

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
CLG Meeting #1
Tuesday, June 26, 2007
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Kivan Boys & Girls Club
2875 St. George Street

**Attendees: 53 local residents, COV Mount Pleasant Planning Team (Peter Burch,
Dana Walker, Angela Ko)**

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

- 53 CLG members introduced their names, where they live, and their reasons for joining the CLG
- CLG interests in the community include: public art, protecting diversity, housing affordability, needs of seniors, youth, children & families, streetscape, infrastructure, community gardens, community development, historical preservation, architecture, reaching to the poor, green space, services for new immigrants, transportation planning, social and economic development, heritage restoration

2. Overview of Community Planning Process - Peter Burch

- Social planner as additional resource to the planning team
- Four-step process for 30 months

Start-up & Getting in touch

- more than 70 groups outreached from February to June 07
- first newsletter sent in May, 2007
- fairs held June 2 & 10, 2007

Sub-area & community action plans

- form CLG
- hold shopping areas workshops in October/November 07
 - focus on public realm improvements including heritage, greening, and open space
- hold residential areas workshops in February/March 08
 - focus on landscaping, built form, heritage, existing zones, transportation
- form Social Coordinating Group (SCG)
 - issues to be identified by community (feedback forms, fair comments)
 - input from SCG what are the 3 to 4 important themes
 - projects to be worked on by community through partnerships
 - issues identification and projects implementation would have impact on the plan
- Public Realm Concept Plan for shopping areas and Social Issues Agenda will be presented to City Council

Set Community-wide directions

- Topics of concerns common to all areas; might include transportation and zoning

Completing the Community Plan

- Assemble all parts of the Plan
 - Validation from community
 - Present to City Council for adoption
- Questions/concerns from CLG
 - What is the Olympics impact on this planning process? Olympic Village, Canada Line, False Creek Flats, and Metro Core Jobs and Economy Land Use study are running parallel to the Mount Pleasant planning process
 - What is the output expected from the community? Four community action projects; public realm concept plans for shopping areas, land use and design for Main 2nd to 7th; plan for residential areas; some zoning changes; and social sustainable plan elements
 - Is Fraser & 16th excluded in the planning program according to the Mount Pleasant Community Plan Area Map? The exclusion is to include the area in a future 18 month Neighbourhood Centre Program; exclusion does not mean people cannot comment on the significance of the area; it implies the area would not have the same focus as the shopping areas or residential areas outlined in the planning program

3. Membership Gaps and Overlaps

- Advice from CLG:
 - invite aboriginal community to participate in CLG
 - be aware of residents moving into new developments and find ways to engage them in the planning process
 - encourage involvement from families, youth, small businesses, and anti-poverty group

4. Summary of Fair Results (highlights)

Shopping Areas comments - Peter

- affordable housing
- greener streets
- importance of small retails, café, restaurants, and pubs
- safety issues, e.g. Broadway & Fraser
- commercial development guidelines to enhance heritage
- Main street is dangerous to cross
- residential and commercial mix is beneficial to both workers and residents

Residential Areas comments - Angela

- more trees in parks and streets
- playground in parks for children
- more off leash parks
- traffic calming, e.g. Glen, Sophia, Fraser

- better bus connections, e.g. 99B bus stop at Broadway & Fraser
- cleanliness in parks (dog faeces) and apartment garbage receptacles
- future of Mount Pleasant Park and outdoor pool
- affordable housing

Social Issues - Dana

- most pressing social issues ranked by fair participants:
 - Housing affordability
 - Community support services for families, seniors, and youth
 - Homelessness (issues are most prominent east of Main)
- social issues are not just negative, the positive ones include diversity and belonging which means more than food or music but about meeting people and connections, holding festivals or neighbourhood scale events to bring people together

5. Workshop Scheduling and Locations

- Since each workshop takes 4 - 5 hours allowing participants to hear presentations, break out for group discussion, and report out, Saturday and Sunday are better times
- Some CLG members suggested evening workshops. Past experience of holding evening workshops did not attract attendance and had a tendency to reduce normal attendance to one-third
- Out of 44 forms filled out by interested fair participants in attending workshops, only 1 person indicated Sunday afternoon being the worst time
- Out of 53 CLG members, 2 indicated Sunday and 7 indicated Saturday being the worst time for workshop
- CLG decided Sunday afternoons the best time to hold future workshops and gave freedom to planning staff in choosing workshop venues (potential sites: Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, Mount Pleasant School, Nightingale School, St. Patrick's Church, St. Michael's Anglican Church, Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Mount Pleasant Legion etc.)
- CLG was encouraged to suggest other potential sites to planning staff

6. Next Steps

- ideas from feedback forms, fair results, outreach meeting notes, and focus groups will be tabulated and summarized

7. Future Meetings

- Tuesday was agreed as the best week day to meet for future meetings
- next CLG meeting will be held mid September

Meeting adjourned