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Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan
NOTES: LAPP Committee Meeting 9th October 2012
Keefe Seniors Centre

ATTENDANCE: Rob Morgan (Member at Large Low-income), Rika Uto (Powell Street Festival Society/Vancouver Japanese Language School - Japanese Hall), Kelvin Bee (Aboriginal Front Door Society), Carol Martin (Women’s Centre), Tracey Morrison (Westcoast Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society), Greg Masuda (Powell Street Festival Society/RJ Research Project), Karen Ward (Gallery Gachet), Victoria Bull (LAPP), Phoenix Winter (Carnegie Community Action Project/Carnegie Community Centre Association), Hendrik Hoekema (Urban Core Community Workers Association), Scott Clark (Aboriginal Life in Vancouver Enhancement), Michael Clague (Building Community Society), Tami Starlight (Member at Large Low-income), Jeff Sommers (Resident), Karen O’Shannacery (Vancouver Urban Core Community Workers Association), Jonathan Oldman (St. James Community Services Society), Colleen Boudreau (Sex Workers), Joji Kumagai (Strathcona Residents Association)

CITY OF VANCOUVER STAFF

Tom Wanklin, Kevin McNaney, Eugene Boulanger

1. OPENING	Action Item.
<p>2. UPDATE REPORTS (Co-chairs) a. DNC Co-Chairs Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herb Varley advised that a meeting had been held with City staff about the position of co-chair. The DNC resolved that Herb is to be the co-chair representative for the organization whilst Wendy is absent due to ill health. • Kevin explained that the City Manager decided Ivan can participate in the committee, but has made it clear that in the interest of running a City process she was not comfortable with Ivan’s role as a co-chair of the committee. <p>Discussion was held by the Committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen O’Shannacery said that the action to remove Ivan from the position of co-chair has undermined the committee. • Scott Clark expresses that the DNC did well by quickly replacing the Co-chair and will continue to support the process and Herb as the Co-chair, contentious as the process may be. • Karen O’Shannacery suggested writing a letter to the City to state that the committee will acquiesce this under protest, but would like to raise this issue in future in order to improve the process. 	<p>CoChair</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Morgan shared that he had sent the City Manager an email without response. Rob feels that the City Manager has a personal vendetta against Ivan and that the removal of Ivan from the Co-chair should not be permitted. • Victoria Bull asked how the Committee can be guaranteed that this won't happen to Herb. • Members of the Committee wish the minutes to reflect the entirety of the LAPP Committee's kudos to the DNC's swift movement and leadership, and seizing the opportunity as opposed to succumbing to obstacles. • Karen Ward reminded the meeting that the LAPP and its Terms of Reference were created for the low-income community to provide a voice and to do work free from typical power dynamics, and this action is taken as an undermining of the entire process. • Dave Hamm - Transparency should be used in the future. • Notes of previous minutes: Harsha Walia is not a rep of the BCS 	<p>CoV</p> <p>CoV</p>
<p>AGREED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter to be written by Co-chairs, circulated to members as a draft, and delivered to City Manager 2. The Governance committee will meet to formulate a policy regarding removal of a member from the committee in terms of the code of conduct 3. Meeting notes will be amended before being posted on the website <p>b. Representative facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that at a previous meeting, men spoke 57 times and women 15 times. An Idea was tabled that a female representative should help Co-chair future meetings of the LAPP Committee. Volunteers were asked to come to future subcommittee meetings to prepare for facilitation. 	<p>CoChair</p> <p>CoChair</p> <p>CoV</p>
<p>AGREED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The initial priority will be to rotate co-chair responsibilities, women were asked to volunteer at the close of the meeting <p>c. Vacant seats</p> <p>Michael updated the committee on the one vacant non-low income seat and the SRA seat: The procedure for filling the vacant seat was discussed.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael would contact the three applicants who had originally applied to join the Committee and the co-chairs will call for any other persons who would be interested in applying 	<p>CoChair</p> <p>Michael Clague</p>

Herb and Tami read out the draft letter to Mayor and Council prepared by the Development Subcommittee.

- Clarifications on some factual errors in the letter to Council came from Kevin McNaney - 70 not 72 non-market unit contribution, Council knew about this project when interim zoning policy was adopted, 1/3 of the units will be at shelter rate, remaining units will be geared to income, ownership of the units remains local... zero procurement opportunities is not fully true, "Alex Gair model" is not being used; a single model for all areas of DTES is not a reality, the two stores at the end of the block are not included in the development plan.
- Scott Clark advised that ALIVE will not be supporting the letter and will abstain, and instead would offer a separate letter stating what is wanted with the development in turn for the endorsement of the DTES LAPP Committee.
- Amanda Gibbs stated that this project may be about action - incentivizing retail servicing community; creating social enterprise/what we want to see.
- Ivan expressed that recurring principles reflected in the LAPPs What We Are Hearing events should be brought forth to the City in reference to the development at 955 E Hastings.
- Dave Hamm conveyed concern that this development will set a precedent for development in the industrial lands, which will open the door to further development permits being issued in the area.
- Kevin McNaney clarified that "letting go" of industrial land happened seven years ago, and on the terms that it would be used to assist the DTES and not be a precedent.
- Hendrik stated that he will not support the letter, and that some of the residents in the area would welcome the development if they were given the opportunity to work on the project, not only to live in the area.
- Karen O'Shannacery recommended that the Committee asks for things that the Committee wants to see in the letter to Mayor and Council; important to say that this is not liked or wanted, and that the Committee will seek a deferral, however should you Council not defer, there be a list of terms that the Committee wants in return for support of the development.
- Joji Kumagai said that Strathcona BIA does not support the letter.
- Ivan suggests that the project should be protested; deferral or refusal of an application is not legally possible before a public hearing.
- Jeff Sommers supports the letter.
- Dave Hamm expressed that it is important to state that the project undermines the LAPP.
- Karen Ward mentioned how the Committee is unique in Vancouver, as such the Committee has a public duty to individually, and collectively send a letter of protest. As a body, within the DTES, the LAPP Committee has a great deal to say.

<p>AGREED</p> <p>1. The Committee will take the suggestions and amend the letter; then circulate it to the Committee in draft form with a deadline, illustrating where there is agreement and disagreement.</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>7. Closure</p> <p>NEXT STEPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete draft letter to council regarding 955 East Hastings • Ensure greater female co-chair representation/participation at future meetings (Volunteers requested to contact co-chairs) • Vacant Seats: Contact original applicants • City to prepare update on attendance and participation • City to report back on meeting with social policy regarding aboriginal issues • City to confirm planning/action capacity at next meeting <p>NEXT MEETING: Tuesday October 23rd, 2012 6:00 - 8:30PM at the Seniors Common Room - McLean Park</p>	<p>CoChair Cmttee</p> <p>MC TW TW TW</p>