

Date: June 22, 2015 Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Location: Exploration Lab, Science World at Telus World of Science Chair: Kevin McNaney

Northeast False Creek Working Group Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

1.	Brian Jackson	City of Vancouver, Planning
2.	Bryan Hawkey	Dundee 360
3.	Catarina Gomes	Park Board
4.	Catherine Neill	City of Vancouver, Planning
5.	Daisen Gee-Wing	Canadian Metropolitan Properties
6.	Devan Fitch	City of Vancouver, Engineering
7.	Elizabeth Allegretto	Concord Pacific
8.	Holly Sovdi	City of Vancouver, Planning
9.	Kathy Gilber	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
10.	Kevin McNaney	City of Vancouver, Planning
11.	Jennifer Ingham	Science World
12.	Karima Mulji	City of Vancouver, Engineering
13.	Mark Mazzone	Aquilini
14.	Matt Meehan	Concord Pacific
15.	Michael Alexander	ReConnect Vancouver
16.	Pat Graca	False Creek Residents Association
17.	Patsy McMillan	City Gate Intertower Committee
18.	Peter Webb	Concord Pacific
19.	Riaan De Beer	Aquilini

21.	Tamera Hicks	Paragon Gaming / Edgewater
22.	Herman Mah	Downtown Vancouver Association

Introductions

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The meeting began with a quick round of introductions.

Simon Litherland

Agenda Item 1: Overview of Opportunity

Brian Jackson from the City of Vancouver introduced the meeting and gave an overview of what was planned for viaducts and NEFC area. He explained that City Staff intends to work with community and stakeholders with this process and is looking forward to working with everyone on this.

Agenda Item 2: Process and working together

Kevin McNaney from the City of Vancouver hoped the break from the JWG will bring the group back together. He is open to hearing other comments if people want to come to him individually.

Holly Sovdi from the City of Vancouver asked for suggestions on groups that the City could reach out to. He explained how the City has set dates where the team will be out in the community to ask people for feedback. He outlined how the City would be out over the summer talking to the community and those dates would be posted on the webpage shortly (vancouver.ca/viaducts).

He then gave a presentation on the overview of the viaducts.

Agenda Item 3: City update on the future of the Viaducts and NEFC planning

Devan Fitch from the City of Vancouver gave a presentation on the engineering work related to the viaducts and what the City have been focused on for the past two years.

Discussion - Event Staging

A question was asked whether there has there been analysis of dual events?

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The City completed a dual event survey. The onsite street staging will be consistent with what is there today. The big difference for event staging will be the loss of off-street staging areas when the new neighbourhoods and park are built, but this will happen whether or not the viaducts are replaced.

Discussion - Agreement with Proposal

A question was raised over the concerns of the 20 per cent of people polled initially who were opposed to the proposal.

This opposition was generally due to perceived traffic impacts; lack of access to downtown, or displaced traffic to other routes/communities and concern over the cost.

Discussion - Completion of the Park

A question was asked whether the park development could be moved forward.

Staff acknowledged that delivery of the park is a top priority and they will continue to look at options to advance park construction in tandem with the rest of the development in the area.

Discussion - Size of the Park

A question was raised over the amount of park space to be delivered.

Staff explained that removing the road allows for a more continuous park.

Discussion - Impact of Planned Developments

A question was raised whether the towers on the Aquilini site will increase the cost of the viaducts removal.

Staff explained that with the de-construction methods there will be an incremental cost increase.

Agenda Item 4: Update on local park improvements

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Catarina Gomes from the Parks Board gave a presentation on the current work they are undertaking in this area.

Discussion - Park in Southeast False Creek

A question was asked whether the park in Southeast False Creek has a sunset clause.

Staff responded that because this is a city-wide park, DCLs could be used to pay for it.

Discussion - Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

A member from Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden wanted to clarify that the Vancouver Chinese Gardens and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden are different agencies with different funding structures.

Agenda Item 5: Interim seawall improvements

Karima Mulji gave a short update on the interim seawall improvements.

Discussion - Environmental Restoration

A member of the group asked whether environmental restoration of the Creek had been considered?

Staff pointed out that a consultant will look at that issue, understanding that a more naturalized shoreline is desired.

Agenda Item 6: Developer updates

Updates were provided by the Aquilini Group, Concord Pacific, Paragon Gaming, Canadian Metropolitan Properties, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, False Creek Rowing Club, and Science World.

Meeting concludes

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