

SAH Executive – Board Meeting Minutes – St Andrews Heights Hall - Nov 28, 2016.

In Attendance: Liz Murray, Kevin Noakes, Michael Fuchs, David Cary, Adev Ahluwalia, Jacques Gendron.

City of Calgary: Catherine Guliano.

Regrets: Lea Meadows, Ken Zdunich.

Quorum Established - 7 pm.

Minutes of the Oct 24, 2016 Board Meeting to be Approved

L. Murray moved approval, M. Fuchs seconded – unanimously approved.

Individual Reports:

**K. Noakes – VP Sports (no formal report submitted)**

Tennis courts – the existing wood practice wall should be replaced with a concrete structure which would also accommodate a number of residents who practice lacrosse. TOMCO has provided an estimate of the cost for the new concrete practice wall - \$15,000. That does not include the cost of enlarging the base pad to factor in the room required for lacrosse players. Kevin will ask Tomco for a quote on this piece of work.

C. Guliano pointed out that with \$86 K in lifecycle projects, the additional \$15,000 for the tennis wall would take our expenditures to over \$100K for 2017. The City can provide a “project manager” to help refine the cost estimates and the scope of each of the proposed projects. Catherine will also help us apply for the grants and will send Michael the grant guidelines. Michael will work with the “project manager” to address all of the project details, in particular those deemed to have safety implications.

**Liz Murray – VP Planning -Non Residential – see attached report.**

Of special interest was the open house on November 24 at the SAH Community Hall dealing with the Crowchild Trail Study. Some 80-90 residents participated. Five representatives from the City and Dale from the Councillor’s Office gave short presentations and answered a number of resident questions. Overall, the City representatives did a good job of addressing resident concerns.

David Cary suggested the next steps were not that clear. The proposed plans for Crowchild are to be submitted to Council in February but many of the proposed changes are not funded and could take 10 years to implement. David commented that several residents expressed concern over the number of traffic circles proposed for University Drive. No question they will impact how SAH residents access our community.

**Michael Fuchs – VP Facilities (no formal report submitted)**

The new re-cycling bin needs to be moved and needs a sign that specifies it is for re-cycling, not garbage. Michael will call Waste Management and have them install a proper re-cycling sign. A spring project could be the building of an enclosure for the re-cycle bin.

Michael will be installing a new lock on the rink room, ideally a code entry type.

### **City of Calgary – C. Guliano.**

Catherine highlighted a number of Federation of Calgary Community workshops coming up including workshops on Planning and Development, Community Representation, CA Insurance Claims and the like.

The City will be sponsoring a “Mobile Skate Park” this summer and the Executive generally agreed we would like to schedule a skate park event for SAH. Catherine will provide Kevin with the application details and Kevin will complete a request on behalf of SAH.

### **David Cary – VP Communications and Newsletter Editor**

The December newsletter will be 20 pages versus the usual 16. We have a few more advertisers for the December issue but there are also more articles and book reviews. David suggested 20 pages might not be the norm going forward but it will depend on the volume of advertisements as well as articles of interest to the community. The additional advertising for December should generate a \$40 surplus for the newsletter for the month.

David proposed a motion acknowledging our long standing practice of allocating a Xmas bonus to our newsletter carriers. The motion for a \$25 bonus for each of the 4 carriers (total \$100) was seconded by Liz Murray and was unanimously approved.

K. Noakes asked what the outcome of the discussion regarding on line registration had been. J. Gendron advised that the consensus was our community requirements were rather limited to have a volunteer attempt to manage on line registration through the community website. D.Cary noted that he would talk to one of his contacts regarding our Website design to fully understand the changes we would have to make and maintain to make on line registration work.

### **J. Gendron – President**

Jacques provided the Executive with a brief update on the Nov 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Inner City Working Group. The Inner City Group are a gathering of inner city communities who meet every 2-3 months to share common concerns regarding inner city development policies adopted by City Administration. Seven communities were represented at the Nov 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The shared concerns revolved around the City’s approach to “unusual” developments. Across many communities, City Administration appears to be supporting the most liberal interpretation of development parameters in an effort to push inner city densification. This has placed a number of inner communities on the defensive as many of the City approved projects exceed the long standing zoning rules and in some cases require fairly major zoning changes. A number of projects were strongly rejected by community residents but were nonetheless approved by City Council. Examples provided: Eau Claire’s ARP is regularly amended to suit major

developments which start out with X zoning but then are approved with Y development parameters, often in contradiction to the community's stated development objectives. Brentwood: the Brisebois-Northmount Drive commercial development was actually appealed by the community as being totally out of character for the neighborhood but the re zoning was enforced by City Administration. West Hillhurst: the Legion project generated a great deal of opposition from the community because it exceeded the development guidelines of the MDA. Council approved the largest possible residential development to maximize the densification on the Legion site. Other examples were provided, but the common theme is inner City communities feel the long standing zoning standards are being continually revised to permit the maximum development possible and when communities object, they are labelled as NIMBYS. This hardly enhances the quality of the dialogue between communities and City Council or City Administration.

Catherine responded that the Federation of Calgary Communities sponsors workshops and seminars which deal directly with planning and development challenges and that she would identify some relevant seminars that may be of interest to the SAH Executive in the New Year.

