



MINUTES
SOUTH DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 2013-DEC-19 AT 7:30 AM
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE (411 DUNSMUIR STREET)

Members Present: David Witty, VIU, Chair
Doug Kalcsics, At-Large
Sasha Angus, NEDC
Dennis Trudeau & Daniel Pearce, RDN
Ann Kjerulf, At-Large
Darren Moss, DNBI
Douglas Hardie, SECA

Members Absent: Fred Pattje, City of Nanaimo
Bernie Dumas & Mike Davidson, NPA

Guests Present: Members of the public (4)

Committee Support Present: Miko Betanzo, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.
Deane Strongitharm, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.
Andrew Tucker, City of Nanaimo
Chris Jackson, Manager of Community Planning, City of Nanaimo
Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary, City of Nanaimo

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 am.

2. Approval of Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the South Downtown Waterfront Committee Minutes from 2013-DEC-10 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

4. Correspondence, Handouts & Notices

None.

5. Ongoing Business

- a) Chair's Report
N/a.

6. Consultant

- a) South Downtown Waterfront Initiative – Process & Outcomes Report – to be called "Framing the Future – Technical Report"
For information. A draft report was sent to members via email prior to the meeting. The cover image will be updated. M. Betanzo reviewed the draft report with the



Committee, drawing their attention to the “Common Theme” illustrative maps (pages 43 & 44). Summarizing the common themes identified amongst each, he asked members review the report and submit their comments by the end of the day.

Committee Comments

- Remove the “long-term” common theme illustrative map completely (page 44).
- Rename the “short-term” common theme illustrative map to “moderate growth potential” common theme illustrative map (page 43). Add a disclaimer that notes it as only *one* of many possible scenarios.
- Add an appendix that lists the members of the public and consultants that participated in the Design Charrette.

Councillor D. Johnstone arrived at 8:15 am.

- b) South Downtown Waterfront Initiative – Committee Report – to be called “Framing the Future”

Item discussed in New Business section of agenda.

7. New Business

- a) Guiding Principles – Revised Draft to be Finalized

D. Witty distributed a set of draft guiding principles to members via email prior to the meeting. Some members had sent suggestions via email, but he began a review each principle during the meeting. Comments were applied directly to the document. A revised version will be distributed to members after the meeting.

- b) Short Term Vision – Discussion

D. Witty noted that this item has been carried over from previous meetings as per member requests to look more closely at a short term vision. D. Hardie wonders how much detail we should put into the next few years in order to get the process off to a good start. Should we be more specific about implementation over the next couple of years? Knowing what we know (fast ferries, transit hub, etc.). How do we keep the momentum? M. Betanzo noted that there has been some language placed in the technical report that references phasing in a general sense. We need to determine the phasing of the site (rail, Western Forest Products, etc.) but besides that, it is fairly general. A “phasing plan” would help to see the process that has gone on.

Cover Letter

Also distributed via email prior to the meeting was a “cover letter” drafted by D. Witty. This letter will be imbedded within the front of the Committee’s report “Framing the Future”. D. Witty asked members to review and provide comments on the cover letter. Comments were applied directly to the document during the meeting. A revised version will be distributed to members after the meeting.

Carrying the momentum of this initiative forward, the Committee would like the City to create an oversight / working group to monitor future development, at least in the short term. The idea of a “Charter” was discussed as well as the pros and cons of Development Corporations. More information on both topics will be presented at the next meeting.

c) Final Presentation to Community (2014-JAN-11) – Status Update

D. Witty sent an outline to members via email prior to the meeting. He asked members to start thinking of candidates for the “day in the life” portion of the presentation. He will work in collaboration with M. Betanzo to create a Powerpoint presentation for the event, providing a draft for review at the 2014-JAN-07 meeting.

D. Moss left the meeting at 9:11 am. D. Hardie left the meeting at 9:13 am.

d) Roundtable – Check In

N/a.

e) Next Steps

N/a.

8. Next Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on 2014-JAN-07 at 7:30 am in the Board Room, Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street).

A final presentation to the community will be held 2014-JAN-11.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date