

Pan Visions 2005
Saturday, February 26th, 2005
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Notes:

Attendees: 60 - 65 in attendance (+ 8 children)

Hosts: VFK - Nati Herron & George Grant (Additional Facilitator: Louise Seto)

City Staff: Chris Robertson, Wesley Joe, Edna Cho, Steve Thiara, Andrea Tang

1. Introductions

- Nati & George welcomed everyone to Pan Visions 2005, explained the origins & purpose of Pan Visions, and reviewed the agenda
- By a show of hands, there were members represented from VFK, KCC, SUN, RC, and HS

2. Joint Challenges

A. *Review of 2003 challenges* (Louise)

B. *2005 Challenges* (Nati & George)

- Building on joint challenges identified in 2003, the group developed a new list for 2005 and voted on the priority of the challenges:

2005 Joint Challenges (in order of priority)	# votes
*1. <i>Social Issues</i> • Prostitution, crime, homelessness, at-risk-use	30
*2. <i>Zoning/Housing</i>	25
*3. <i>Defining CityPlan Cmttee's Role in Regional Plans</i>	23
*4. <i>Streets/Traffic Issues</i> • beautification, greening, public art, trucks, local street traffic, major arterials	20
*5. <i>Barriers to Involvement</i> • inclusiveness, diversity, language, education, cultural education	18
*6. <i>Access to Info and Data (Action Plans)</i>	16
7. <i>Working with Businesses (big & small)</i>	16
8. <i>Inputting in Capital Plans</i>	15
9. <i>Garbage, etc.</i>	12

- The top 6 joint challenges (*social issues, zoning/housing, defining CityPlan committee's role in regional plans, streets/traffic issues, access to info and data, and barriers to involvement) formed break-out discussion groups.

C. Successes, Challenges, & Joint Actions

(* indicates the number of group members that voted for the action as priority)

1. SOCIAL ISSUES				
Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime & Prostitution - patrols, training w/ community policing 	KCC, VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Prostitution: pushed from one neighbourhood to another 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & Employment Programs • Involve City/Provincial/Fed. Political action - devise a policy statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community clean-ups & gardens 	SUN, KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2. Homelessness 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & Employment Programs • Involve City/Provincial/Fed. Political action - devise a policy statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment skills training (PEERS) 	HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3. Communication between neighbourhoods from City Hall to Community 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular reporting of permit applications <i>prior</i> to applications • City must broaden community input • Earlier notification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families in Action 	HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4. Youth at Risk - places to "hang out" (late hours) 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public education: "teens aren't threatening" & available programs • Community events that involve teens - work through schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooch patrols, foot patrols 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5. Mentally challenged - no facilities, no support 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See #1: Political action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street reclaiming, cleaning, gardening 	SUN			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness - Telus packs to give out 	VCC			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At risk youth - night sports through VSB new coordinated programs 	KCC			

2. ZONING/HOUSING				
Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingcrest, Kingsway & Knight 	KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. East Fraserlands 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobilize volunteers & public participation - EFL comm. to make • mobilize profile of EFL (5*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining School Board Works Yard 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2. Walmart 	SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobilize for key public meetings (5*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Fraserlands - Draft Policy 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3. S. False Creek 	DTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to interested groups (2*)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS-5 Zoning (?) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Housing Needs (Fraser St.) 	SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For City to make plans known well in advance (5*)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits Issues (e.g. Liquor Stores) 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What process exists?... to learn of the issuing of permits (5*)

3. REGIONAL PLANS

Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Fraserlands: ensuring adequate representation ("genuine consultation") for community needs - amenities, greenspace 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hastings Park 	HS RC VFK SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CityPlan Staff Park Board Reps Access to Info
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Twinning of Port Mann 	All "HS" (4 exits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access provincial decision makers & "municipal" planners Media campaign/carpooling, commuters (2*) Toll exits/bridge strategy Street hockey campaign (3*) Air quality monitoring
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. East Fraserlands 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> charrettes to involve other community groups
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Adequate community input into Regional Plans 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> get access to contacts for regional planning (3*) pan visions email - network/action group (3*)

4. STREETS/TRAFFIC

Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulges (55th & Kerr) & Zebra strips 	VFK (Red Alder walk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bulges - change driver habits 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge enforcement Raise driver awareness (10*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed bumps, bulges & 1 way 	VFK, RC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Getting police to enforce laws 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better Communication w/ Engineering 	VFK (57 th & Argyle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Doubling the Port Mann 		(7*)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Rat Running through neighbourhood 	HS, SUN, VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police enforcement Traffic calming initiatives Stay on arterials (motorists) (10*)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 57th Collector 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extend Victoria to Trout Lake as a N. Collector (9*)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Signage 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage engineers to be more responsive (6*)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Less Traffic/more transit <57th - causes rat-running (commuter impact) <buses - not enough, not kept, schedules, students don't need so many passes <1st/Rupert/Windermere - stop cut-through traffic 	<p>ALL SUN VFK HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini Buses (10*) Block off half of street
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Long-term Planning of Arterials 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of neighbourhood centres

5. BARRIERS TO INVOLVEMENT				
Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food, parties, games 	VFK KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overcoming resistance to involvement 	KCC VFK SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth representation at CityPlan Committee (2*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening (schools, greenways, community gardens) 	KCC VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Urban & Neighbourhood Form (e.g. Streets as barriers like Knight St.) 	KCC VFK SUN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Community festivals involving children (e.g. Dickens school "spring fling") 	KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Socio-economic barriers - extremes (e.g. "gated communities") 	SUN DUN VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block Watch Connect with Community Policing Identify cultural representatives within neighbourhoods (1*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multicultural drop-in at South Vancouver Family Place 	VFK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Communication: getting the word to the neighbourhood 	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with businesses (2*) Bulletin board Community message board (1*) Community liaison (3*)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translations/interpret. <publications <City publications <neighbourhood newspapers <partnering at multicultural events 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Universal Accessibility 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan to consider & communicate accessibility issues when planning community events (1*)

6. ACCESS TO INFO/DATA (Action Plans)				
Successes	Cmties	Challenges	Cmties	→Possible Joint Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> depends on relationships with City (e.g. Knight & Kingsway) - development applications 	KCC SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowing about new proposals ahead of time before it goes to council (need to have info when City staff get it in order to prepare input& response) 	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Staff link: bring new applications as come in Improve consultative process: get key players together to discuss issue at meeting Financial: what are we allowed to spend money on? Keep running record & present regularly at meetings access to records for info plans

- Handouts: "Project at a Glance" and "Who's doing what and where?" were handed out, so that members could contact subcommittee chairs directly to work on specific actions

3. BUDGET

- The group voted and decided on \$10,000/community + shared events
- Subcommittees for each committee will submit budgets for the coming year

4. TRAINING

- The group expressed that they would like to have more training like the "Making Better Meetings" workshop by Eli Mina
- They would also like to have training workshops to learn more about zoning, etc.

5. CITY STAFF FOLLOW-UP

- City staff agreed to provide CityPlan committees with the following:
 - The summarized results of top actions identified under each theme
 - Spending criteria to all the chairs
 - A sense of how much things cost to do budgeting (e.g. translation)...especially for RC and HS

6. PAN VISIONS 2005 II

- The group wanted a second Pan Visions meeting in 2005 during the fall at Hastings-Sunrise