



SAINT JOHN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 3, 2010

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Brunswick Square Storefront

PRESENT: Anne McShane, Chair
Sara Mudge
Gerry Lowe
David Drinnan
Andrew Miller
Derrick Mitchell
Ann Crozier
Mokhtaria Benhatchi
Jennifer Nicholls
Councilor Peter McGuire
Councilor Patty Higgins

STAFF: Jacqueline Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner
Sarah Herring, Planner
Jody Kliffer, Planner
Janessa Davidson, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Barry Harbinson
Shawn Peterson

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

*It was **MOVED** by Sara Mudge, **SECONDED** by Andrew Miller to approve the agenda for November 10, 2010 meeting as circulated.*

CARRIED.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

It was **MOVED** by Sara Mudge, **SECONDED** by Andrew Miller to approve the minutes from November 3, 2010 minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

4.0 Introduction of new CAC member

Councillor Patty Higgins was introduced to the Committee as a new CAC member representing Common Council.

5.0 Debrief about the October 14th Open House and Youth Engagement

The CAC expressed great satisfaction with the Open House and workshop – including the presentation and the interactive sessions. The PlanSJ team noted that they also have received nothing but positive feedback. The focus group sessions that were held the week of the open house were also well received. The feedback from the Developers and Landowners session is supportive, with some concerns expressed regarding the costs of development.

The PlanSJ team noted that the Youth Engagement sessions were very successful. The groups were very enthusiastic and interested in the process and the PlanSJ team was able to gain valuable information from the youth perspective.

Concerns were raised from the Board of Trade regarding an extension with the deadline. It was agreed that if a submission was received, it would be forwarded to the November 10th CAC meeting; however it could not be assured that any substantial changes could be met.

The October Choices for Growth and Change Open House showed the highest level of participation, with approximately 140 citizens coming to the event. Residents who attended the event represented a large geographic spread of the City with areas including the core, Milledgeville, West side and East side. A number of residents outside of the City also attended the event.

The CAC was in agreement that the public was pleased to have more time for discussions. As well, the questions were clearly defined which made it much easier to understand and talk about and caused less confusion overall. There were some concerns raised regarding the Open House portion of the session. The CAC felt that two hours may have been too long, as some people left and did not stay for the workshop interactive session. The structure of the workshop will be looked at for the upcoming PlanSJ public event in December. The next Open House is being held at the UNBSJ Grand Hall building on Charlotte Street.

After the Open House and through written submissions, there is significant support for Option 1, which would also include a hybrid option that would have some flexibility with urban and suburban development. These comments and feedback will be implemented into the preferred growth option.

Any input and changes to the preferred growth framework that has been received will be drafted into a public engagement summary report and presented to the Committee at the next CAC meeting on November 10th.

6.0 Letters received to the CAC

Anne McShane, Chair of the CAC committee, will be responding to residents who submitted letters.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for November 10, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Jacqueline Hamilton,
Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Development