Community Plans:

Next Steps

Downtown Eastside
West End
Marpole
Grandview-Woodland

September 25, 2013
March 2012: Council approved Terms of Reference for Community Plans, including a new approach, guided by 4 key themes:

- Addressing global, regional and city-wide challenges
- Shaping development and setting public amenity priorities
- Enhancing and diversifying public involvement
- Quicker, more flexible process
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

a. Extend the timeline for the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan by at least six months;

b. Conduct an open and collaborative process for the community to discuss, debate, and select preferred options for the Community Plan.

This motion was referred, in order to hear from speakers and to allow time for the receipt of additional information from staff on all four community plans.
Information was requested on following questions:

– What has been the process to date?
– What is the anticipated timeline?
– What have been the main issues raised?
– What are the recommendations regarding an extended process?
– What are the risks and benefits of an extended process?
COMMUNITY PLANS:
Four Distinct Neighbourhoods

- Grandview-Woodland
- DTES
- Downtown
- Musqueam
- Riley Park
- South Cambie
- Arbutus-Ridge
- Kensington-Cedar Cottage
- Renfrew-Collingwood
- West Point Grey
- Kitsilano
- Fairview
- Mount Pleasant
- Southlands
- Kerrisdale
- Shaughnessy
- Dunbar
- Oakridge
- Sunset
- Victoria-Fraserview
- Killarney
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WEST END

Process to date and Current timeline
63 events including:

- Open Houses
- Citizen Circles; Ideas Fair
- Workshops & walkshops
- Stakeholder focus groups
- Paper and on-line questionnaires
- Asset mapping
- Neighbourhood Champions

*Current Timeline*

- Plan currently scheduled to be considered by Council November 5, 2013
Main Issues Raised
WEST END
Main Issues Raised

• Neighbourhood Character
• Housing affordability
• Local business viability
• Community facilities
WEST END

Process Recommendation & Rationale
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Process Recommendation & Rationale

**Recommendation**

- Proceed with current schedule (November 2013)
- Follow-up work (e.g. Village Revitalization Strategies, public realm plan) to commence with adoption of Plan

**Rationale**

- Work has been underway on planning activities since 2010 (surveys & stakeholder meetings; WEMAC)
- At present: considerable support for policy directions; desire to maintain momentum, move to implementation
- Draft Plan ready for mid-October with opportunity for public review
DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

Process to date and Current timeline
148 events including:

- LAP Committee and sub-committees; thematic roundtable planning sessions; public open houses, focus groups
- Social impact assessment process

Current Timeline

- Plan currently scheduled to be considered by Council on November 20, 2013

4300 Participant contacts
DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE
Main Issues Raised
Main Issues Raised

- Homelessness & Housing crisis
- Poverty and mental health challenges
- Access to food, social and health services
- Social inclusion & well-being
- Local economy
- Protection of heritage and community assets
DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE
Process Recommendation & Rationale
### Recommendation

- Proceed with current schedule (November 2013)
- Extension of *DTES LAPP Interim Rezoning Policy and the Development Management Guidelines*
- Follow-up work (e.g. SRA Strategy, revised Development Management Guidelines, public realm plan) following adoption of Plan

### Rationale

- Minimize delay to development of social housing & affordable housing units
- Opportunity to proceed with policy of 60% social housing (vs 20% current) in Oppenheimer District (DEOD)
- Maintain community momentum around planning
MARPOL
Process to date and Current timeline
MARPOLE

Process to date and Current timeline

62 events including:
• Open Houses
• Workshops and walkshops
• Stakeholder focus groups
• Paper and on-line questionnaires
• Action While Planning
• Marpole Community Plan Outreach Group

6500 Participant contacts

Current Timeline
• Plan currently scheduled to be considered by Council October 23, 2013
MARPOLE
Main Issues Raised
MARPOLE
Main Issues Raised

• Thin Streets
• Growth and change in single-family areas
• Housing affordability
• Community amenities and facilities
• Traffic and Transit capacity
• Local shops and services
**Recommendation**

- Revisions to draft Plan based on community input
- Open Houses to outline proposed changes; gather community feedback (Fall 2013)
- Removal of defined area west of Cambie – consider as part of Cambie Corridor Phase III
- Extension to late 2013 or 1st Quarter 2014

**Rationale**

- Additional time will accommodate further consultation; allow for clarification of Plan directions
MARPOLE
Process Recommendation & Rationale

Marpole Coalition Survey

- W 59th Ave
- W 70th Ave
- Cambie
- Oak

Legend:
- Black: Oppose rezoning
- Gray: Support rezoning
- White: No comment
**Recommendation**

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- Removal of defined area west of Cambie – Cambie Corridor Phase III
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GRANDVIEW-WOODLAND
Process to date and Current timeline
100 events including:
• Open Houses
• Assets, Issues & Opportunities Mapping
• 9 “Planning through Dialogue” Sessions
• Stakeholder & population-specific focus groups & events
• Process Advisory Community Engagement Group

7500 Participant contacts

Current Timeline

• Plan currently scheduled to be considered by Council December 4, 2013
Main Issues Raised

- Form of development (esp. building height)
- Community amenities and facilities
- Affordability and gentrification
- Loss of neighbourhood heritage and character
- Transportation
Recommendation

- Extend process for additional consultation, sub-area/site specific workshops, etc.
- Introduce Citizen’s Assembly approach
- Additional consultation budget - $275,000

Rationale

- Unlike other community plan areas, G-W has received little planning attention in recent decades
- Complexity and scope of issues to be addressed e.g. Commercial/Broadway sub-area
- Need to rebuild trust, reset process
Citizens’ Assembly

- Supports call for more process
- Enables consideration of key high-level questions
- Will build on (not replace) work done to date in GW planning process
- Specific details (number of participants, recruitment process, questions) to be developed as part of report to Council (December 2013)
The intent of the Citizens’ Assembly would be to:

- Discuss how the various sub-area and site specific components can fit together in a comprehensive plan
- Look at trade-offs around growth and development, public benefits, neighbourhood liveability
Key Activities / Steps

• **Step 1** – Report to Council on Citizens’ Assembly Process & Terms of Reference

• **Step 2** – Sub-area activities; refinement of proposed sub-area & key site specific directions; recruitment for Assembly

• **Step 3** – Process with Citizens’ Assembly; further refinement of community-wide, sub-area & site specific directions

• **Step 4** – Draft plan review & presentation to Council
Myth Busting...
Population Change (as a percentage) from 1891 to 2041...
City of Vancouver - CD-1 Creation by Year
Since 1956 Avg = 9/yr
Since 1986 Avg = 14/yr
Myth Busting ... CD-1 Rezonings

CD-1s and Building Permit Issuance by Year

- Building Permits
- CD-1

Year
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012

Applications
- 1011
- 920
- 981
- 863
- 844
- 792
- 771
- 631
- 1134
- 1323
- 1451
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Recommendation

- **Downtown Eastside and West End**: Proceed to conclusion on original schedule
- **Marpole**: Extend process to late 2013/1st Quarter 2014 and make significant revisions to the draft Plan
- **Grandview-Woodland**: Extend process for additional consultation; including Citizen’s Assembly and other engagement activities