



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Held Thursday June 19, 2003, 5:30 p.m.
Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall

In Attendance:

Working Group

Danielle Aldcorn
Olive Bassett
Nikki Byres
Julie Halfnights
Jim Lamond
Michael McCoy
Bill McNulty

Vince Miele
Sharon Meredith
Bob Ransford
Greg Robertson
Harold Steves
Jim Tanaka
Kuo Wong

Facilitator

David Roach

Recorder

Mary Lou Phillips

City Staff

Cathy Volkering Carlile
Dave Semple
Kate Sparrow
Denise Tambellini-Abraham

Absent:

Shawkat Hasan
Linda Shirley
Joann Wong Biddle

1.0 Opening Remarks

Facilitator David Roach welcomed Jim Lamond and Harold Steves.

2.0 Record of Meeting No. 1

The date was incorrectly recorded as May 16, 2003.
It will be amended to reflect the correct date of May 15, 2003.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

David Roach introduced the proposed extended schedule prepared by Bob Ransford.

There was concern that the magnitude of the work could not be completed in the existing time frame as directed by Council. Some members of the CWG were concerned that there was a predetermined outcome and their input was not going to be seriously considered. This led to expressions of mistrust of the process by some members of the CWG. The issues were discussed at length.

Bill McNulty and Harold Steves advised that no Master Plan was on the table. The Guiding Principles have been agreed to by Council because they make sense and would be a starting point. Council has created the CWG to offer an important community perspective on the best system for Richmond.

It was agreed that the CWG would request a 6-month extension from Council, given the magnitude of the task.

The CWG also agreed that the proposed schedule prepared by Bob Ransford would be adopted, subject to Council approval of an extension.

The question arose as to whether an alternate could be sent to attend meetings in case of absence. Bill McNulty advised that members of the working group are voting members appointed by Council and therefore are the only ones who can attend as a member of the group. An alternative would be to send an observer and sit in the gallery.

There was some discussion about what planning approach to take. Cathy Volkering Carlile explained the City's corporate approach to strategic planning and how it relates to Council and Committees of Council.

4.0 Creating the Future Vision – *Integrating Ideas*

4.1 Community Leaders Workshop Summary

Members had the opportunity to give feedback from the Community Leaders Workshop.

David Roach asked the group what they felt the common community values were that arose from the workshop – whether there were any surprises or new values.

Full discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

4.2 Staff Working Groups Summary

Deferred

4.3 Consultant Team Perspective

Deferred

5.0 Creating the Future Vision – *Shaping the Direction*

Deferred

6.0 Community Representations

None requested

7.0 Communications Protocol

Reference Cathy Volkering Carlile's memo dated June 11, 2003 "Communication and Support".

With the objective of sharing information as easily as possible, it was agreed that the principal method of distribution of materials will be hard copy.

Reference Cathy Volkering Carlile's memo dated June 17, 2003 "Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Master Plan Public Consultation and Feedback Process".

Focus group results will be shared with CWG.

8.0 Summary & Closing

David Roach conducted a round-table discussion to conclude the meeting. Some of the comments expressed were as follows:

Julie Halfnights– understand where we're going

Jim Tanaka – happy about what is expected

Danielle Aldcorn– appreciate difference of opinions

Greg Robertson– clearing of the air

Harold Steves – get over tensions, move forward

Michael McCoy– had a bad day – Olive made it with her speaking her mind

Sharon Meredith– more clarity and respect

Kuo Wong - clearer picture and cleared air

Bill McNulty- Olive is "sense and sensibility"

Nikki Byres– good - waiting to do the work - enough talking

Jim Lamont – have come up with a plan and have time to do it

Bob Ransford– got to chart for realistic course - can move on to meat and potatoes

Olive Bassett– appreciate Harold's and Bill's remarks; glad it got clarified; thank you

Michael - hope we get on with it

Vince Miele – appreciate the fact that this committee is committed to staying another 6 months to make sure the job is done right.

The next meeting will be held Thursday July 17, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

David Roach, Facilitator