

West Hillhurst Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday January 20, 2020 7:00pm WHCA Boardroom

Attendance

Chairperson: Ken Hersen
Coordinator: Karen Dahl
Members present: Phil Dack, Janice Paskey
Guests present: Marc Rosso, David Quaintance, Amanda Burdick, Mike Strilchuk, Michael Wing, Linda Lee

December 16, 2019 minutes approved.

David Quaintance to present request from Calgarians for Heritage Districts

In view of the removal of Heritage Area Special Policy from latest version of the Guidebook for Great Communities, Calgarians for Heritage Districts is requesting that the Guidebook be amended to include over-arching policy covering the importance of identifying character areas and potential heritage districts during the process of preparing local area plans, as well as managing the exceptional qualities that already exist in those areas.

The committee agreed with the letter and signed to support the West Hillhurst Heritage Group. David Quaintance will take the letter to the February Board Meeting for their support as well.

Guidebook for Great Communities

KD attended Federation of Calgary Communities' January 18 meeting and KH will attend the January 22 meeting. FCC looking to push back vote going to council from April until the fall.

Our committee will draft a letter outlining our concerns and send it to all City Councillors. We will also distribute the letter to the other Ward 7 communities for their support.

Action Items: KD to contact FCC president to see how we can help with that goal.
KD to get Guidebook information on Facebook and social media again.

PD to draft Guidebook letter

West Hillhurst Principals for Local Area Plan

The City is undertaking a local growth planning process within multiple communities at a time. West Hillhurst, Hillhurst Sunnyside and Briar Hill – Hounsfeld Heights will be grouped together. Group discussions will begin this year to determine the details of our LAP. A brainstorming session resulted in the following areas of importance for West Hillhurst:

- Identify streets where density is appropriate.
- Low density areas should be retained.
- Protect community heritage sites.
- Uniqueness within community to be upheld.
- Protect and enhance urban forest.
- Pedestrian overpass on Crowchild Trail after its widened to connect the neighbourhood.
- Reduce stop signs on 21st Street NW to improvable bike-ability.
- West Hillhurst should be a safe neighbourhood
- Improve our public parks
- Traffic increases must be addressed to restrict cut through traffic.
- Improve usability and access of 7th Avenue dog park
- Improve pedestrian walkability on major and collector streets.
- Increase restricted parking zones
- Use of architect guidelines to ensure retention of unique features of our area.
- Ensure new homes are following front set backs in bylaws.
- Improve maintenance and safety on bike paths.
- Explore connections to Briar Hill and St Andrews.
- Enhance WHCA amenities and look for opportunities to expand to serve a growing population.
- Identify retail opportunities throughout the community. Recognizing the need for separation of uses to protect quality of life for area residents.
- Existing infrastructure to be assessed to deal with drainage and creosote and lead pipe concerns. Contamination to be revealed to community.

Planning Committee Streamlined Comments

The Planning Committee will begin to identify key questions to ask when reviewing Development Permits that are submitted. In this way, we hope we'll be able to streamline our approach and compile our comments efficiently. Our comments should include thoughtful consideration of the following areas:

- Traffic
- Height
- Relaxations
- Trees
- Privacy
- Drainage

Ward 7 Planning Meeting – next steps

Will plan for another meeting next meeting in fall, in the meantime, we will send out Guidebook letter.

Updated Terms of Reference

Will adopt FCC format.

Action Item: JP will adopt our TOR into the FCC template.

SB2019-0319: 2228 1 Ave NW; Subdivision Request

The Planning Committee had no comment

New Business:

KD to draft community letter for new DP and LOCs.

Website updates on next agenda.

Add link to zoning bylaw descriptions on website.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm