

**University Endowment Lands  
Minutes from the  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, November 21, 2016**

Minutes from the meeting of the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Community Advisory Council (CAC), held at **6pm on Monday, November 21, 2016** in the Community Amenity Space at 300-5755 Dalhousie Road, Vancouver, BC.

**CAC Members Present:**

Dave Forsyth, Area A, President  
Peter McConnell, Area C, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mojan Nozari, Area D  
Justin LeBlanc, Area D  
Hong Chen, Area D

**CAC Members Regret:**

Jaymie Ho, Area B, Vice-President  
Lynne Pomfret, Area A

**UEL Staff Present:**

Jon Braman, Manager  
Donna Corcoran, Deputy Manager

**1.0 Call to Order at 6:00 pm**

**1.1 Open Public Session**

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved, Seconded and Carried.

- The agenda is approved as presented.
- Three additional items are added to the agenda:
  - Under Section 8 “Old Business”: “8.5 – Community Works Fund Update” by Maria Harris
  - Under Section 9 “New Business”: “9.3 –Issue with construction fencing” and “9.4 – Compensation for Connections newspaper editor”

**3.0 Approval of October 2016 CAC Meeting Minutes**

Moved, Seconded and Carried

- The minutes of the Community Advisory Council regular meeting of October 17, 2016, is approved as presented.

#### **4.0 Delegations**

##### **4.1 James Lombardi, BC Liberal Candidate for Vancouver-Point Grey**

- Mr. James Lombardi is a BC Liberal Candidate for Vancouver Point-Grey. Born and raised in BC, Mr. Lombardi has spent much of his career with Free the Children and We Day, empowering young people to be agents of change and help tackle local and global challenges. Mr. Lombardi hopes to bring positive energy and values in a new generation of government that focuses on community and consensus building. He is aware of the unique challenges faced with the University Endowment Lands and hopes, if given the opportunity, to represent the UEL community.

##### **4.2 Maria Harris, Electoral Area A Director, Metro Vancouver**

- Maria Harris reports on connecting Metro Vancouver staff Neil Carley and Jeff Fitzpatrick with Pete McConnell about the Save Little Australia Park campaign and information.
- Zero Waste Conference
  - Maria Harris attended the [Zero Waste Conference](#) on November 3, 2016 (conference presentations are available [online here](#)). Some themes from the conference include repair and reuse, food waste, and textile recycling efforts.
  - She also shares information about the Zero Waste Market that will be opening in Vancouver this fall. The Zero Waste Market will be the first of its kind in Canada that offers 100% package-free goods and fresh, local, organic, and ethically sourced products.
  - More information about the market can be found at <http://www.zerowastemarket.ca/>.

#### **5.0 CAC Correspondence**

##### **5.1 CAC Bank Statement for the period ending October 31, 2016**

- That the bank statements for the period ending October 31, 2016, were received for information. The closing balance was \$59,075.60.

#### **6.0 Next Meeting – Monday, December 19, 2016**

- Monday, December 19 at 6pm in the Community Amenity Space at #300 - 5755 Dalhousie Road.

#### **7.0 UEL Manager report to the CAC**

##### **7.1 Staff update: Introduce Donna Corcoran, Deputy Manager**

- Donna will be overseeing the building and development permits.

##### **7.2 Development Permit Approval**

- Three development permits have been issued in the past month:

- 1832 Acadia Road – for a new single family
- 5550 Chancellor Blvd – to add a second-storey
- 1540 Wesbrook Crescent – for new single family dwelling

### 7.3 **Wesbrook Mall update**

- Manager Braman reported on the infrastructure work on Wesbrook Crescent, which will be completing soon and pavement will be added when the weather permits. Digging on Allison Road will begin next week. Digging on Western Parkway is still to be determined, but will probably take place before or after Christmas.
- Manager Braman also makes a clarification on the Connections News article regarding the water and sewer repairs: He clarifies that sewer and storm lines will go to the house with inspection points, but the storm lines will remain closed for those homes that have a combined sewer/storm system. These will be connected upon re-development of the property.
- Regarding the rezoning of Block F, it was officially approved last week with the signing of the final documents. UEL administration will be meeting with the Musqueam community for first phase planning.
- Regarding the Wesbrook Mall update about potential bike lanes and hedge, Manager Braman explains that those are preliminary ideas he wanted to seek CAC's opinions on. He is still working with UBC and other agencies on the redesign and redevelopment of Wesbrook Mall and there will be a more formal consultation process once the plan becomes more concrete.
- Dave reiterates the importance of the hedge and reiterates that it is protected according to the OCP.

