

False Creek South Planning Meeting
Newport Quay
Wednesday March 12, 2008
7:30 – 9:00

(50 residents from buildings in the False Creek South area were present including the 8-member steering committee.)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Stan Clarke welcomed everyone and introduced the steering committee.

2. Purpose of the Meeting and Process - John McBride explained that the purpose of the meeting is to organize ourselves into planning groups with the ultimate goal of participating in and influencing the City's decisions regarding the changes in our neighbourhood. John also explained that we might not be able to handle all questions at this meeting but that they would all be noted and followed up.

3. Presentations on the Background

- a. Neighbourhood Energy Utility (NEU)– Arthur Brock
- b. Traffic Patterns – Stan Clarke
- c. Petition – Margaret Stefanowicz
- d. Survey – Kathleen MacKinnon
- e. Olympic Village Station – Wes Knapp
- f. Principles – John McBride

4. Open Discussion

The following issues were raised by the residents present.

- a. There is not enough visitor parking in the area. Not enough parking in general
- b. Bridges are not particularly pedestrian-friendly – why not link to Ash or Heather?
- c. Will the NEU still have 5 stacks? What about the smell from waste water? (Arthur explained that it would and that the stacks themselves have been designed as public art. The NEU will be two stories below ground so odour will not be a problem.)
- d. Bicycle connections down Ash and southbound over Cambie need to be improved.
- e. What provision for security is included in the RAV station? Will there be commercial, residential, or what on the city land left over?
- f. We should think of ways to discourage use of motorized vehicles and encourage more walking and cycling.
- g. Regarding increased density, is the city considering high rise or low rise buildings?
- h. The type of commercial under or around the RAV station is important. Could influence security and ambience of the community.
- i. Instead of parking lots and higher density, the city should consider developing a green space on the city land beside the RAV line.
- j. An elder fit facility should be considered for under the bridge.

5. Principles Agreed to in the meeting

1. That we agree that the False Creek residents should be directly involved in the planning at the outset and on an ongoing basis.
2. That we agree to seek to achieve a plan with unanimous agreement among those participating in the planning process.
3. That we agree to see to have an under-the-bridge plan that will integrate the two communities and will have activities for all ages.
4. That we agree to see to integrate False Creek South and Southeast False Creek under the bridge to create a community place.
5. That we agree to promote a pedestrian promenade down Cambie and continuing to the Creek.
6. That we agree to integrate a promenade, street care, Canada Line, bike route, bus stop and ferry system.
7. That we agree to encourage non-motorized transportation.
8. That we agree that roads should be minimal in design and for local use only eliminating through traffic. (1st through Ash)
9. That we agree that building heights be in keeping with the rest of the False Creek area.

The following principle was endorsed by approximately 50% of those present.

That we agree that if new housing is added to existing, that it be in the following proportions: 1/3 subsidized, 1/3 affordable, and 1/3 market. (Note: Four people present were against the 1/3 formula, and another 14 wanted more discussion.)

6. Closing Remarks and Next Meeting

John invited people interested in participating in the next stage of the process to sign up for the workshop planned for March 29, 2008 from 10 – 2 at 1869 Spyglass Place. A light lunch will be provided. Residents were invited to encourage others to attend as well.

NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY

MARCH 29, 2008

10 – 2

1869 SPYGLASS PLACE (RECREATION ROOM)

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED