



MINUTES
NANAIMO ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, 2013-FEB-19 AT 5:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, SARC, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Pattje, Chair
Jim Goldsack
Ellen Ross
Nadine Schwager
Jim Kipp

Randall Taylor
Sarah Boyd
Ted Greves
Chris Cross

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carey Avender
Michael Harrison

Brian Anderson
Darwin Mahlum

STAFF PRESENT:

Deborah Jensen, Community Development Planner
Dave Stewart, Planner, Current Planning
Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes from 2012-DEC-18

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2012-DEC-18 be adopted.
The motion was carried.

3. Approval of Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Presentations

None.

6. Information Items

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

a. Rezoning Applications

i. General Amendments

D. Stewart introduced and discussed each of the proposed general amendments.

Committee Comments:

F. Pattje could not locate the definition of Pet Day Care in his copy of the zoning bylaw. The Committee will receive an updated copy of the Zoning Bylaw.

T. Greves commented on proposed Amendment 11, noting some confusion with respect to levels of yard landscaping, and questioned whether there could be just one option rather than a range.

D. Stewart explained that the applicants have the option to pick a level of landscaping, but will review to determine if there is a way to clarify the content further.

C. Cross arrived at 5:13 pm.

It was moved and seconded that Council consider approving the general amendments. The motion was carried.

D. Stewart excused himself from the meeting at 5:29 pm.

b. Official Community Plan Amendment Applications – Introduction and Update

i. OCP59 – To allow for development of multiple family dwellings.

D. Jensen introduced the application to allow for a multiple-family dwelling development at 575 Milton Street, which includes live / work units. The application is running concurrently with a rezoning application, and will be presented to APC once the application has been fully reviewed.

ii. OCP60 – To allow for development of multiple family dwellings.

D. Jensen introduced the application to allow for a multiple-family dwelling development at 533, 537 and 555 Milton Street. The application is running concurrently with a rezoning application, and will be presented to APC once the application has been fully reviewed. This application was submitted along with OCP59.

The applicant for these applications has been undertaking public consultation. To date, the applicable neighbourhood associations (NOCA and Nob Hill) have been consulted, and a public meeting was held at the MGM restaurant.

- iii. OCP70 – To allow for development of two single family dwellings.

D. Jensen introduced the application to redesignate a portion of lands at 3500 Hillside Avenue to allow for residential development. The application will be running concurrently with a rezoning application, and will be presented to APC once the application has been fully reviewed. Given the topography of the site (steep slopes and wetland), there may be some rationale to support the proposed application.

c) Harewood Neighbourhood Plan Update

D. Jensen provided an update on the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan process to date. The City held an Urban Design Charrette on 2012-NOV-30 and 2012-DEC-01, with approximately 45 people in attendance. The Charrette generated a lot of good discussion amongst the attendees, which, as much as possible, can now be pulled forward into the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Staff have been working with consultants to pull together the framework for land use, transportation, and energy policy, which will also be brought forward into the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Some of the key concepts will be introduced for review at the next event, a Concepts and Options Open House scheduled for 2013-APR-13.

d) Food Charter / Food Strategy Introduction

With the last review of the Official Community Plan (OCP), policies were included to address the creation of a food charter and food strategy for Nanaimo. The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has given the City a \$9500 grant to begin working on the charter and food strategy. This will encompass many different factors including, for example, buying, selling, growing, distributing, and processing. Staff have been working with Golder Associates to host a community workshop on 2013-MAR-09. This will help to determine what makes Nanaimo unique, what is important to us in terms of food security. The overall format will include a morning session with a plenary speaker, with the remainder of the day focusing on break out groups.

Invitations will be sent to a variety of businesses and associations in the food sector (eg, grocery stores, landscape architects, farmers, restaurants, specialty stores, government agencies), and will be advertised to the general public.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of APC is scheduled for 2013-APR-16.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.