

**Marpole Community Plan Outreach Group (CPOG)
Meeting Notes**

A meeting of the Marpole CPOG was held on May 8, 2103 at 6:30 pm outside of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre.

Present: 6 local residents
Catherine Buckham, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Lil Ronalds, Planner, Project Lead for Marpole Community Plan
Heather Shea, Office Support Clerk, Planning Department

1. Updates

	Discussion Highlights/Feedback from City Staff
This will be the last CPOG meeting before the Draft Plan Open Houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff just wound up an intensive series of consultation. We are currently working through all of the information.
City held workshops starting from the end of February to March.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing workshop on February 28th at George Pearson and received some helpful feedback on that location. It was good to get people from this area out, but there were concerns around accessibility for others in the community, and safety concerns for women since it was dark and at night. • Over 60 people showed up. • Transportation and Land Use Workshop had over 60 participants and was split into three main tables. Staff had a Chinese table with a fluent Mandarin/Cantonese speaker. • Parks and Open Space Event had over 60 attendees; many people 25-30 years of age. Discussed food systems, parks, open spaces; we had lots of enthusiasm. • There were City staff that were experts in the subject areas at each workshop/open house, and a Chinese table for all events.
Two Open Houses: March 2 nd and 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Laurier Elementary event, there wasn't a huge turnout, about 50 people. There was a better turnout at the Granville Street event, about 75-100 people. Staff then went out to the community with flyers about the emerging strategies, encouraging them to visit our website and provide feedback. We had a questionnaire and got over 200 responses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On average, there was over 75% support on the emerging strategies
Musqueam Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy and our Heritage staff have been meeting with the Musqueam and will continue to do so, with a special focus on the Heritage Context Statement for Marpole.
Youth workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff had 250 youth engaged at Churchill Secondary, they were very engaged with the material. Staff are still sifting through this info and looking at every single comment received, trying to pull out some themes. This was reaching out to a different group of Youth than we've reached before, which is great to continue to engage more of the community.
The event period ended 2-3 weeks ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are now doing technical work. Overall, we have received a lot of positive feedback on the emerging plan directions.

2. Next Steps, Upcoming Events and Outreach

	Discussion Highlights/Feedback from the CPOG Members	Information/Feedback from City Staff
At our next big events, staff will be going out with the draft plan. We have 3 dates set, no confirmed locations yet and would like feedback from CPOG on this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPOG members: please tell your neighbours and Marpole friends about upcoming events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the last big opportunity for feedback on the draft plan. The City will be doing extensive advertising: admail drops, postering in the community, newspaper ads (English and Chinese papers), email listservs, etc.
Possible locations/ideas for upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about eastern Marpole-Cambie and SW Marine Drive? Laurier Annex is really accessible. Marpole Place is a community hub and a good location. Westside Baptist Church has been really good. Could do an event at the Metro Theatre. Could contact Sexsmith and ask if staff could engage the parents in this. The tricky part about Sexsmith is they will be moving into the new school. Could do something outside, could we go to one of the parks? Weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location needs to be highly visible, wheelchair accessible. Laurier didn't have a great turnout. Pearson was good, but was hard to get to for some people. It was convenient for people that live around there. Metro Theatre had a poor turnout at a recent Transportation open house. Staff will also have information online for

	<p>could be a concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could plan something at Ebisu Park. Marpole Place has 20 tarps the City could borrow. 	<p>people who like to stay in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will follow up on the availability of these recommended locations.
Feedback about information boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too much information. Can't see the diagrams well enough to read them. 	
We need to engage the new-comers to the Community. People usually connect over food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pastor from St Augustine's is talking about trying to get people to use the community kitchen. This is a great way for newcomers to meet people. In trying to connect with isolated seniors there is some leg work that needs to be done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angela Ko is our diverse engagement coordinator. She does a really good job of reaching out to groups where they are at. Angela will go out to some particular groups that may not feel comfortable engaging at the larger events.
Next steps with the Community Plan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In June staff will have the policy directions. This will be key messages and directions of the plan. After June 26th staff will go ahead with completing the plan.
Local area profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q. What about missing sidewalks? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Staff have mapped everywhere there are missing sidewalks in Marpole (this is online). The City's goal is to complete the sidewalk network, prioritizing certain areas over others (i.e. near schools, parks, etc), at a City-wide level. Lil has flagged around Ebisu Park. This came out of the Street-to-Park initiative. If you have an issue about this kind of regular maintenance, phoning 3-1-1 is a great way for the City to track these issues.
Rental Housing in Marpole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marpole rental buildings are aging, and in need of upgrades. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We're hearing it's hard for the landlords to afford upgrades to their buildings since the rents they are collecting may

		<p>not be as high as other areas in the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are looking at policy directions to develop a Green Retrofit policy to help these landlords. • The City is doing a broader landlord rental study right now. • Staff have been working with landlords and they have been very open and welcoming.
<p>Getting the word out about the next events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The critical thing is that CPOG members send information about the events out to their contacts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone will get an admail drop. • Feedback staff have heard is that people see the posters in apartment buildings and come out to the events. • Next events are June 22nd, 24th and 26th. • Staff are having two weeknight events, and one weekend event.

CPOG adjourned at 8:10 pm.