**University Endowment Lands**

**Minutes from the**

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 16, 2017**

Minutes from the meeting of the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Community Advisory Council (CAC), held at **6:00 pm on Monday, January 16, 2017** in the Community Amenity Space at 300-5755 Dalhousie Road, Vancouver, BC.

**CAC Members Present:**

Jaymie Ho, Area B, Vice-President

Peter McConnell, Area C, Secretary-Treasurer

Lynne Pomfret, Area A

Mojan Nozari, Area D

Justin LeBlanc, Area D

**CAC Members Regret:**

Dave Forsyth, Area A, President

Hong Chen, Area D

**UEL Staff Present:**

Jonn Braman, Manager

Donna Corcoran, Deputy Manager

1. **Call to Order at 6:00 pm**
   1. **Open Public Session**
2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved, Seconded and Carried.

* The agenda is approved as presented.
* Additional items added to the agenda are:
  + Under Section 7 “UEL Manager report to the CAC”
    - Added - “7.5 - Budget”
  + Under Section 8 “Old Business”
    - Added - “8.4 - Noise Committee”
    - Added - “8.5 - Little Oz Park Update”
    - Added - “8.6 - UBC Game Plan Workshop”
  + Under Section 9 “New Business”
    - Added - “9.1 - UEL Snow Removal”
    - Added - “9.2 - Damage on Bridal Path”

1. **Approval of December 2016 CAC Meeting Minutes**

Moved, Seconded and Carried

* + The minutes of the Community Advisory Council regular meeting of December 19, 2016, is approved as presented.

1. **Delegations**

There were no delegations at this month’s meeting.

1. **CAC Correspondence**
   1. **CAC Bank Statement for the period ending December 31, 2016**
   * That the bank statements for the period ending December 31, 2016, was not available this month and will be announced in next month’s meeting.
2. **Next Meeting – Monday, February, 20, 2017**
   * Monday, February 20th at 6pm in the Community Amenity Space at #300 - 5755 Dalhousie Road.
3. **UEL Manager report to the CAC**
   1. **New Development Permit**

* Donna reports on the 4 development permits issued since November 30th:
  + 5689 McMaster Rd.
  + 4983 Wycliffe Rd.
  + 5529 University Blvd.
  + 1775 Allison Rd.
* The UEL office has received many more inquiries regarding development permits since the moratorium for new development was lifted but there are no new DP’s under review at the present time.
  1. **Block F Update**
* Site clearing in the north will begin in the end of January until February to accommodate the development of the park and community centre. Some trees on the public realm area will need to be removed, though the exact timeline will be be established depending on environmental conditions (e.g. bird nesting and amphibian study). A working group involving the CAC has been formed regarding the design and consultation for the community centre.

7.3 **Wesbrook Mall Update**

* Manager Braman reports the consultation and design for Wesbrook Mall will plan to begin early in the new year, though no dates have been set as of yet. The plan is to upgrade Wesbrook Mall from 16th Ave. to Chancellor Blvd. in phases. Jaymie suggests that it may be a good idea to invite representatives from Area A and Area D to the broad consultation workshop and to continue to include the CAC in the planning conversations.
* A detailed budget for the project will be confirmed later in the future.
* Regarding the concerns about the hedge, Manager Braman says in the meeting that the hedge is not in danger and never was.

7.4 **ISMP**

* The ISMP is in review for the stage 2 draft. The CAC will be likely to receive an update at the next meeting.

7.5 **Budget**

* Jonn requested that a committee be struck to review the budget. Jaymie requested that the CAC delegate a small committee to review the budget and suggested it be Dave, Pete and herself. The review will likely to take place in February and be shared with the group at the March meeting.

1. **Old Business**
   1. **UEL Governance Online Survey Update**

* Information packages has been sent out by the BC Government to UEL residents about the present governance, services and financial arrangements in the UEL area. The information package will provide a link where residents are asked to share to complete a feedback form online. The UEL office will have a limited number of fact sheets and feedback forms.
* A big concern expressed by the CAC has been about the accessibility of the feedback form, which is not very friendly and sensitive to the elder community in the UEL who do not use the internet. There was some discussion on how this could best be conveyed to the Minister.
* Jaymie suggests that more hard copies be sent to the UEL office as an alternative for residents who do not use or have readily access to the internet.
* Manager Braman said it was not his responsibility to make extra copies and that this request would need to be directed to the Minister.
  1. **Block F Working Group**
* A working group has been formed (led by Ron with Mojan and Dave as CAC delegates) to consult on the Block F community center project and design. More information and updates will be shared as the consultation progresses.
  1. **Construction Site Safety Letter update**
     + A letter has been sent by Dave today to Nicola Marotz regarding concerns about the insufficient action taken on maintenance and safety on construction site, particularly on construction fencing that is protruding onto sidewalks and causing safety hazards to pedestrians in the neighborhood.
  2. **Noise committee**
     + UBC has reportedly formed a committee to address the noise issue from the development from W 16th Ave. to Chancellor Blvd. The committee includes members from UBC planning and the UNA.
     + As the noise issue not only affects residents from the UNA, but also the residents from the UEL as well, Pete suggests to approach UBC planning and request to be a part of the committee.
     + **Motion**: CAC to make a request to UBC planning, cc-ed to UBC President Dr. Santa Ono, to request for a seat at the table on the committee
       - Seconded, Favoured, moved
       - Jaymie suggested Pete to be the CAC representative on the committee - all was in favour, moved
     + Manager Braman expressed his support at the meeting if UBC are to contact him about this
  3. **Little Oz Park Update**
     + Pete shares update and status about the new service yard. The Metro Vancouver Parks Committee will likely to share the results of their decision and submission to the public in the first week of February. Pete and the Little Oz Park working group will be made aware of the final results.

