

MINUTES

SOUTH DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 2013-OCT-08 AT 7:30 AM
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE (411 DUNSMUIR STREET)

Members Present: David Witty, VIU, Chair
Douglas Hardie, SECA
Mike Davidson, NPA
Fred Pattje, City of Nanaimo
Daniel Pearce (on behalf of Dennis Trudeau, RDN)
Doug Kalcsics, At-Large
Darren Moss, DNBIA

Members Absent: Sasha Angus, NEDC
Ann Kjerulf, At-Large

Guests Present: Members of the public (3)

Committee Support Present: Miko Betanzo, 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 Committee Minutes from 2013-SEP-24 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

The minutes had noted a reference to a one page backgrounder on last meeting's presentation by Seaspan and Southern Rail. M. Betanzo will follow up on this.

4. Charrette Subcommittee Meeting (2013-OCT-07)

D. Kalcsics reminded the Committee that they approved in principle the design charrette summary presented at the last meeting. The schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, 2013-NOV-12	Presentation by Larry Beasley
Wednesday, 2013-NOV-13	Ideas Forum
Thursday, 2013-NOV-14	Design Charrette – Day 1
Friday, 2013-NOV-15	Design Charrette – Day 2
Saturday, 2013-NOV-16	Design Charrette – Day 3

The selection criterion for at large participants has been expanded to take into consideration: gender balance, and a broad range of qualities and skills, etc. The subcommittee will create a newspaper ad that will contain basic information and a link to the website for more details. As well, they will work together to create an application form

that can be placed on the website and easily submitted online. Once applications are received, they will be evaluated by D. Kalcsics, A. Kjerulf (both At-Large members) and third party.

CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. will create a tab on the website for this process. M. Betanzo asked the subcommittee to forward him all materials they create in order to be posted online.

5. Correspondence, Handouts & Notices

None.

6. Ongoing Business

a) Chair's Report

D. Kalcsics will appear as a delegation at the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee meeting on 2013-OCT-10. As well, D. Witty will attend a Council meeting on 2013-OCT-28 to provide an update on the process to date.

At the Harbour Fair, "passports" were entered into a draw for prizes. D. Witty asked a member of the public that was in attendance to draw the prize winners. Staff will contact the recipients after the meeting.

The information was received as presented.

J. Wadworth and A. South of BC Transit arrived to the meeting at 7:53 am.

7. Consultant

a) Harbour Fair (2013-OCT-05) – Update / Debrief

M. Betanzo provided a written update which summarized progress made to date on stakeholder engagement, as well as a preliminary report on the Harbour Fair. The fair was a success, with approx. 300 people in attendance and approx. 110 people taking the bus tour. A total of 125 surveys have been submitted to date. He thanked everyone who provided assistance to make the event a success. It was suggested that Western Forest Products be added to the list of stakeholders to be engaged.

CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. will continue to gather and review the findings and will report back at the next meeting. They will work to ensure the information is made available on the website.

b) External Stakeholders

See above.

8. New Business

a) Presentation by BC Transit

D. Witty welcomed J. Wadworth and A. South (BC Transit) to the meeting, who attended in order to provide information on the possibility of a transit hub in the study area.

J. Wadworth made a presentation, including the long term transit strategy “Transit Futures”; land use patterns that support transit; functions of a transit exchange; examples of successful transit exchange projects, etc.

In Nanaimo, the transit exchange was located near the waterfront (Port Place Mall) before it was temporarily relocated to Prideaux Street approximately 10 years ago. He noted that the study area would be the preferred area to relocate a transit exchange because of its central location and the potential cost savings.

A. South began his portion of the presentation which reviewed features of successful transit exchanges (multi use, more than just a parking lot, an area that the community can embrace, etc.) and mentioned some examples of transit exchanges; the Vernon Exchange and the Victoria McTavish Exchange.

D. Witty thanked them for attending the meeting before they excused themselves from the room at 8:47 am.

b) Roundtable – Check In

For information. The Chair invited comments to the roundtable.

c) Next Steps

M. Betanzo will have a draft Harbour Fair report available for review at the next meeting.

9. Next Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2013-OCT-22 at 7:30 am in the Board Room of the Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street).

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 am.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date