

Regional District of Nanaimo

Summary of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review Citizen's Committee Meeting Held on Monday, November 3, 2008 @ 7:00pm At the North Cedar Improvement District Hall 2100 Yellow Point Road

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

14 in attendance: Joe Burnett, Sharon Stannard, Devon Wyatt, Donna Sweeney, Zita Hartman, Lynnia Clark, Ray Digby, Henrik Kreiberg, Joanne McLeod, Chris Pagan, Gary Laird, Jill Maibach, Jack Anderson, Anne Fiddick, and (Greg Keller Regional District of Nanaimo)

Absent: Michael Hooper, Brian Collen, Bert Vermaskari, and Brenda Arthur

Agenda Item No. 1

Director Burnett, opened the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance. He began with roundtable introductions and requested everyone at the meeting introduce themselves. Director Burnett then handed the floor over to Greg Keller

Greg Keller provided a brief update on the Official Community Plan review.

Agenda Item No. 2

Greg Keller explained the Regional District of Nanaimo would like to brand the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review by selecting a slogan. Mr. Keller indicated that the slogan will help make the advertising more effective and will help the community relate to the process.

There was some discussion regarding the various example slogans provided in the Agenda.

The committee agreed that the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review Slogan will be: "A Shared Community Vision"

Agenda Item No. 3

Greg Keller provided a brief overview of the Citizen's Committee Terms of Reference and then opened the floor for discussion.

Gary Laird indicated he was concerned that the Committee could only make non-binding recommendations.

Greg Keller explained that the Committee would get input from other community members throughout the Official Community Plan review process, and bring that input back to the Committee.

Mr. Laird indicated he is concerned that the Committee's recommendations could be ignored.

Director Burnett indicated that the draft Official Community Plan will be released to the public and the committee will see drafts prior to the Official Community Plan being released to the public.

Ray Digby stated that he hopes the committee will get to review the draft. Mr. Digby also indicated that he is concerned with implementation of the Official Community Plan and does not want the new plan to sit on the shelf.

Greg Keller explained that the committee will be asked to review the draft plan and other materials prior to being released to the public. Mr. Keller then explained the relationship between the Official Community Plan policy and zoning and typically what is required to implement an Official Community Plan.

Director Burnett explained that draft Official Community Plan and related materials will be subject to public review and the committee will see what the community has to say.

Henrik Kreiberg stated that we need to be realistic in our approach. Mr. Kreiberg asked about the mechanics of the process and how we link the plan to its implementation.

Greg Keller responded by saying that we need to identify next steps and articulate the policy to regulation relationship.

Devon Wyatt suggested that we also need to consider the scope, quality, cost, and closeout. Mr. Wyatt stated that we need to follow through on the plan.

Jack Anderson stated that planners rely on the Official Community Plan to make recommendation on zoning amendments. Mr. Anderson asked how do we move policy to something more concrete. Mr. Anderson gave an example of how Electoral Area 'F' developed its own zoning bylaw.

Anne Fiddick stated that the general public does not react until the public hearing. Ms. Fiddick indicated that we need to know and be aware this in making recommendations. Ms. Fiddick stated that we need to think the ramifications of the recommendation and go back to our groups with the recommendations.

Agenda Item No. 4

Ray Digby indicated that the Chair can not speak about an issue unless he or she steps out of the Chair position. Mr. Digby suggested that the Electoral Area Director, Joe Burnett, would be a good nominee as a non-voting Committee Member. Mr. Digby nominated Joe Burnett to be the Chair of the Electoral Area 'A' Citizen's Committee.

Lynnia Clark supported the nomination.

Ray Digby clarified that his nomination was for Joe Burnett, and should there be a new Electoral Area 'A' Director, that the Committee would need to nominate a new Chair for the Committee.

Director Burnett accepted the nomination and indicated that it frees up other members to speak. Mr. Burnett indicated that he is here to listen and that he feels comfortable with that role.

The Committee agreed to nominate Joe Burnett as the Committee Chair.

Director Burnett requested that Greg Keller continue as chair for this meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5

The Committee discussed potential meeting dates for a regularly scheduled reoccurring meeting date throughout the Official Community Plan review process.

The Committee agreed that meetings would be held in one month intervals, and that a special meeting may be called from time to time to address specific and or time sensitive issues throughout the Official Community Plan review process.

Agenda Item No. 6

Henrik Kriebert suggested that the Committee should receive agenda materials upfront with enough time for review.

Lynnia Clark suggested that the Committee could have its own email address

Greg Keller indicated that he would look into setting up a committee email address or list serve.

Director Burnett requested that the committee members share more background information about themselves and why they are interested in the Official Community Plan review process.

The meeting was closed at approximately 8:55 pm.

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Director Joe Burnett, Committee Chairperson