

APPROVED

West End Mayor's Community Advisory Committee
February 24, 2011 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Vancouver City Hall

In attendance: Don Allison, Marlann Cooper, Jim Deva, Christine Ackerman, Dean Malone, Councillor Tim Stevenson, Councillor Andrea Reimer

Absent: Michelle Fortin, Rob Hines, Cherie Payne, Lean Hozaima

Guests: Michael Gordon (Senior Planner, West End); Kevin Quinlan (Mayor's Office)

1) Discussion on Quorum

Group discussion on resolving quorum and decision-making process for current size of group. Committee proceeded with meeting at current size.

- Christine Ackerman moved motion to accept Carole Reardon's resignation. Accepted unanimously.

2) Maestro Conferencing

Rob Hines joined by phone to discuss new technology known as "Maestro Conferencing" to engage with citizens. Group decided to follow-up at later date once information gathered on cost and possible uses.

3) West End walking tour

Group discussed proposed west end walking tour with Gregory Henriquez and difficulty in confirming a time. Decision to follow-up, reiterating ask for tour as well as clarity on 1401 Comox.

Michael Gordon offered to lead a walking tour involving the history of development in the West End, which the group agreed upon. A date was set for March 12th.

4) Minute corrections

Christine and Dean pointed out corrections needed to be made in the draft minutes from the previous meeting.

- Christine moved to approve, Don seconded - approved unanimously.

5) Updates on West End issues

Councillor Stevenson provided an update on the requested demolition permit for 1401 Comox. Spoke to staff and they informed him that trees on the site have grown into the foundation of the building. Expected that some trees would need to be removed as part of any demolition.

Michael Gordon provided an update on various proposals in the West End. Informed the group that a proposal from Amacon on Burrard Street had an open house coming up. Also that Pattison Toyota Site at Davie and Burrard was possibly going to hold a pre-submission open house.

6) Community Priorities

Group thanked the sub-committee who prepared a draft priorities document. Need to consider which items within the priorities list may need descriptions and/or further definitions to assist those community members responding to the survey. (e.g. Housing Affordability - need to provide definitions of housing to encourage respondents to understand the complexities of affordability as a West End priority).

Draft priorities document as presented needs further development and confirmation/finalization by the committee to be completed at a subsequent meeting proposed for March 10 or 19. All WEMAC members will be asked to attend. Date and location options to be polled. At the March 24 meeting WEMAC will build the engagement implementation workplan.

7) Other Business:

1. Request to have meeting rooms booked and circulated to the committee since the meeting dates have been set.
2. WEMAC Spokesperson - a request to add this item to the agenda for March 24.
3. Updates on rezoning & development applications at each WEMAC meeting are helpful. AS has been presented, a report (verbal or written) from city staff could include new applications, status of current applications and any updated details available for each that will assist WEMAC in understanding current development projects in the West End.
4. Standing Agenda item requested for future meetings to include: WEMAC member check-in at beginning of meeting.

8) Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for March 24th.