## 8.0 **Old Business**

### 8.1 **Save Little Australia Park Working Group Updates**

- Background information
  - At the [July 18 CAC meeting](#) of this year, Metro Vancouver Parks presented information about the plans to relocate its Service Yard, which is presently located at the UEL Administration Yard on Chancellor near Acadia. One of the sites chosen for the service yard relocation project is Little Australia Park (in Area C). After a unanimous vote against the service yard proposal on Little Australia Park, a working group was created to work to save the park and relocate the service yard to an alternate site. This group is spearheaded by Pete with 22 people in total (most from UEL but some from Vancouver).
- Report on Execute Strategy of the "Save Little Australia Park" Working Group
  - **Information Session on Monday, November 28, 2016**
    - A public information session will be held on November 28, 2016, at the UEL Community Amenity Space. The information session will include a presentation of the identified negative impacts of the service yard in Little Australia Park, detailed information and reasons to reject the proposal, and next steps for the UEL and

Point Grey residents to respond and take action regarding the next phase of the development plan.

- **Save Little Australia Park website:** <http://savelittleozpark.blogspot.ca/>
  - A website is created with background information, links to resources and an online petition created on change.org.
- **Online Petition on Change.org**
  - An online petition is created on change.org. Each time a supporter signs the online petition, an e-mail is automatically sent directly to the specify target recipient (i.e. Metro Vancouver Parks Board).
  - As of the November 21, there are 184 signatures.
- **Brochures**
  - 700+ trifold brochures are printed and distributed around the residences in the UEL and West Point Grey area. Key businesses (e.g. Bean Around the World) have been informed and are very supportive of the campaign.
- **Paper petition**
  - There are about 150 signatures collected via a paper petition. Approximately 300+ signatures have been collected in total (paper and online petition).
- **Lawn signs**
  - About 100 lawn signs are created and will be strategically distributed to be put up in the area.
- **Meeting with Pacific Spirit Park Society** – Mike Jerowsky (Chair) and Bev Ramey (Vice-Chair)
  - The meeting with Pacific Spirit Park Society has been extremely productive as the dialogue regarding the service yard issue will be continued.
- **Media Outreach**
  - U Hill Connections Newspaper – An article about the Little Australia Park is published on the latest Connections newsletter.
  - Pete McConnell was interviewed with BCIT on the afternoon of November 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Pete has been contacted by CBC Early Edition and Metro Vancouver News.

## 8.2 2014 and 2015 Drinking Water Report Inconsistencies Update

- Every year, a report is created summarizing the water sampling in the UEL. The data is collected from sampling the water from various stations within the UEL at different times to test the quality (e.g. testing for pathogens in water, acidity, HPC, chlorine, *E. coli*, and etc.). Inconsistencies in data reporting were found in

the 2014 water quality report as well as in the 2015 Drinking Report. Pete requests for an updated regarding the reports. Manager Braman responds that AECOM has provided a letter in July 2016 to explain the cause of the errors.

**8.3 2016 Winter Social Event Update** (Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30pm)

- The community is welcomed and encouraged to join the CAC for the holiday party. It will be a great opportunity for the community to meet and connect. Food and drinks will be provided.

**8.4 2016 Annual General Meeting** (Monday, December 19)

- The Annual General Meeting will be held after the regular meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**8.5 Community Works Fund Updates** – Maria Harris (EEA Director, Metro Vancouver)

- Background
  - The Community Works Fund funding is allocated based on the size of the population, amounting to around \$100,000 per year with a commitment to the UEL lasting at least five years. The fund can be used for independent ideas in the UEL or partnership projects with other communities. Jaymie Ho and Lynne Pomfret from the UEL CAC, Marcin Pachcinski (Division Manager, Electoral Area and Environment) and Maria Harris have met three times (in April, July, and November) to discuss project opportunities and application for the fund. In the first meeting in April, 19 project ideas were identified. In the second meeting in July, 5 project ideas were shortlisted for further consideration. In November's meeting, 2 projects were shortlisted based on how broad-based the projects were (i.e. ability to impact many people).
- The shortlisted project ideas are:
  - Scramble intersection at Wesbrook Mall and University Blvd (similar to Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo, Japan)
  - Project relating to noise impact – a study on noise
- Right now, the Community Works Fund working group is waiting to hear back from UBC before deciding the project(s) the Community Works Funds will be dedicated to. The working group will meet again in the spring of 2017 to make a decision and move forward. In the meantime, they are open to new project ideas in the process.

