



Strathcona Junction Planning Study

Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 / 10:00 a.m.
Place: EFCL Office - 7103 – 105 St. NW, Edmonton, AB
Next Meeting: TBA
Attendees: Dan Lewis AB Plywood Ltd.
Rick Poznikoff CPR
Grant Pearsell Hazeldean Community League
Don McFarlane CESSCO
Larry Dahl Russel Metals
Shirley Lowe Old Strathcona Business Association
Henry Maisonneuve Old Strathcona Foundation
Diane Dunn Old Strathcona Integrated Service Team
Dianne Millar Queen Alexandra Community League
Joanne Booth Strathcona Community League
Julie McGuire City of Edmonton
Sue Holdsworth City of Edmonton

Absentees:
Distribution: Committee - ALL

- Introductions were made.
- Julie and Sue briefly reviewed the planning study background and process.
- Sue introduced the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) and invited the committee members to provide comments on the plan – any suggested improvements.
 - Dianne Millar asked if we plan to consult with the Edmonton Public School Board. Sue said that the City has contacted the principal at Strathcona High and that an open house notice was mailed out to the school board office. She committed to speaking with the planner(s) at the school board office as well.
 - Dianne Millar pointed out that the Queen Alex community has a high proportion of renters living there. She suggested that we mail notices to the occupants of residential buildings there and throughout the study area.
 - Diane Dunn recommended that we spell out the role of the advisory committee in the PIP. After group discussion, it was agreed that the advisory committee would meet before each open house, and also meet at other times if it is deemed necessary.

- General discussion ensued.
 - Rick Poznikoff explained that CP does not have any plans to move its operations from the CP yards in the near or long term future. Joanne Booth emphasized the need to be very clear on this point as we proceed with the study. The group agreed. Sue suggested that the advisory committee should meet prior to the charrette in the New Year to be certain that the charrette design is grounded in reality. There was agreement on this. Julie emphasized that the City may still need to plan for the possibility that CP might move its operations, even if it isn't being contemplated now.
 - Other discussion touched on the distance requirements for residential development from rail yards and rail lines, as well as the possibility of these requirements to be reduced as long as other alternative measures are in place. There was a reference to work done by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Rail Association of Canada (<http://www.proximityissues.ca/>).
- Regarding future meeting times, Thursday afternoons (1 – 3 pm) were identified as the most likely time that everyone could attend – as long as enough lead time/notice was provided for everyone to arrange their calendars.
- Shirley Lowe asked about FOIP issues to do with sharing committee contact information.
- The committee members were invited to participate in a one-on-one interview with Julie and Sue.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.