

VISION KEEPERS GROUP



Meeting Notes

Thursday 27th. November 2008

Attendees

Members of the Committee: Hans Holthuis, Hugh Simson, Amy Krause, Joanna McCallum

By conference call: Ron Deans

Town Administration: Gary Buxton, Patrick Sorfleet

Regrets: Corina Dootjes, Simon Hudson, Doran Hanert, Peter Scheid

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chair, Amy Krause at 7:05 P.M.

Gary Buxton recorded the minutes of the meeting.

1. Introduction and welcome to new VKG Member Joanna McCallum

The group welcomed Joanna McCallum.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended with a short discussion on the multiplex proposal.

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes

The meeting notes of October 23, 2008 were approved as presented.

Ron Deans noted that he had requested that the report to Council be deferred to the new year.

Nothing had been heard back from the Mayor following the requested.

4. The CSP (Canmore Sustainability Plan) and Economic Development

Gary gave a brief overview of the changes made to section 5.1 of the document. Components had been separated from assets that were to be considered and built. The business attraction plan had been inserted to provide a means to implement the economic development strategy and the tourism strategy. The essential commercial services section had been amended to indicate that it was intended to assist essential businesses that were viable and not any business. A resort section had been added as this was a major economic component, and the employment centre section had been added to ensure that potential commercial lands were not lost and possibly compromise future economic growth potential. Gary asked if the edits had missed anything previously suggested by the group. No additional amendments were suggested.

5. The CSP Implementation Action Plan

Gary indicated that the section had been amended to provide more detail on how the plan should be implemented. The group asked if there had been any discussion of implementation by Council or associated agencies. Gary indicated that there had not been at this point. The group asked about the major sticking points in the current draft. Patrick noted that the concept of compact built form had been tricky for Council to deal with. The group suggested that it may be necessary to provide some educational assistance in moving this idea forwards with Council and the community.

The group asked if the implementation plan would be done by one or many groups. Patrick responded that there would be multiple groups working on it. Three major initiatives would be measuring and metrics, the economic development strategy and the amendment of the Land Use Bylaw.

The group asked a number of questions on the CSP document and provided a number of comments to staff.

6. The CSP Structure

The group asked if Council had made any comments on the document and whether it was clear or unambiguous. Patrick noted that this had not come up directly, but there had been some comments about structure, and being able to find policy. That was the reason that the document had been reformatted and matrices and tables provided to show links between policies. This had been done to try and make it easier to read the document.

The group asked about the CSP process from here. Upcoming meeting dates for the CSP public meetings:

Informal public comment meetings for:

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Thursday December 4, 2008 (Civic Centre)

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. on Friday December 5, 2008 (Civic Centre)

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Saturday December 6, 2008 (Community Hall, Rec. Centre)

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Thursday January 8, 2009 (Civic Centre)

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. on Friday January 9, 2009 (Civic Centre)

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Saturday January 10, 2009 (Civic Centre); and

Formal Public Hearings before Council for:

6:00 P.M. on Tuesday January 20, 2009 (Civic Centre) and

10:00 A.M. on Saturday January 24, 2009 (Civic Centre)

7. Subcommittees on Trends from the 2008 Monitoring Report

Amy informed the group that the new document would be structured more around the Mining the Future guiding principles. The Biosphere Institute had also requested that Vision Keepers members attend the upcoming review meetings.

The meeting schedule is:

Wed Dec. 10, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Thurs Dec. 11, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Fri Dec. 12, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

The Resource Use group meeting was not yet scheduled.

The group was not able to make these weekday meetings, due to work conflicts. The group wanted to ask the Biosphere Institute if there were other ways to get engaged in the process, such as providing written comments. Some of the group may be able to drop in for an hour or so if possible.

8. Annual Report to Town Council

Ron Deans reported that he had requested to the Mayor that this item be pushed back in to the new year, once we had reviewed the Community Monitoring Report.

9. Multiplex

The group raised a question about access to the site, and whether or not people could get in and out of the site. Gary responded that a controlled intersection would address many of those issues. Fieldhouse proponents, the Lamphouse Society and the climbing community were all prominent at the meeting. Ron Deans forwarded a question from Council about the multiplex being consistent

with the Mining the Future vision. The group felt that the process was consistent with the Vision. The group asked if our basic infrastructure was being protected and should funds be spent on this facility instead. Staff replied that water and sewer were reasonably well planned and managed with reserves in place. Staff replied that there was not the same case for roads. The group noted that some emphasis needed to be placed on trail and sidewalk development. The group also asked if the proposal was consistent with the Recreation Master Plan. Staff indicated that they would check this and circulate a copy of the Recreation Master Plan.

ACTION ITEM: Gary to circulate a copy of the Recreation Master Plan.

The group felt that the multiplex proposal did address the issue of inter-generational connections, due to the mix of proposed uses.

Gary suggested that at the next meeting, the group could review the multiplex proposal and consider making a definitive statement on how this project complies with the Mining the Future vision.

ACTION ITEM: The group was to review the multiplex plan and it will be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting, with the intent of making a statement on the plan and its consistency with the vision.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting date was chosen next year on Thursday January 15, 2009.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.