



Date: February 6, 2014
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room, City Hall
Chair: Kevin McNaney

Northeast False Creek Working Group Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

1. Alex Sandoval Downtown Vancouver Association
2. Ann Phelps Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival
3. Bob Laurie Vancouver Board of Trade
4. Brett Radelet Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival
5. Dave Hutch City of Vancouver, Parks and Recreation
6. Debra Barker False Creek Residents Association
7. Elizabeth Berger Concord Pacific
8. Jonathan Bleackley Vancouver Public Space Network
9. Kathy Gibler Dr. Sun Yat Sun Chinese Garden
10. Kevin McNaney City of Vancouver, Planning
11. Jennifer Ingham Science World
12. Mark Mazzone Aquilini Development & Construction Inc
13. Matt Meehan Concord Pacific
14. Patsy McMillan City Gate Intertower Committee
15. Paula Huber City of Vancouver, Planning
16. Riaan DeBeer Aquilini Development & Construction Inc
17. Simon Litherland False Creek Rowing Club
18. Zane Hill City of Vancouver, Planning

Introductions

5:00 pm

The meeting began with a quick round of introductions.

Agenda Item 1:

5:05 pm

5B East CAC Allocation

Paula Huber gave an overview of the proposed CAC allocations for 5B East. A total of \$3m is available now, and a further \$3m will be available upon occupancy of Area 5B East. Currently, this is being estimated to occur in Fall 2015.

Paula walked through the allocations and explained that they are somewhat moving pieces which will need to be shuffled as projects and priorities are ready to go.

\$400,000 of Heritage Density will be purchased as soon as possible.

\$1m has been reserved for construction costs of the International Village School multi-purpose room construction. This may need to increase if construction costs are higher. Timing for this is not yet certain.

\$875,000 has been allocated for the Andy Livingstone Park renewal. This amount is an estimate as the park design has not yet been configured.

\$1.625m has been allocated to the Non-Motorised Boating Facility in False Creek. Original amount was \$1.75M but \$125,000 of that is needed for boating study.

\$400,000 has been allocated toward the Creekside Park playground renewal and the public process on design is scheduled to begin in spring 2014. It was clarified that the new climbing bell installed at the playground will be retained for the playground upgrade whether the playground stays in its current location or is moved.

\$700,000 has been reserved for renewal of the public component of the Sun Yat-Sen gardens. This is estimated to be required in 2015 to fund the pond improvement project.

\$500,000 has been held for the provision of a youth-oriented recreation space under Cambie Street Bridge, along with a further \$50,000 to cover connection fees for a public WC in this area. The cost of the washroom purchase is being covered under the city-wide street furniture contract with DBS/JCDecaux.

\$200,000 has been tentatively held for children/family programs at the Downtown Public Library and can be approved once it is confirmed that other projects/priorities do not need this funding in 2014.

Discussion:

In response to a question of what is currently happening at Creekside park, it was confirmed that the new climbing netting recently installed is part of the replacement for equipment that was lost with the construction of the outdoor science experiment at Science World.

The group enquired about the phase 2 CAC spending (\$3M). Paula responded that staff are currently looking at what is needed for the school and playground projects. Depending on costs and timing it is possible that more could go toward the non-motorised boating facility.

In response to Bob Laurie's concern that this funding is at risk of not being approved by Council, Kevin McNaney responded that the majority of the recommended funding allocations align with the Council approved Public Benefits Package for NEFC. Kevin added that Staff have, and will continue to keep Councillors in the loop on initiatives that require CAC funding so that there are no surprises.

Kevin clarified that the process for CAC approval would be to seek funding when the project has staff resources and is ready to go rather than requesting block funding approval by calendar year.

Jennifer Ingham requested an update from Parks Board regarding the gazebo to the south of Science World. Science World is hoping to use the space as part of their programming. Dave Hutch asked that Jennifer follow up with him directly on this topic.

Agenda Item 2:

5:25 pm

NEFC Website Update

Zane Hill updated the group on the status of the NEFC website. Amendments have been made to the NEFC overview text to accommodate previous concerns raised by the FCRA. Specifically, text has been added to list surrounding neighbourhoods of the immediate NEFC area and refer to the study area as a district rather than a neighbourhood.

A screenshot of the proposed Joint Working Group subpage was also shown, highlighting where to find future meeting agendas and meeting notes as they become available.

It was concluded that these web page amendments were approved and agendas and meeting notes of meetings from 2014 onward would be available on the website.

Discussion:

Patsy noted an error in the January meeting notes. The location will be updated to be accurate and re-uploaded on the Joint Working Group Webpage.

