



SAINT JOHN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

- DATE:** Wednesday, January 19, 2011
- TIME:** 7:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Brunswick Square Storefront
- PRESENT:** Anne McShane, Chair
Sara Mudge
Gerry Lowe
David Drinnan
Andrew Miller
Derrick Mitchell
Jennifer Nicholls
Councilor Peter McGuire
Barry Harbinson
Shawn Peterson
- STAFF:** Jacqueline Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner
Jody Kliffer, Planner
Jill Flecknell, Recording Secretary
- REGRETS:** Sarah Herring, Planner
Councilor Patty Higgins
Mokhtaria Benhatchi
Ann Crozier

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

It was **MOVED** by David Drinnan, **SECONDED** by Sara Mudge to amend the agenda for January 19th, 2011 to include discussion of Rick Turner's development on the Lower West Side.

CARRIED.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

It was **MOVED** by David Drinnan, **SECONDED** by Sara Mudge to have further detail added to the December 7th, 2010 minutes and have this motion tabled until the omissions are included.

CARRIED.

4.0 Review of New Direction: Public Feedback Detailed Summary

Jacqueline reviewed the public feedback of New Direction: Saint John's Choice for Growth and Change, which was presented to the public on December 8th, 2010. A document was included in the agenda which compiled the public feedback gathered from comments received at the Open House and through the Plan SJ office and email by the deadline for public comment of January 10th, 2011. Jacqueline discussed the key issues from the feedback and staff's initial thoughts regarding the proposed changes. CAC members questioned where the online survey responses were captured in the feedback; staff was unsure where the online results were specifically located but assured the committee that they would find out for the next meeting.

5.0 Review of Draft Public Engagement Report

Included in the agenda package was a draft of the Engagement Report which summarizes all of the public feedback received from the Growth Strategy phase from July 2010 until January 10, 2011. All of this information is being used to help form the Growth Strategy that will be presented to Common Council for endorsement on February 28th, 2011.

Feedback from the community showed strong support for the Primary Development Area, with only a few concerns. Support was also shown for the Opportunity Areas; there was some suggestion that they should be staged for development lending favour to the North End, Millidgeville and Uptown as primary areas (stage 1) for development. The commercial nodes received wide support as well, although there were concerns surrounding the subject of flooding and storm water management at McAllister.

6.0 JDI/Airport& Port

Committee members discussed the JDI proposal, which involves lands the company currently holds in and around the Irving Nature Park. JDI requested that these lands receive further consideration for residential opportunity and be included in the growth boundary as an opportunity site. However, currently these lands fall outside of the proposed growth boundary and services are not available. Members of the CAC felt that development in this

area would take away from the potential that has been accredited in other areas of the City.

One Committee member suggested that there should be a policy adopted that would allow a developer to build outside the growth boundary, so long as they were forced to build a certain number of units inside the opportunity area simultaneously.

There was discussion surrounding jurisdiction of the Port lands. The Committee noted that with miscommunication in the public, citizens are being led to believe that we have authority to do anything on Port lands. Jacqueline suggested to the Committee that the jurisdiction of the City should be clearly identified on the map. CAC members felt, however, that community involvement in the planning process has been key and showing their preferences for the Port lands as they have communicated to us is more important. Furthermore, the Committee felt that including types of land uses the public has strongly supported for the Port lands is the best way to place the onus on the Port to listen to what the citizens are saying. However, staff feel that it should be public knowledge that the port is Federal jurisdiction and some sort of graphic tool should be used to indicate that.

The Saint John Airport has expressed the importance of the Airport as being a critical piece of existing infrastructure and that it should therefore be included as an area of potential development. The Committee acknowledged the Airport's desire to be a designated Opportunity Area, but it has yet to provide the Committee with development plans of this area. Jacqueline and Ken Forrest will be meeting with the Airport to discuss their ideas on January 20th, 2011. It was suggested that the cost of supplying City services to the Airport be calculated, that the intended land use be outlined and the anticipated deadline to complete this development be discussed with them. The Committee requested that Jacqueline report back to them and summarize the meeting.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10th, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jacqueline Hamilton,
Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Development