



Mount Pleasant MPIC Meeting
Thursday, January 10th, 2013
Mount Pleasant Community Centre
1 Kingsway
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Vanessa Brown, P. Doré, Jocelyne Hamel, Clarence Lai, Sascha Lichtenstein, Grace Mackenzie, Alyssa Myshok, Danielle Peacock, Leona Rothney, Michelle Sturino, Robert Sutherland, Lynn Warwick, Michael Wiebe, Joyce Uyesugi (COV), Harv Weidner (COV), Jennifer White (COV)

Regrets: Stuart Alcock, Chris Vollan

Participant Observers: Diane Lefroy, Elena Tikovt

Meeting Notes: Jennifer White

1. Introductions

Joyce Uyesugi/ Harv Weidner

(7:10pm start)

Round Table introductions of attendees

Other Agenda Items

- Add to Updates: upcoming event- Weaving Policy, People and Place Together (WPPPT) and the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

2. Rize CAC Consultation

Background (Joyce Uyesugi)

- Rize rezoning approved April 2012
- Council directed staff to develop a strategy for Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) allocation
- CAC Total 6.25M- 4.5M Cultural Amenities (artist production space)/ 1.75M Affordable Housing
- Alix Sales and Marg Specht from the COV are here to share information on the upcoming consultation process

Presentation (Alix Sales/ Margeret Specht – COV Cultural Services)

City of Vancouver Cultural staff are focusing on the cultural component of Rize CAC for the upcoming consultation.

Timing

- Jan- Attend Mount Pleasant Community Implementation Group meeting
- End of Jan – Review final engagement strategy details/plans
 - Focus on Goals, Process, General Principles, Opportunities and Challenges
- Early Feb 2013 – memo to update Council on process

- End of February – workshop with key stakeholders and MPCl
 - Would like 2 or 3 reps from MPIC to be part of the process
 - Focus on discussions with local artists
 - Arts and Cultural Policy Council will be part of the process as well
- Follow up online with information and forum for feedback (based on workshop results)
 - Come back to the MPIC in the spring as well as posting information on the web
- Report back to Council
 - Anticipating money to come in by the end of the year. Would like a strategy in place for then but if not, funds will be held until a strategy is developed.
 - Money is payable at rezoning enactment- depends on how quickly proponent can satisfy rezoning conditions.

Discussion

- *Has staff decided on artist production space only or are other options available?*
 - The cultural amenity has not been predetermined
 - *The cultural amenity- artist production space seems too narrow*
 - Community artist production space is defined in the Council motion
 - Invitees to the consultation will include Grunt, VIVO, and professional artists in the area. The ultimate space(s) will need to be operated by a non-profit organization.
 - Consider interested organizations working together (e.g. multiple theatre companies combined in the one space to create a production hub)
 - Some of these groups may feel that artist production space is essential
 - *Have you looked at 7th and Scotia? 299 East 7th Ave.*
 - 5,000 sq. ft. originally dedicated for artist production space but it was not affordable for companies and the developer was not under obligation to maintain space for artist production
 - *Struggles with leased space- rents too high*
 - *Could COV facilitate property purchase for artist company?*
 - *What about COV lots- Quebec and 6th, Terminal and Station?*
 - *What about housing portion of 1.75M?*
 - *Wait until they have a match and pair it with another development*
- Action: City will follow-up with Housing staff on the portion of the Rize CAC allocated to affordable housing.

3. MPIC Response to 275 Kingsway (MPIC)

MPIC members to get all comments to Michelle by early next week to complete final draft of letter. The City will send the letter at the end of next week once the letter is finalized.

- Action: Rental 100 information emailed to MPIC members and follow-up with Housing staff on any research that has been done by the City on rental housing.

4. Updates (Joyce Uyesugi)

Streets-to-Parks

2 locations are being explored in Mount Pleasant- Prince Albert at E Broadway, and 4th Avenue at Scotia. Park Board is inviting comments on this initiative until January 25.

- *The MPNH has concerns about the impacts that the closure will have on Adria Imports.*
- *Has Engineering looked at the traffic impacts with these closures?*

February 27th event

The November 18th follow-up workshop is being held Wednesday evening, February 27th from approximately 6-9pm at the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

- Previous attendees from the November 18th workshop, the MPIC and Weaving Policy, People and Place Together listserve will be invited.
- There will be two focus groups: Broadway East and Lower Main- 2nd to 7th

2290 Main St- Arno Matis Architecture (formerly Iconstrux Architecture)

The rezoning application has been submitted to the City. The development team will be asked to come back to the MPIC again.

<http://former.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/rezoning/applications/2290main/index.htm>

Interim Rezoning Policy

Staff are currently working on a website to provide more information on this policy.

(Update since meeting: website is now live at <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/affordable-housing-interim-rezoning-bylaw.aspx>)

Weaving Policy, Place and People Together

Up-coming event: http://www.mpnh.org/wpppt_activity

January 17th, 2013- Weaving Policy, People and Place Together and the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House and Weaving PPPT

Action Planning Part II: First Moves on Broadway East

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

800 East Broadway

Vancouver, BC V5T 1Y2

Canada

Thursday, 17 January 2013 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (PST)

<http://www.mpnh.org/wpppt>

5. Next meeting:

- February 12th, 2012 from 7-9pm, location to be determined
- Draft Agenda
 - Broadway East Revitalization update
 - Weaving Policy, People and Place Together- January 17th event
 - Public Benefits Strategy
 - Fraser Street Closure- Streets-to Parks or a broader Public Realm initiative?

Meeting Adjourned

(9:00pm end)