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Kitsilano School Planning Team (KSPT) Meeting 1
Thursday, October 29, 2009
Kitsilano Secondary School (Kits) Library

Attendees

KSPT Members:

Chris Atkinson, Principal

Giovanna Bombino, Teaching Staff

James Burton, PAC

Karen Coflin, Teaching Staff

Jean Gordon, PAC

Montana Sharpe-Blum, Student

Chris Sidjak, VSB

Mischa Smolkin, Student

Facilitator: Andy Hiscox

CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.(CSC): Gwyn Symmons, Elizabeth FitzZaland

DA Architects and Planners (DA): Mark Ehman, Michael Canak

<p>1. Introductions and Overview AH provided a welcome and overview, and invited participants to introduce themselves. GS explained the project objectives and major deliverables.</p>	

<p>2. Planning Process</p> <p>GS gave an overview of the Project Charter, and explained the role of the KSPT and their relationship to the Consultant Team. JB requested a change to the second paragraph of the Charter in the deletion of the word “potential”. GS explained that this request will be presented to the VSB Steering Committee.</p> <p>AH and EF addressed meeting procedures and communications protocols JB requested that meeting minutes be distributed to KSPT members in a timely manner to permit comment from their constituents. JB also requested that all materials be distributed in PDF format. EF requested a list of PAC, Staff and Student Council meetings from CA. EF presented and distributed copies of notes from previous meetings with the City of Vancouver and Park Board/Community Centre.</p> <p>GS presented the project schedule and, along with CA, outlined the roles and opportunities for input from community stakeholders and potential NCLD partners. Members discussed NCLD criteria and potential partners. The Community Centre was identified as a key partner who should continue to be engaged. GS and CA shared information about recent meetings and interactions with Community Centre staff. CA acknowledged that the Community Centre has been in dialog with Kits for two years and remains involved. The KSPT recommended that the Consultant Team send a request to the Community Centre Board to obtain a formal statement of their interest and willingness to participate in the Renewal Project. Members also requested that Community Centre staff be invited to some of the future KSPT meetings.</p>	<p>CSC</p> <p>CSC</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CSC/CA</p>
<p>3. Previous Kits Visioning</p> <p>EF presented a summary of the Kits visioning report that was created earlier in the year as an outcome of the February visioning event. EF also acknowledge subsequent work, and other visioning and brainstorming processes undertaken by groups in the school community. Members requested that EF email electronic copies of all documents to the KSPT in advance of the next meeting.</p>	<p>EF</p>

<p>4. 21st Century Learning Environments</p> <p>CA circulated a handout and presented information on 21st Century Learning Environments. This included presentation boards that are available on the VSB website. Members also asked EF to email a PDF copy of the information to the KSPT.</p> <p>JB asked what the special implications of this information on school design and how L.E.A.R.N.S. affects the Kits Renewal process. CS explained that this approach must be translated into design through the work of the consultant and advisory groups.</p> <p>JB identified a need for the infrastructure of the new school to be adaptable.</p> <p>MSB shared her experience from Trafalgar Elementary and explained the functionality losses caused by the removal of multipurpose spaces.</p> <p>Several members also discussed different approaches to designing hallway and social spaces.</p>	<p>EF</p>
<p>5. Next Steps</p> <p>GS outlined the next steps and explained the intent of the November KSPT workshop. Members reviewed the meeting schedule and refined some meeting dates and times.</p> <p>JB expressed concern that the development of design options could polarize the community. ME explained the process in greater detail to reveal the purpose and intent of options development.</p> <p>JB identified a need to undertake the phasing strategy. ME and GS explained that this will be part of upcoming KSPT works sessions and meetings.</p> <p>Several members discussed the merits of creating a display case or wall in the school with information on the concept planning process. Members also discussed the webpage that will be developed by the VSB and consultant team.</p>	