

Citizens' Advisory Panel

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Time: 7:30 to 8:30 AM
Place: Victoria City Hall – Committee Room 1

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members: Don Prittie, David Cubberley, Jim Kerr, Sid Chow, Andrew Turner, Travis Lee, Bill Larkin, Iain Russell and Margaret Lucas
Staff: Gail Stephens (Chair), Peter Sparanese, Kevin Greig, Katie Josephson, Mike Lai, Dwayne Kalynchuk, Deb Day, Allison Ashcroft, Chaz Whipp, Julie MacDougall, Terri Askham, and Kristin Quayle
Sherri Andrews (recording secretary)
Guest:

1. Agenda and Call to Order

Gail Stephens welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. There being no additions to the Agenda; it was adopted as circulated.

Gail introduced the new panel member, Iain Russell to the group. Iain brings his interest in landscape architecture and design of public space as well as his passion for keeping Victoria one of Canada's most liveable cities to the table. Round table introductions followed.

2. Next Steps

Mike Lai provided a detailed overview of the project progress touching on the pre-construction phase which includes relocating a Telus duct and deconstructing the rail bridge. A tender call will be issued this summer with work beginning in the Fall.

The City is in the process of obtaining owner controlled project insurance.

The City will also be documenting the heritage value of the Johnson Street Bridge through photogrammetry / scanning and architectural photography. Work will commence over the next few weeks.

A webcam will be installed on a nearby building later this summer, providing both the public and City staff the ability to view progress on the project at any time. It enables the creation of a time-lapse video of the project from the start to the finish of construction. The webcam does not have the ability to zoom in on

individual faces and licence plates in accordance with the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner.

3. Location and Selection of Art Piece

Julie MacDougall and Terri Askham of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department outlined the process to select both the artist and the site for the installation of the art piece that will commemorate the “old bridge”. It was noted that sections of steel will be removed from the rail bridge and stored for use by the successful artist.

4. Trail head and Landscape Design

The Panel will be consulted regarding the design of the multi-use trail and trailhead with focus on the seamless integration of cyclists and pedestrians entering and exiting the downtown area.

5. Schedule for next meetings

The group agreed to meet on a regular basis, preferring not to schedule a Monday or a Friday. It was agreed to maintain the morning time of 7:30 to 8:30; S. Andrews will follow up with meeting invitations.

6. Other Business

Mike reported that the City will be making a presentation to Council at its Governance and Priorities Committee meeting scheduled for July 21 to inform them of the progress to date and next steps in this regard.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.