and undergoing internal review and will be released beginning on October 11, 2016.

Mr. Ritchie noted that staff will be delivering an Urban Structure map which provides spatial structure concerning the arrangement of public and private spaces including open spaces and parks. Mr. Ritchie noted that this map would be released on October 19, 2016 at a public meeting.

Referring to the Implementation Policies, providing the direction under the LUB. These policies will detail the three, five and ten year actions. Mr. Ritchie indicated that staff will be hosting community workshops in early November and receive comments until December.

Mr. Ritchie indicated that in December the comments received from the public will be provided to CDAC.

Mr. Daly joined the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Continuing with the presentation, Mr. Ritchie reviewed the core concepts including Complete Communities, Human Scale Design, Pedestrians First (a similar concept is included in the Regional Plan but this is articulating this at the local level in Centre Plan), Strategic Growth.

Councillor Mason referred to strategic growth, and noted that there should not be any significant number of plan amendments. The regular update of the plan is key as the plan will shape the value on the land. The intent of the plan is to have 40% of the growth in the form of moderate and tall buildings located strategically. He noted that established residential areas can accommodate growth, however, there has to be a clear statement of where/how we are going to develop in these areas. He indicated he does not support lot assembly and up growth.

Mr. Ritchie confirmed that the intent of the plan was to ensure that the developers/public will have certainty around the type of development permitted. He went on to note that site specific amendments are not a broadly accepted, instead the specific amendments are accumulated for a more robust review (1, 3 and 5 years). Council will have to make a decision how they wish to see the plan amendment.

Ms. Macrae and Ms. Watson-Creed reiterated the need to be upfront with the process to be used for future changes and how unintended consequences of the plan will be addressed.

Mr. Moorhouse noted that the existing plan often restrained staff and developers in ways that hindered rather than enabled good development. He indicated that efforts should be made to ensure the plan is flexible in these areas. Mr. Ritchie provided an example of how the new plan is addressing some of these restraints by not enshrining parking space numbers in the plan.

Mr. Burchill and Ms. Macrae left the meeting at this time.

Referring to Jobs and Economic Development, Ms. Godsoe suggested that this objective be strengthened to be more entrepreneurial. Ms. Godsoe indicated she would like medium and larger sized business to be recognized in the flow of economic life for the future.

Councillor Watts noted that the latest release by Greater Halifax Partnership may contain information/background that would be helpful. She further noted that there is a need to work on the compatibility between residential and light industrial.

Mr. Daly suggested that under Jobs and Economic Development should include the redevelopment of brownfield sites. Having the plan identify those areas would be positive.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 26, 2016

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sherrill Murphy
Deputy Clerk