

## **False Creek South Planning Group**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, September 4, 2008.**

This meeting was called by representatives of the False Creek South planning group to discuss neighbourhood issues with representatives of the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

#### **Present: Representing the False Creek South Planning Group**

John McBride  
Dave Osborne  
Andrea Lawrence  
Diane Kirk  
Geoff Meggs  
Wes Knapp

#### **Representing the City of Vancouver:**

Thor Kuhlmann, Planner for False Creek South  
Donnie Wong, Transportation Planner  
Bonnie Ma, Transportation Planner  
Paul Krueger, Transportation Planner  
Chris Richardson, Transportation Planner

#### **Representing the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation:**

Tilo Driessen, Planner

The purpose of the meeting was a) to establish a planning framework to assist all parties in the development of False Creek South, b) to provide an overview of the fundamental issues concerning residents in the False Creek South neighbourhood.

The meeting began with Dave Osborne taking the City and Parks Board representatives through our document, *False Creek South Community Plan, Interim Plan, June 2008*, focusing on the fundamental issues and the planning principles which were unanimously endorsed at community meetings held on March 12 and 29, 2008.

Particular attention focused on a key issue in our document: **to ensure that there is no through traffic from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue along Commodore to Ash Street.**

### **Summary of comments from the City and Parks Board representatives:**

1. The planner (Thor Khulmann) stated that he had reviewed our document prior to the meeting and had a good understanding of our issues. He indicated that we were wise to be starting early on the process rather than “backfilling” later.
2. Both the City and the Parks Board indicated that they are willing to work closely with us as the planning process unfolds. However, they advised us that there is not a comprehensive planning process in place as yet. Instead, various agencies are working somewhat independently, i.e. the Real Estate Division, Planning Department, Transportation Planning, Station Area Planning, and Parks Board. This means that we can’t be promised a comprehensive approach at this time. This matter is being discussed at higher levels in the City, specifically the City Manager’s office. “It is evolving”, we were told.
3. The Olympics is holding up detailed planning.
4. Final alignment of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is still up in the air.
5. The old railway tracks will be removed before the Olympics and will be replaced by new tracks for the new “demonstration” trains running from Science World to Granville Island.
6. The Real Estate Division at City Hall will embark in earnest on land development in the area after the Olympics. Negotiations have resumed with CPR regarding the greenway land which is owned by CPR.
7. The City representatives advised us to write to Brian Sears in the Real Estate division at City Hall to arrange a meeting soon regarding our concerns, and in particular be prepared to discuss the issue of greater density in the area around the Station.
8. Full public consultation with the community will be undertaken by the City after the Olympics.
9. The Parks Board proposals for “under the bridge” are not cast in stone. Instead they represent the planners’ early thinking on some possibilities for that area.
10. The building at 1800 Spyglass is viewed as a City of Vancouver asset and is unlikely to be removed in the near future. It will be factored into the City’s assessment of its space requirements for staffing and other purposes such as the 311 program and Records storage.

11. The transportation planners handed out the latest versions of traffic configurations around 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Olympic Village Station and focused on pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of Cambie and Ash as well as the off-ramps from the Cambie Bridge.
  
12. The Olympic Village Canada Line Station will be provided with public art pieces to enhance its appearance.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50

To do: Dave to write to Cameron Gray; Wes to write to Brian Sears.