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 Integrated Storm Water Management Plan Concerns**

- Pete brings up his concerns with the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan. The ISMP will be done by the same company (AECOM) that creates the UEL's

water quality report. Due to the inconsistencies and errors in the water quality report from 2014 and 2015, Pete is concerned about the quality of results of the ISMP. To ensure a high level of quality and accuracy in the report, Pete recommends to have an independent consultant or to have a third-party group/person to be a part of the project group. Manager Braman will pass Pete's concerns and recommendation to AECOM.

#### 9.2 **Meeting with Minister Fassbender**

- Maria Harris, Bill Holmes, Dave Forsyth and Ron Pears have met with Minister Fassbender last Wednesday (November 16, 2016) regarding the CAC's request for an incorporation study to see whether UEL as a standalone municipality is a viable option.
- Minister Fassbender has proposed to conduct an online survey to assess the public opinions on the UEL community. Information will be sent to UEL residences around early to mid-December regarding the online survey. Residents are highly encouraged to participate in the survey to provide feedback to the provincial government.

#### 9.3 **Issues with Construction Fencing**

- Improper placement of the construction fences has been an ongoing hazard for residents and pedestrians. Often times the feet of metal fences on development sites would stick out onto crosswalks, becoming a dangerous hazard. Residents at the meeting have also spoken up about having fallen and slipped due to this issue. Dave recommends that construction fences be pushed inwards to the site and off of sidewalks, and for these sites to be monitored to ensure that it is safe for residents.

#### 9.4 **Compensation for Connections newspaper editor**

- Dave proposes to provide the Connections newspaper editor a \$1000 honorarium per issue for her diligent work.
- The motion is moved, seconded and carried.

### 10.0 **Questions from the Public to the CAC**

#### 10.1 **Kim Smith, Area A resident and *Connections* Editor**

- Kim comments about workers driving over the Bridal Paths and parking on-site. The bridal path is not a road, not meant for cars and certainly not meant for a parking lot. She hopes Manager Braman can help address this issue and pass the message on to the workers who have been parking there.

#### 10.2 **Maria Harris, *EEA Director***

- Regarding the point about construction fences, Maria adds that the house across from hers have been in scaffold and fences for 5 years; she hopes

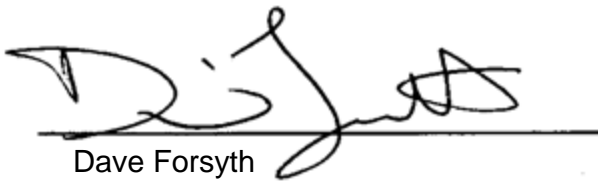
those who give out permits can work with developers to ensure the parts of construction that affect members of public in the neighbourhood can be completed in a reasonable amount of time.

### 10.3 **Residents Questions and Comments**

- Many residents have addressed their concerns with the possibility of the hedge being removed. Furthermore, “communication” has been a recurring theme in the residents’ comments. The residents feel that they receive little communication from the administration about developments and the changes that are taking place in their community. Many expressed their frustration and hopes there can be better dialogue and communication between the administration and the community.
- There is a discrepancy in opinions regarding the idea of extending bike lanes to Chancellor, which is an already overcrowded road. Dave emphasized that studies should be done to determine traffic flow and pattern in order to determine bike lane and routes (i.e. more work needs to be done and no decisions have been made yet).
- Finally, in the midst of the rapid development and changes in the UEL community, residents are concerned whether the UEL community is being represented and specifically how they are being represented. In this discussion, Manager Braman explains that as a manager his role is to administer the UEL lands and not to advocate for the community. Advocacy rests with the Area A Director, the CAC and community groups.
  - This has been a consistent issue for the Community Advisory Council as well as for the UEL community. Maria Harris adds the importance of the upcoming online survey and encourages residents to share their voice and opinions regarding this matter.

### 11.0 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.



Dave Forsyth  
President  
Community Advisory Council