



MINUTES
SOUTH DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 2013-OCT-22 AT 7:30 AM
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE (411 DUNSMUIR STREET)

Members Present:	David Witty, VIU, Chair Sasha Angus, NEDC Bernie Dumas, NPA Fred Pattje, City of Nanaimo	Daniel Pearce (on behalf of Dennis Trudeau, RDN) Ann Kjerulf, At-Large Darren Moss, DNBIA
Members Absent:	Douglas Hardie, SECA	Doug Kalcsics, At-Large
Guests Present:	Members of the public (4)	
Committee Support Present:	Miko Betanzo, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. Deane Strongitharm, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. Bill Corsan, Manager of Real Estate, 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 7:29 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-OCT-08 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

4. Charrette Subcommittee Meeting

The subcommittee continues to meet as needed. A report will be provided at the regular meeting of 2013-NOV-05.

5. Correspondence, Handouts & Notices

None.

6. Ongoing Business

a) Chair's Report
No report.

b) Exploring Waterfront Development – by Dr. Larry Beasley (2013-NOV-12) – Update
The presentation by Dr. Larry Beasley will take place on Tuesday, 2013-NOV-12 at 7:00 pm at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (Shaw Auditorium). Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Committee suggested that a list of general interest groups be generated and informed of the upcoming presentation, Ideas Forum, and Design Charrette. It was suggested that the following interest groups be notified:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Neighbourhood Associations• Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce• Islands Trust• Innovation Island• Community Futures Central island• City of Nanaimo Parks Department• City of Nanaimo Design Advisory Panel• Nanaimo Arts Council• School District #68	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Professionals of Nanaimo• Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce• First Capital Port Place Mall• BC Ferries• Cameron Island Residents' Association• Vancouver Island Real Estate Board• Nanaimo Estuary Committee• Ministry of Transportation• Groups represented on this Committee
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D. Witty asked City staff to compile the above contact information so that he can provide them with the relevant information.

c) Ideas Forum (2013-NOV-13) – Update

The Ideas Forum, facilitated by Dr. Pam Shaw, will be held on Wednesday, 2013-NOV-13 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. The event will be held in a World Café style, providing an opportunity for open discussion amongst community members. Everyone is welcome to attend but registration is preferred (online at www.southdowntownwaterfront.ca). Closer to the date, details will be forwarded to registered attendees via email.

The intent is that the findings generated at the Ideas Forum will be condensed and presented the following day at the Design Charrette.

d) Design Charrette (2013-NOV-14, 15, 16) – Update

The Design Charrette will be held 2013-NOV-14, 15, and 16 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. It was suggested that the following key stakeholders be extended a personal invitation to participate:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seaspan• Snuneymuxw First Nation• Western Forest Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CP Rail• Island Corridor Foundation• Island Ferries (Foot Ferry)
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D. Witty will contact the above noted stakeholders. As for public participation in the Charrette; an ad for at-large participants has been placed in the newspapers and distributed to local interest groups via email, website and social media. Applications will be accepted until Friday, 2013-OCT-25. Applications will be reviewed by the subcommittee and a third party [Carol Matthews] on the following Monday.

Late Item: B. Corsan, Manager of Real Estate – Foot Passenger Ferry Proposal

B. Corsan attended the meeting in order to provide information on the foot passenger ferry proponent that presented at last night's Council meeting. He provided background information on the project, noting that there are still discussions that need to be had. There are two possible scenarios for this Committee to consider: a foot ferry on NPA lands; or a foot ferry on GADD Marine lands.

The Committee noted that it would be beneficial to have a sense of when / if Seaspan [Rubber Wheel Operations] plans to relocate from the inner harbor to Duke Point. Relocation has a dramatic impact on redevelopment options for the study area. The Committee noted the importance of including parking implications in discussions at the upcoming Design Charrette.

D. Witty thanked B. Corsan for attending the meeting. He left at 8:23 am.

7. Consultant

a) Harbour Fair (2013-OCT-05) – Draft Report for Review

M. Betanzo is currently finalizing the draft results report and hopes to have it completed in the next day. He will forward the report to members via email after the meeting. He asked that members provide their feedback on the report by Friday so that the results can be placed online. In the mean time, he provided a verbal summary of the most commonly identified items:

- **Question 1: What things are important to you about this property? What needs to stay?** Answers: Public access; Walking and bicycle paths; Maintaining a working harbor.
- **Question 2: What do you imagine this place could be in the future? What else would you like to see on these lands?** Answers: Green space; Public space and access; Walking and bicycle paths; More commercial uses.
- **Question 3: Anything else that you would like to share with us?** Answers: No multiplex; Clean up / beautify the site.

C. Jackson left the meeting at 8:31 am.

Respondents seemed to provide similar responses. The comments received were in line with what the Committee has been discussing to date (transit hub, working harbor, etc.), which is a positive sign that the group is on the right track. It was suggested that at the next meeting, the Committee compares the results to their Framing Principles.

8. New Business

a) Roundtable – Check In

For information. The Chair invited comments.

b) Next Steps

It was suggested that an article be placed in the newspaper to generate interest about the upcoming events (presentation, Ideas Forum, Design Charrette) and to share some results from the Harbour Fair. The article will need to be written and released. D. Witty will put M. Betanzo in touch with VIU's communications group in order to complete this.

9. Next Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2013-NOV-05 at 7:30 am the Board Room, Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street).

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date