8.6 UBC Game Plan Workshop

* On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, UBC is hosting a workshop at the Hillel House (6145 Student Union Boulevard) from 3:00pm to 7:00pm to seek further input from the community on a shortlist of opinions for Thunderbird Stadium and War Memorial Gym.
* The two contending options right now seems to be 1.) tear down the War Memorial Gym and rebuild a multi-level building that ensures the cultural and symbolic importance of the gym will be incorporated in the new building; or 2.) remove the bleachers in the current War Memorial Gym, replace the gym floor and add small several commercial retail that faces the bus loop.
* The final board decision of the plans for the space will be made this coming spring in 2017.
* Jaymie encourages residents who are living around the Memorial Gym area and those who are interested in the Thunderbird Stadium Structure to attend the community workshop. Gabrielle Armstrong will be invited to attend the next CAC meeting to review options under consideration.

1. **New Business**
   1. **UEL Snow Removal** 
      * Concerns were raised by members of the CAC about the snow storm removal and emergency response in the UEL. It seemed that snow have remained on the sidewalks and main roads of Acadia from the holiday blizzard, causing thick ice to form and creating safety hazards for the residents in the area.
      * Manager Braman expressed a different opinion on this issue. He remarked on the diligence of the response crew and said he was quite satisfied with their response to the snowfall. He reminded the group that residents should be responsible for clearing the sidewalks and said that residents were advised of the UEL snow policy in the winter newsletter.
      * In response to Jaymie’s question about snow storm preparedness, Manager Braman replies that the UEL has one snowplow and that its blade was worn completely down from the record snowfall. New blades have been ordered and 40 tonnes of salt are in place for the next snow storm.
      * Out of town home-owners not properly maintaining their sidewalks was identified as a problem. Regarding snow issues for vacant houses, Jaymie asked if the UEL would identify and write a notes to homes in violation of the bylaw. Manager Braman replies he will take the idea under consideration. He recommended that the UEL adopt a snow angel program where nearby residents shovel neighbors sidewalks.

9.2 **Damage on Bridle Path**

* The Bridal Path green space has been damaged by truck and car tracks. The CAC would like to know whether the landscaping of the path will get repaired.
* Manager Braman replies that the damages associated with construction are the contractor’s obligations to repair it.

1. **Questions from the Public to the CAC**
   1. **Michael Goldberger, *UEL Resident***
      * Michael brings up the issue of large craters in the middle of the road as a safety hazard and wonders if anything can be done to fill to prevent future accidents.
      * Manager Braman replies that he will take a look on the issue.
   2. ***UEL Resident***
      * Regarding the possibility of the hedge being removed or replaced, the resident would like assurance from Manager Braman that the hedge will stay intact, reiterates its importance to the neighborhood, and would like to be assured the hedge will remain that way. The resident hopes that the maintenance of the landscape and area will continue to be uphold in the future.
      * Manager Braman replies that the maintenance of all landscape in the area will continue as the budget allows.
      * Jaymie asks whether there is a budget for hedge maintenance. Manager Braman replies that a landscape budget is set and allocations are needs-based.
      * As landscaping is a very critical component in the area and the green space is a distinctive feature of the UEL neighborhood and culture, Jaymie hopes that if there is not enough budget that the CAC will be consulted on it as it would be happy to give more support
      * **Motion**: Jaymie motions the budget review committee to remain the same as last year. The motion was seconded, moved and passed unanimously. Manager Braman will get in contact with Jaymie when thebudget is ready for review.
   3. **Kim Smith, *Connections Editor-in-Chief***

* Kim is interested to know what contact has been made with the contractor regarding those who choose to drive their trucks on the bridal path and whether the damage can be prevented in the first place. When the bridal path is damaged, it rarely returns to the same state before the damage.
* Manager Braman noted down the truck that has been driving on the truck.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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Dave Forsyth,

President,

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