

APPROVED

West End Mayor's Community Advisory Committee
February 3, 2011 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Vancouver City Hall

In Attendance: Cherie Payne, Marlann Cooper, Don Allison, Michelle Fortin, Christine Ackermann, Jim Deva, Rob Hines, Councillor Reimer, Councillor Stevenson

Regrets: Tony Clark, Lena Hozaima, Carole Reardon.

1. Round of check-ins

2. De-briefs

A. WECCA - Cherie went to AGM, gave five minute presentation on WEMAC, asked for assistance in outreach. They asked for a written proposal for free assistance on a case by case basis. Great but also important to know that they only meet once a month so plan ahead if you want resources. VPL also supportive as needed

B. WEN meeting - Marlann and Christine went. Five tables each with separate questions, cafe style. Basic theme was how to get people interested and involved. About 30 people went, Mel Lehan was the keynote, also talked about church demolition issues.

C. 1401 Comox Street - demolition status

Feeling of WEMAC that this is a Health and Safety issue and WEMAC is not prepared to comment except to say that of course WEMAC is concerned about the health and safety of neighbors.

MOVED to put a statement on 1401 Comox per above comments on the WEMAC site. Draft by Michelle, agreement by email and post on web site upon agreement.

Moved by Christine, seconded by Rob - unanimous

D. 1600 Beach

- Andrea introduced the item and there was discussion
- The feeling of the committee was that it does not want to meet prior to public open house. Members will attend open houses, if priority list is done on a timeline that provides WEMAC the opportunity to provide advice then they will.

- encourage city to send notice to more than two block radius
- give to WEN, WERA and all known non-profits and community agencies and encourage them to let their members and the communities know

MOVED to:

- recommend to expand mailed notification to the area bordered by Davie, Beach and Broughton
- recommend to send by email and hard copy to the following list of places to ensure residents receive proper notice:
 - community center
 - Delaney's
 - Malriches
 - community newspapers
 - Denman place mall
 - Bosleys
 - mole hill
 - WERA
 - WEN
 - Gordon Neighbourhood house
 - VPL
 - churches
 - schools
 - Little Sisters
 - Qmunity
 - and others as staff see fit

Moved by Don, seconded by Rob. Unanimous

3. Emerging Issues

A. 1241 Harwood

MOVED to strike subcommittee to provide advice to the mayor on this proposal. Rob and Jim and Don to write. Supportive of protecting house, green space.

Moved by Rob, seconded by Jim. Unanimous.

B. Andrea reported on clerk support as of next meeting

C. Town Hall software

Committee received a presentation and indicated strong interest in using it for engagement on priorities. Several members mentioned the need to ensure names and contact information can be captured for follow up

D. Web site updates

- one line bios
- resignation letters up online

E. Replacement for vacant positions

Pros for replacement: demographics now skewed

Cons for replacement: hard to bring up to speed, group gelling

Decision to leave decision for replacement to Mayor Robertson. In the event that replacement is chosen the committee made the following requests:

- please choose people that could get up to speed quickly
- need to ensure demographics
- need to ensure support for new people

F. Next meetings

The following meeting dates were sent with location to be city hall and time to be 6 - 9 pm unless otherwise decided.

- Feb 24
- March 24
- April 7
- April 28
- May 12
- June 2
- June 23

G. Request to set up a new agenda format:

Three mandated activities each get their own section. Development proposals section will be saved for discussion at the end of the meetings.

4. Priorities Section

Discussion re: how to discuss!

Decision to flesh out framework for each of the following five broad areas from the existing surveys collected:

1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Public realm
4. Built form
5. Amenities

Feb 10: Michelle will have first round brainstorm at her house.

Feb 24: Committee will do final brainstorm, ranking

5. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for April 7th.