

VISION KEEPERS GROUP



Meeting Notes *Thursday 15th. January 2009*

Attendees

Members of the Committee: Hans Holthuis, Doran Hanert, Ron Deans, Joanna McCallum
Town Administration: Patrick Sorfleet
Regrets: Corina Dootjes, Simon Hudson, Hugh Simpson, Amy Krause
Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ron Deans at 7:09 P.M.
Patrick Sorfleet recorded the minutes of the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted

2. Peter Scheid Resignation

The Group discussed the resignation of Peter Scheid and possibly recognizing him in some way.

Action Item: Ron Deans to speak with the CAO regarding a token of appreciation for Peter's commitment to the VKG

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes

November 27, 2008 adopted

4. Subcommittees on Trends from the 2008 Monitoring Report

Ron Deans reported back to the group regarding the 2008 monitoring report. Amy Krause, via email commented on the difficulty of monitoring social trends and indicators. Bruce Gleig of the Biosphere Institute advised Amy that the VKG may have a role in helping to determine social trends indicators. Ron Deans suggested that there is a role to play for the vision keepers in commenting on the direction of the monitoring report.

Action Item: Patrick Sorfleet to determine the frequency of the Sense Community Survey

Questions were asked regarding when the monitoring report would be ready for VKG to review. Ron Deans informed the group that the report is forthcoming but no final date has been given.

5. Annual Report to Town Council

The group deferred the Annual Report until the VKG can properly review the 2008 Monitoring Report.

6. The CSP Public Feedback Process

Patrick Sorfleet updated the group regarding the community comments at the December and January public meetings for the CSP. The comments from these meetings are available for download on the Town website. The next steps in the process will be the formal public hearings on the 20th and 24th of January followed by an expected first reading in February. Administration will be compiling all of the comments from the meetings and the written submissions for presentation to council. These comments will be presented in the context of the work that the community groups have done over the past 14 months. With respect to incorporating the recent comments into the document,

Administration will be reviewing the comments in the context of the community group work that has been done over the past 14 months and editing the CSP draft accordingly. Any further amendments will likely need to be directed by council at 1st reading. It is likely that an additional formal public hearing (or two) will be held between 1st and 2nd reading.

Action Item: Patrick to send email out to the Community Groups regarding attendance at the CSP hearings.

The group is encouraging its members to attend the public hearings.

7. Economic Development Section of the CSP

The group discussed the sustainable economic development strategy (SEDS) as proposed in the CSP. The group agreed that SEDS as proposed in the CSP appeared sufficient and expressed interest in reviewing the draft strategy once it was under development for consistency with the vision.

8. The CSP Implementation Action Plan

The VKG expressed interest in how the Town intends the CSP would be implemented once accepted by Council. This included what would be done and to what timetable. Patrick Sorfleet advised the group that the implementation plan would need to be developed post 3rd reading of the CSP. This implementation plan would likely identify the SEDS, the land use bylaw re-write, the metrics and monitoring Plan and the community commitments document as priorities however at present there is no absolute certainty as to priority of implementation.

9. Multiplex

Ron Deans introduced the Recreation Master Plan and of how the proposed multiplex fits into it. The groups expressed some concern that the only reference related the uses proposed at the multiplex was the requirement for a plan for future upgrades to the recreation centre. Patrick Sorfleet clarified that both the proposed Daycare and the Library have not been treated as recreation facilities and so are not mentioned in the recreation master plan.

The group discussed how it may provide feedback regarding the proposed multiplex in the context of the vision. It was agreed to develop a VKG statement to council on the Multiplex and it's consistency with MTF. The group agreed that the multiplex as proposed appeared to meet the values of sustainability, diversity and connectedness by creating additional spaces for people to meet and interact with each other and being built to a green standard. The group further discussed what the multiplex may mean in terms of identity. It was agreed that the services within the multiplex may address the identity aspects of the vision through the social networking and activities promoted and that in some ways the architecture and environmental performance of the building may also affect identity.

Action Item: Develop a statement to send to council regarding how a multiplex may meet the vision.

It was decided by the group to place this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

10. Next Meeting

February 19th, 2009; 7-9pm

11. Adjournment (8:48pm)