

Thursday, March 9, 2006  
 Hastings Community Centre

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**Meeting Notes**

Chair: Patrick Mueller  
 Notes: Georgina Nicholson  
 City Staff: Edna Cho  
 Other Attendees: 10  
 Meeting Started: 7:00 pm

Item & Discussion	Action & Person Responsible
<p><b>1. Additions to Agenda</b>            Patrick added VANOC meeting.</p>	
<p><b>2. Housekeeping</b>            Georgina volunteered to record.</p>	
<p><b>3. Photos of Hasting Streetscape</b>            Steve displayed photographs he had taken. Edna said labeled pictures can be organized and scanned for a pictorial streetscape. Also, pictures can be put into an album. Steve to be reimbursed for expenses.</p>	<p>Label pictures ~ Steve            Organize and scan pictures ~ Edna            Put pictures in album ~ Edna            Submit receipts ~ Edna</p>
<p><b>4. Hastings Street Inventory Review</b>            Each volunteer presented his or her observations.</p>	
<p><b>5. Organization of Ideas</b>            Edna recorded key observations and issues on Post Its for common themes, gaps and priorities.</p> <p>Many empty lots, some being re-developed. Overall shabbiness mentioned often. Garbage an issue. Noise an issue. Lack of greenery common.</p> <p>Positives include any landscaping or greenery, character buildings, banners, sign at parking lot, Laughing Bean as an example of a business that "has it right".</p> <p>Wish list ~ more trees and shrubs including being used as an "announcing feature" at neighbourhood entrance, better use of corners and north/south boulevards, more garbage cans, more awnings and awnings with back lighting, more murals, lattice and vines, fountains, public art, sidewalk art, landscaping on concrete divider islands such as Nanaimo St., more poster boards on poles, more bike racks and community Input into location of street furniture, better lighting and improved handicapped parking spaces were discussed.</p> <p>Questions raised:            What is the public space?            Can a donation program be created to help pay for expenses?            Can problems around garbage be addressed?            Edna distributed material that reviewed Vision Directions to ensure that Public Realm initiatives support the directions.</p>	<p>Summarize key issues ~ Edna</p> <p>Summarize inventories from volunteers ~ Terri (BIA)</p> <p>Investigate answers to questions ~ Edna</p>

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<p><b>6. Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discuss preparation of a budget for Public Realm Subcommittee.</li> <li>➤ Arrange showing of video "Place-Making".</li> <li>➤ Picture Tour</li> <li>➤ Workshop</li> <li>➤ Scope: Other Neighbourhood Centres Vision Directions</li> <li>➤ VANOC meeting</li> </ul> <p>Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.</p>	<p>Include relevant items on agenda for next meeting ~ Edna and Patrick</p>
<p><b>7. Next Meeting</b> Tuesday, April 11, 2006, room to be announced.</p>	