

**Hastings Sunrise Public Spaces Subcommittee
Minutes for December 10, 2009, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

Chair: Patrick Mueller
Recorder: Patrick Mueller
In Attendance: 6 (Connie, Virginia, Patricia, Patrick, Armin, Rich)
Location: Hastings Community Centre, Board Room

Acronyms:

BIA Business Improvement Association
COV City of Vancouver
HS Hastings Sunrise
NCP Neighbourhood Centers Program
PR Public Realm (former subcommittee name)
PS Public Spaces (new subcommittee name)

Public Spaces files on internet: http://vancouvercommunity.net/lists/d_read/hsc-list/
Public Spaces email: HastingsSunrise.PublicSpaces@gmail.com

Updates and Discussion

1. Community Market

- Food certification needs to occur if food will be sold at a market.
- Suggest to invite local merchants to set up tables.
- This may tie in with something called the “Hastings Partners Activation” (Trish).
 - **Paula Carr will Fax to Patricia information on Collingwood(?) community market.**

2. Cassiar and Hastings Project

- Project reports based on May 2009 workshop have been prepared by Alison and they are available here: http://vancouvercommunity.net/lists/d_read/hsc-list/Public%20Realm%20Sub-Committee/Side%20Street%20Designs%20/2009%20Hastings%20and%20Cassiar/
- Estimated that project could be completed with \$5000 budget and volunteer labour
 - **Patrick to talk to Terrie and Nancy McReachie to find nearby residents interested in leading this project.**
 - **Virginia to talk to invite Darcy Swinton to become involved in this project.**

3. Walking Tour

- The city has completed walking tour #2 brochure.
- Walking Tour #1 (North of Hastings) and walking tour #2 (south of Hastings). 500 copies of each brochure have been requested from the city (via Tina Atva).
- Tour #3 not yet set, Vancouver Heights area has been suggested and may be a way to reach out and engage local residents in City Plan
 - **Rich can create a condensed printable version of the tours.**
 - **Patrick to contact the city (Tina Atva) to obtain the paper and electronic versions of the tours.**
 - **Patrick to follow up on the printed brochures.**
 - **Georgina and Armin to organize tour #3 for 2011**

4. BenchMarch Project

- Project completed. Some care and maintenance will be needed in the spring – bit of soil, compost, possibly infill plantings.
→ **Patrick to monitor.**

5. Penticton Bulges

- Park Board was to have completed work.
→ **Patricia Barnes to call Erin at Parks Board to get an update.**

6. Murals

- Some murals are planned for 2010: Rogers Video, former Mantique, plus two other buildings.
- Artists Nelson and Zochi selected to do work. Example of work on Clarke Drive, east side of street, south of Powell.
→ **Patricia Barnes (BIA) to provide an update next meeting..**

7. Outreach Material

- Outreach material, quarter page flyer and business cards, distributed and more available from Patrick.
- New logo should be used for all PS documents and material.
→ **Patrick to obtain electronic copies of all materials from Carl Fletcher.**

8. Neighbourhood Centre Program

- NCP in HS delayed, due to incomplete project in Norquay and reduction in planning staff.
- Main Street is also “top of the list” for NCP and is very interested
- Patricia is trying to speak with Raymond Louie to emphasize the desire for this program to come to Hastings next. She has left two messages with him, not contact to date.
→ **Patricia to speak with Raymond Louie**

Project Ideas

Draft 2010 Workplan has been prepared. Some additional discussion and action items are outlined below.

1. Newsletter/newspaper

- Kensington Cedar Cottage has an interesting quarterly publication with advertisements, full funding unknown.
- This is more a City Plan Committee activity
- An alternate idea is for the Public Spaces committee to tap into existing community newsletters (i.e. –CPC, PNE, BIA, MP, MLA, etc), by preparing articles about public spaces for these newsletters. Press releases? This could be a good way to promote our committee in the community and encourage involvement.
→ **Virginia to talk to Nancy McReachie about a community newsletter.**
→ **Patricia to get approval to include an article on Public Spaces in the BIA newsletter (and possibly others)**

2. BenchMark II

- BIA interested in additional projects with many positive responses to first project and no resulting problems. Garbage can located in close proximity on Hastings.
- BIA hoping to organize music at noon in BenchMark I location through legacy fund, via the Kiwassa "community fund", (a 15K fund from legacy fund, 1.5K is the maximum grant, purpose of the grant is to promote community inclusion).
 - **Patricia (BIA) and Rich to organize music in BenchMark I site.**
 - **Patrick and Patricia to investigate a BenchMark II project, site and timeline.**

3. Running Routes

- Distances need to be determined with odometer.
 - **Patrick to organize**

4. Out Reach Material

- Suggestion that PR kit should include 8.5 X 11 and 11 X 14 posters, google earth poster, other display booth material that generated resident involvement.
- COV has material, posters already.
 - **Connie to contact Cathy Buckham to locate existing materials.**

5. Trans Canada Trail

- Condition of trail that runs through parking lot #10 frequently littered with garbage and tagged with graffiti with no one taking ownership for maintenance.
- Determine who is responsible for maintenance, has ownership.
 - **Tabled. I have no notes on this item, not sure what was decided about it (Patrick).**

6. Leaside Tunnel

- Query on tunnel status especially with future plans for Empire Bowl.
 - **Trish to Inquire with Paul Calderhead (HCA) and Claire (CPC)**

Next meeting Thursday January 21st, 7 pm.