

Citizens' Advisory Panel

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Time: 7:30 to 8:30 AM
Place: Victoria City Hall – Committee Room 1

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members: Don Prittie, David Cubberley, Sid Chow, Iain Russell, Jim Kerr, Richard Linzey and Margaret Lucas
Staff: Gail Stephens (Chair), Kevin Greig, Peter Sparanese, Mike Lai, Deb Day, Kate Friars, Sue Welke, Chaz Whipp, Bridget Frewer and Sherri Andrews (recording secretary)
Guest: Ken Larsen, Sharpe and Diamond, Landscape Architects and Bill Larkin, Project Advisor

1. Call to Order

Gail called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

2. Landscaping and Public Spaces

Ken took the group through the updated presentation on the landscaping and public spaces aspects of the project. The presentation will be given this evening at a public forum and, it was noted that it should be emphasized that these are preliminary design concepts that the City is seeking public input on.

The panel provided a number of recommendations on a variety of aspects of the presentation which will be worked in prior to the public viewing, i.e. inclusion of bus bays, use of dashed lines and conception arrows to highlight future plans, exchange of trees for shrubs and inclusion of sidewalks.

3. S-Curve Lands

It was reported that Council will be making a decision on the best use for the residual lands once the S-curve on the Vic West side of the bridge is dismantled. The dedicated rail corridor effectively eliminates the potential to develop this less than one acre parcel of land. Designating this area as “green space” or “public space” supports policy as documented in the OCP.

Ken noted the slides in the presentation that showcase options for what a variety of public space settings could look like in that area.

4. **Public Art Site**

Kate Friars reported that the Art in Public Spaces Advisory Committee supports using the triangle on the Victoria side as it provides the best photo opportunities as well as the best viewing spot for both pedestrians and bike and car traffic.

5. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:30 am at City Hall.