Agenda Item 3:

5:35 pm

Consultancy Updates

Boating

McFarland Marceau Architects have carried out a project definition report looking at six non-motorised boating facilities in Vancouver, including an assessment of current programming and the condition of facilities.

Generally, high level findings showed that each of the facilities are doing fairly well with what they currently have. Creekside was identified as having a significant gap in terms of scale/size of boating program and the condition/scale of existing facilities. There is a need to proceed with a new facility there to meet program needs.

This consultancy has been carried out in collaboration with the Boating Advisory Group which includes paddlers and rowers. Two meetings have been held so far.

The consultant will undertake work into two phases. The first is to look at the replacement of existing facilities (dock, storage units, ramp) and look at how that can be replaced on the water as there is no space on the land for these facilities. Staff are hoping to have an idea of what Phase one could look like and costs by the end of month.

The second phase will look at providing more facilities in a floating structure.

Discussion:

In response to a question of whether the water precinct east of Cambie Bridge is for non-motorised boats Paula confirmed that this area is where city policies encourage non-motorised boating, the City cannot ban motorized boating from the area. Simon Litherland added that there is a 10km/h speed limit which all boats must adhere to including boats from the marinas within the area on the north side. Paula added that there are a lot of users on the water, the range of boating types and the number of users (busyness of the creek) will be considered as part of the study. .

Georgia Ramp Design

Paula explained the purpose of the Georgia Ramp detailed design study, and informed the group that Engineering are about to award the consultancy for this study. Staff will keep the group informed about this work.

Transportation Study

This study has been delayed due to an extended evaluation of consultant proposals. It is likely that this will not get underway until late spring.

Discussion:

In response to a question from the group, it was confirmed that the Transportation Study is separate from the NEFC and False Creek Flats engagement process. Kevin let the group know that due to a reassignment of staff to meet Council dates for the West End

and DTES projects team, along with a number of staff being sick, the work on the engagement strategy has been delayed but will resume shortly.

**Agenda Item 4:
Developer Updates**

5:50 pm

Aquilini

Riaan deBeer and Mark Mazzone of Aquilini updated the group on Area 7a. Construction is still occurring for the west tower while Aquilini is working with the City to finalise the excavation permits for the south tower.

The plans for the east tower should be finalised in the next week or two and will include an updated look based upon urban design panel feedback.

Canadian Metropolitan Properties (CMP)

No CMP representatives were present at the meeting.

Concord

Construction on Area 5B East is moving ahead. Matt Meehan explained that due to the proximity of the bridge, Concord is using a different type of piling on the site. This process generates less noise than conventional piling.

Cirque du Soleil will be returning to Area 9 this year and have submitted a temporary development permit. As the company employees are centred in Montreal they were unable to attend the JWG Meeting. To ensure that Cirque addresses resident concerns related to set up and operations, Paula asked that they connect via e-mail directly with the FCRA (Patsy McMillan).

The temporary Development Permit for Concord's presentation Centre on Area 9 expires May 15, 2014 and Concord will need to apply to extend.

Staff have been in conversation with Concord regarding the rezoning of 5B West. The talks have been productive however nothing has been resolved yet. A Joint Working Group meeting may need to be held at short notice to discuss CACs and other topics related to the rezoning.

PavCo Paragon

PavCo/Paragon representatives were present for this meeting. Kevin advised that Paragon is working on meeting the conditions attached to their Development Permit Approval. There is some concern around the timing of construction in terms of the upcoming Grey Cup (November 2014) and FIFA Women's World Cup (June 2015). The City has a commitment to this event and will be looking at the big picture construction timing in the area to ensure this runs well and the area is well presented.

Discussion

Patsy McMillan raised concern that there needs to be joint awareness around special event and street closures in the area. When special events close down streets, such as the Chinese New Year parade, it causes problems.

Patsy mentioned that there is an upcoming special events closure for the filming of Flash occurring on Expo Boulevard on Sat March 9 and a follow up on Mar 15 until 2am. There is also a children's event at BC Place during this time. Situations like this sound like a good idea on paper but more care needs to be put into consideration of impacts..

Kevin and Paula responded that they will confirm that coordination between special events on streets and private property and temporary uses allowed through the DP process.

Jennifer Ingham of Science world raised concerns that these examples of road closures along with major project and road construction in the area make it difficult for patrons to get to their venue. This has an effect on their revenue. Better coordination of events and construction is need to ensure viability.

Debra Barker followed up on the Costco Parking lot issues. Paula informed the group that Engineering have installed a sign at the site alerting pedestrians and drivers to the crosswalk.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next Meetings

March 6th, April 3rd