

URBAN DESIGN TASK FORCE
MINUTES

June 18, 2008

PRESENT:

Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Paul MacKinnon, Vice-Chair
Mr. Bernie Smith
Mr. Frank Palermo
Ms. Cathy Carmody
Mr. Bill Hyde
Mr. Paul Shakotko
Councillor Mary Wile

REGRETS:

Ms. Linda Garber
Mr. Kevin Riles
Mr. Kendall Taylor
Ms. Adriane Abbott
Mr. David Garrett
Ms. Margot Young
Mr. Stephen Terauds
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Dawn Sloane

STAFF:

Mr. Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, Capital District
Ms. Jacqueline Hamilton, Manager of Heritage & Design
Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning Services
Ms. Tiffany Chase, Communications Specialist, Heritage and
Urban Design, Capital District
Ms. Sandra T. Riley, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

As there was no quorum, Ms. Godsoe called the meeting to order at 11:43 a. m. in the Helen Creighton Room, Alderney Gate Library as an *information meeting*.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - none

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

There was no quorum for this portion of the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Chair's Report

The Chair made a few alterations to the distributed documents and an informal discussion ensued.

6.2 3D Model Update

Mr. Fillmore gave the Task Force a brief overview, for information purposes, as there was no quorum during this portion of the meeting.

6.3 UDTF Workplan and Critical Path

With the arrival of Mr. Frank Palermo, quorum was achieved at 12 noon and the Chair called the meeting to order, at which time the following items were addressed:

There were two documents before the committee:

- HRMbyDesign Revised Work Plan - Downtown Halifax Plan Adoption - updated June 18, 2008
- A memorandum dated June 18, 2008 re: Revised Schedule & Work Plan for Adoption of HRMbyDesign's Downtown Plan

Ms. Hamilton gave an overview to the committee and took questions of clarification regarding the following items:

- Staff is looking at a timeline for completion in early 2009. First Reading early in January and the adoption in February
- The focus is for recommendation from the UDTF to Council to approve the revised schedule and work plan and recommend to Council to approve the revised public outreach and consultation program to support Council's adoption of the Downtown Halifax Plan and related legislative amendments
- Legislative Amendments have to be approved by the Province before moving on
- Developed in three phases: Phase 1 finalize the technical components of the documents. Phase 2 - the public review process (Implementation Workshop). Phase 3 - Committee Review and Council Adoption

Ms. Hamilton advised that Staff is offering to do a workshop with the new Council in orientation during the month of November to ensure the new Council will have a level of understanding and confidence in the documents moving forward.

Mr. Fillmore gave an overview of the 'Parallel Work Streams' and requested that the UDTF consider which members would be volunteers for a sub-committees, as outlined in the HRMbyDesign Revised Work Plan. He suggested two members of the Task Force and two members of the business and development community to ensure a balanced approach. Members of the Task Force are also needed to sit with members of transportation and traffic staff to advise on downtown traffic.

The Chair stated that there are a number of issues that need to be dealt with through whatever mechanisms (meetings) such as: sustainability, affordability, transportation, heritage enhancement for properties that are not registered. These items need to be brought back as agenda items in future meetings with quorum.

MOVED BY Mr. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Hyde that the Urban Design Task Force recommend Regional Council approve:

- **The revised schedule and work plan for the adoption of the Downtown Halifax Plan, and**
- **The revised public outreach and consultation program to support Council's adoption of the Downtown Halifax Plan and related legislative amendments.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

The meeting recessed at 12:30 pm and **lost quorum** as Mr. Shakotko retired from the meeting.

The information meeting reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

6.4 Government Relations and Communications

Informal meeting at this point.

7. CORRESPONDENCE PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence from Denault Blouin (Compelling Reasons)- Dated June 12, 2008

Information meeting.

8. ADDED ITEMS -None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

There will be a Urban Design Task Force meeting on July 09, 2008 from 11:00 am to 2:00pm at Halifax Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The information meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Sandra T. Riley
Legislative Assistant