# VP Planning Non-residential Report

Liz Murray  
November 2016

## **Foothills Medical Centre Area Communities Working Group (ACWG)**

A meeting was held on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>. A community update email was sent following the meeting. The temporary lot at ACH and the shuttle service are in full use. Approximately 950 of the 1100 offsite parking assignments are now in use. Onsite parking signage will be undergoing some improvements. Pile drilling has started. The precast portions of the new parking structure will be coming starting the end of January from Red Deer. First half of the parkade will open Q4 of 2017. Liz has received both positive and negative comments/concerns regarding the works so far and has worked with the AHS/CANA team to get concerns resolved quickly.

The backup boiler will be installed mid-November to service the power plant during turbine refurbishing. It should be in operation by the end of November at which time the full impact of the additional noise will be known. It should be in place for about 3 years.

## **Calgary Cancer Project**

Design Build teams have been shortlisted to two. The winner will be chosen mid-2017. The communities have requested they participate in this process as subject matter experts. AHS will present both concepts to community reps in a meeting prior to selection. There will be a direct access in to the site from east bound 16<sup>th</sup> Ave for construction vehicles. The TIA from Apr2015 has been updated and reviewed by the City. This will be presented to the communities by the end of 2017. The next community open house will be mid-2017 once the design is chosen.

## **Western Securities - Stadium Shopping Centre**

Nothing to update.

## **West Campus Development – University District**

39<sup>th</sup> St intersection will be completed in the spring of 2017. Signals are going in now and intersection will be open in November. A marketing centre will be open in Feb 2017. Truman and Brookfield are the 2 residential companies and will start building in 2017.

## **University of Calgary**

More infrastructure projects will be coming in 2017.

## **16<sup>th</sup> Ave – 29<sup>th</sup> Street**

Utility upgrades to this intersection have begun and some temporary lane closures have occurred. General contractor is Standard General. Work will be completed late 2017.

## **South Shaganappi Trail Study**

A stakeholder session was held Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Foothills Academy. Preliminary concepts were reviewed and suggestions made for improvements prior to the public open house. Liz and Jacques attended. Two open houses were held Nov 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> to present 5 concepts (4 major and one no-build) to

the community stakeholders and the public. Feedback was requested on the benefits and dislikes for each concept.

### **Crowchild Trail Corridor Study** (with notes provided by David)

A community meeting was held with City representatives on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 80-90 residents were in attendance. Presentation was by Feisal Lakha and Chris with some helpers. Dale was there from Druh's office. Liz moderated and David took notes.

- Feisal gave an overview of the Crowchild Trail Study to date and its history through the five previous stages. The study is now entering Phase 6, presentation of final recommendations which would go before City Council.
- The overall goal is to improve the flow of, and access to Crowchild Trail between 17th Avenue in the South to 24th Avenue in the North.
- Draft recommendations were developed in Phase 5 and these recommendations were brought to City Council in July 2016.
- The recommendations are both long-term and short-term. The longer-term recommendations (the bigger changes) are 10 plus years away.
- The short-term recommendations will see no significant changes to the St. Andrews Heights area around University Drive and Crowchild Trail in the short-term.
- The only significant change would be the addition of northbound access to Crowchild Trail from 16th Avenue westbound.
- In the long-term, they want to avoid bottlenecking on Crowchild Trail at University Drive. This will involve:
  - The removal of Suncourt Place.
  - The shifting of Crowchild Trail slightly to the west to allow more lanes.
  - Southbound Crowchild Trail access to 13th Avenue will disappear, resulting in southbound access to St. Andrews Heights being via 16th Avenue and University Drive.
  - The addition of roundabouts on University Drive will create more buffer space for the community by shifting University Drive slightly towards the east.
  - The Hamilton Street / 12th Avenue access to Crowchild Trail will be eliminated. This will eliminate Crowchild Trail shortcutting we currently see.
  - Front drive access to all homes on University Drive will remain.

A question period ensued where residents were given the opportunity to ask questions:

- What is short-term? Something which will roll out right away and over the next few years.
- Currently underway is fixing the Crowchild Trail bridge over the Bow River by adding an exterior lane on each side of the existing bridge going both directions. This is expected to be completed in the next two years.
- This will address the delays caused by lane changing and lane weaving that takes place on the bridge as vehicles try to enter and exit Crowchild Trail on either side of the river.
- Much of how this project goes is contingent on funding being allotted.
- A noise wall will be built between the roundabouts on University Drive and Crowchild Trail.
- Concerns about roundabouts having a tendency to slow traffic down, especially traffic coming from the Foothills Medical Centre, the new Stadium Shopping Centre development and the University of Calgary.
- This traffic will now have direct access to Crowchild Trail via 16th Avenue rather than using University Drive.
- Residents had lots of concerns about southbound Crowchild Trail access to St. Andrews Heights with the elimination of the 13th Avenue access.

**16<sup>th</sup> Ave Corridor Study**

Will begin in 2017 to look at the portion of 16<sup>th</sup> Ave from Shaganappi Trail to 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**Brentwood Care Centre – Phase 3 Expansion**

Nothing to update

**Chief Crowfoot / Rundle School**

The school has been sold to the Maria Montessori Education Centre. Signs have gone up.

**South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG)**

The SSASPG meeting was held November 2nd. Next meeting will be December 7th. Route 9 bus route changes are coming in December. The Brentwood Coop is being redeveloped with significant changes. Construction of BRT stations will start late 2017 and 2018. Launch is fall 2018.

**Market Mall**

Nothing to update.