

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2009

As Approved

Present:

Members: Kate Bedard, Connie Clancy, Mike Fisher, Lucia Foley, Bob Gelinas, Dale Johnston, Wendy Kelleher, Melissa O'Brien, Kurt Schenker, Martha Terry, Nathan Therien and Linda Young (Excused: Martha Johnson, Jeff Labrecque, Dan Luis, and Jesse Lytle,)

Staff: Richard Harris, Town Planner

Liaisons: Helen Fantini

Public: None

Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance.

1. Planning for Community Gathering – April 29, 2009

Ms. Young started the discussion about the April 29th Community Gathering by inquiring as to what were the members expectations and how helpful were the previous two events. All members present provided and discussed their responses.

Most of the responses indicated that the members were expecting some reaffirmation of the recommendations being developed by CPAC. The most useful aspects of the previous events have been that they were very interactive, hands on, and weaved issues together. Some members indicated they did not gather much from the last two sessions (scenario development and the VPS) – it was difficult to understand how the results will help develop the plan recommendations. Several members and Mr. Harris expressed reservations about some of the scenario constraints set forth by VHB as not being realistic enough to provide a basis for the plan development – however, that will only be determined by what is developed.

In terms of structuring the April 29th Community Gathering agenda, Mr. Harris inquired how do CPAC members want to see the introduction and the events carried out. For instance, the draft agenda provides little role for CPAC members to introduce the plan. Also, he inquired if the input should be structured to be in a large group or break out into smaller groups.

CPAC members present indicated that they felt that the CPAC subcommittee chairs and CPAC chair should play a more significant role in the introduction of the chapters and recommendations as opposed to relying on VHB staff for such roles. The members proceeded to discuss how the subcommittee chairs should fit into the agenda and whether the gathering should break up into smaller groups for more in-

depth discussions. It was the consensus of those present that, if the size of the attendees permits, then the gathering should break into smaller groups which would allow and encourage more participation and discussion.

Materials needed for the April 29th Community Gathering were the next topic of discussion. Numerous members indicated that maps are essential to allow discussion of the geographical areas of concern, particularly in regards to the Community Design & Land Use topics. Mr. Harris stated he will make certain that copies of the street map and a copy of the Zoning Map are available.

2. Upcoming Events

a. Community Gathering – April 29, 2009

Ms. Young noted that the only upcoming event of CPAC focus is the April 29th Community Gathering.

3. Minutes of Meetings

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

4. Subcommittee meetings:

a. Community Design & Land Use

b. Historic & Cultural Resources

c. Natural Resources, Recreation, & Open Space

Ms. Young suggested that the subcommittees could use the remaining time to meet as needed. Several of the individual subcommittees met but took no action.

5. Adjourn

Motion – Mr. Gelinas moved and Mr. Luis seconded the motion to adjourn. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

As Approved

Richard Harris, Recorder