



THE WAY WE GROW

Community Liaison Presentation Undeveloped Building Sites

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Meeting Purpose

- Share information about undeveloped building sites and process for land use changes
- Determine support for Community Liaison Group
- Determine preferred tools for communicating with communities

Tonight's Agenda

1. Overview
2. Roadmap
3. Communication Liaison Concept and Tools
4. Process to Engage Community
5. Future Approval Process
6. Closing & Next steps

Overview

Long history of collaboration and joint planning

- Since 1959 City and school boards develop shared sites

Shared sites include land for

1. – School building sites
2. – Open space for both school and City (community) use

Overview (continued)

Changing school needs

- Land for future school needs is held until school boards build or declare site surplus
- School Board have declared site surplus and the City is determining how to use this former school land.

Overview (continued)

City review of surplus school sites occurred in 2009/2010

20 vacant school sites no longer needed

- 1 site retained for storm water management
- 8 sites approved for future seniors' housing,
- 11 sites remain – including one in your community

Overview (continued)

Changing school needs

- No parkland has been declared surplus
- Senior City Administration has directed we retain the sports fields portion of surplus school lands

Overview (continued)

Senior City administration directed staff to determine new residential land use for 11 remaining building sites

- Land use to be aligned with Council strategic direction
- Form of residential development to be determined through engagement with your community

Road Map

Community Liaison Group Meetings



Engage Community Regarding New Use



Recommendations on Land Use



Community Public Meetings



City Council Public Hearing



Builder-Community Design Engagement



Future Development

Community Liaison Proposal

Goals

- To improve understanding of project and process
- To improve communication regarding the surplus school site changes
- To better understand community concerns

Propose “Community Liaison” groups

- 2 Volunteers from each community
- One group for each Program (First Place, Seniors Housing and sites with uses to be determined)

Communication Tools

Website

- Updated in timely manner
- Materials dated
- Subscription process – register and receive updates as they occur

Email - progress updates

Group meetings – as necessary

Community Engagement

City will hire a consultant to assist with public engagement in each community

- Fall 2013
- Estimated 6 – 8 month process
- Outcome – recommendations for new residential land use
- Recommendations finalized once engagement process complete in all communities
- Addition to normal City land use change process

Future Approval Process

Normal City land use change approval process follows community engagement

1 Community Public Meetings

- Held to
 - Advise of final recommendation on new land uses
 - Advise of opportunity to speak at Council public hearing
- Advertised by direct mail and roadside signs
- Comments collected for Council report

Future Approval Process (continued)

2 - Public Hearing at Council

- Public comments included in Council report
- Approvals sought for changes to zoning, statutory plans and reserve designations
- Council direction provided on recommendations

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Community Introduction

- Community and builder meeting

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Community Information meeting

- Design engagement process outlined to community
- 6-8 community volunteers chosen

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Design Engagement Process Begins

1

Initial layout review

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Final layout review

3

Final design and evaluation

4

Building Permit Application Submitted

5

Building Begins

Questions and Discussion