



MINUTES

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

Members Present: David Witty, Chair, VIU
Fred Pattje, City of Nanaimo
Bernie Dumas, NPA
Sasha Angus, NEDC
Dennis Trudeau, RDN
Doug Kalcsics, At-Large
Ann Kjerulf, At-Large
Darren Moss, DNBIA
Douglas Hardie, SECA

Guests Present: Members of the public (6)

Committee Support Present: Miko Betanzo, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.
Deane Strongitharm, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.
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 7:31 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 Initiative Committee Minutes from 2013-NOV-05 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

4. Correspondence, Handouts & Notices

None.

5. Ongoing Business

a) Chair's Report

To be discussed below.

b) Presentation by Dr. Larry Beasley (2013-NOV-12) – Debrief

For information. The presentation was a success with a full audience in attendance. The recorded presentation will be placed online at www.southdowntownwaterfront.ca.

c) Ideas Forum (2013-NOV-13) – Debrief

For information. The forum was a success with close to 90 participants. The Committee felt that the forum really helped to inform the Design Charrette process. It was suggested that a formal thank you be sent to facilitator Pam Shaw and her students.

6. Consultant

a) Design Charrette (2013-NOV-14, 15, 16) – Debrief

For information. M. Betanzo provided a verbal debrief from the three-day Design Charrette. Thursday night was an information session with presentations from various groups; Friday was about mulling over the information heard, reviewing the surrounding context and getting into the details of the designs; and Saturday was about finalizing. Each table created a set of visions (short, medium and long term), which will be available online at www.southdowntownwaterfront.ca. It was suggested that a formal thank you be sent to the Design Charrette participants.

7. New Business

a) Visions & Guiding Principles – Discussion

It was suggested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

b) Next Steps

D. Witty noted that the Committee must have a conversation about their expectations of a final product. The content that came from the Design Charrette was, in essence, broad visions with similar nuances. M. Betanzo will identify the commonalities between the concept plans produced at the Charrette (visually and through text). The Charrette products will stand on their own, but the Guiding Principles are key. It is the Guiding Principles and those commonalities that become the product and the actual drawings support it. The plan will naturally evolve over time depending on the market.

c) Roundtable – Check In

For information. The Chair invited comments. It was suggested that an event be held in order to present a final product to the community.

Proposed Date: Saturday, 2014-JAN-11 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
(room booked 10:00 am – 6:00 pm) at the Nanaimo Port Theatre

Committee Comments

- Providing something at a broad, high scale concept plan vision would be helpful (as opposed to hindering future possibilities).
- Identify variables that one may be presented with over short and long term.
- Provide a solid enough framework so that BC Transit and the City can determine opportunities for future transit.
- Reminder to avoid “false choices” such as a working harbor VS a non working harbor. Consider the degree of likelihood. Consider presenting the information in a time lapse format to see how things might transition over time.
- Incorporate SFN and the Committee’s efforts to engage.

S. Angus left the meeting at 8:40 am.

It was emphasized that this is an important issue to put forward to the media. It was suggested that the media be invited to a regular Committee meeting prior to the final presentation in January.

8. Next Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2013-NOV-26** at 7:30 am the Board Room, Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street).

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date