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UVic Community Associations Liaison Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Continuing Studies Building, Room 340 – 3rd Floor Boardroom
3:45 p.m. Meet and Greet (Light Refreshments)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

University of Victoria:
Alison Noble, Associate Director,
Community & Government Relations (Co-Chair)
Neil Connelly, Director, Campus Planning & Sustainability
Bruce Kilpatrick, Communications and Marketing
Ron Proulx, Executive Director, Facilities Management
Sandra Crowe, Administrative Coordinator, Community &
Government Relations

Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association:
Peter Meekison (alternate for Barbara Raponi)

Camosun Community Association:
No alternative appointed to date

Community Association of Oak Bay:
Rick Marshall

Gordon Head Residents’ Association:
Bob Hart, Ray Travers and Margaret Chevalier

Mt. Tolmie Community Association:
Gayla Baranieski

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association:
John Schmuck (Co-chair) & Chris Bartlett

Regrets:
Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association:
Barbara Raponi

Call to order & Introductions (Co-chair, Alison Noble)

Approval of Agenda
Gayla Baranieski requested to add another agenda item. She wanted to take the time to acknowledge and
honor the long-term committee members for their contributions and the various people throughout the
years who have contributed to the committee; in particular, Irene Block and Yves Bajard who are now
deceased.

Approval of Minutes from September 16 Meeting

Approved as presented

New Business

1. CALC Mtg. Administration

Change of leadership commencing in January as John Schmuck steps down from his co-chair position he
has held for two terms. Bob Hart will commence co-chair for the committee. John was thanked for his
contributions and presented with a gift on behalf of UVic.
After discussion with Alison, John and Bob it has been agreed that the format of the meetings will be less formal. Meetings will consist of discussion around the Agenda items and noting any action items arising from the discussion, but there will be no requirement of any “motions” or “seconders” or “all in favor”.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Debrief on Students Living in the Community Meeting

Committee member’s comments were as follows:

- Good meeting; good combination of people at the meeting.
- Good mix of people and meeting.
- Everyone was very cooperative with the process. Some exchange of promises. A good part of the meeting was Constable Kim Basi and by law officer Graham Barbour discussing the student/housing issues which was very informative.
- Both parties contributed significantly and management of the complaints by Saanich municipality/police has been very successful.
- The three streams collaborating together (municipal/associations/UVic) will create a document to advance this initiative. Student Affairs will use social media platforms to communicate out to the students.
- Victoria is increasingly becoming a college town. There are 5 student houses within the immediate area of an association member and the neighbourhood is changing due to the student impact.
- Students will also be able to access information on their “rights” on the updated Student Affairs website in the near year.
- The student representation and contribution of ideas was very valuable at the recent Student in the Community meeting. It would be a good idea to have the student representatives review the suggested brochure prior to publishing the brochure. Also, the associations would like to be provided with more information from the student’s perspective.
- Will the Ad Hoc Committee be meeting again?
- Possibly July/August or maybe in September to discuss the updated policy in preparation for new students arriving on campus. In addition, the newly reported information will be posted on the Student Affairs website.
- The rights and responsibilities of the students should be reviewed prior to the next student information package is distributed to the students.
- The first year students will be receiving the revised policy and procedures of how to “live in the community”; but in addition to these students, all students living in the community need to be provided with the revised information.
- Communication of the revised policy/procedures will be provided to all students attending university.

**New Business**

2. CALC Mtg. Administration
3. Campus Planning & Sustainability:
- **Campus Plan Update**
  1. The Campus Plan draft was released in October for public comment.
  2. A meeting with the Community Association of Oak Bay was cancelled due to a storm that caused power outages.
  3. The Plan reflected input from a wide variety of participants (on & off campus). There were numerous channels data was collected from: mobile booths, open houses, stakeholders’ workshops, resident association meetings and emails.
  4. The Phase 2 Engagement Summary report contains a detailed analysis of participant input, categorized by event and topic area.
  5. Six overarching themes from the engagement summary are outlined in the report:
     1. Protect Cunningham Woods from development
     2. Enhance cycling infrastructure
     3. Separate pedestrian and cyclist facilities on Ring Road
     4. Protect, Restore and expand natural areas
     5. Secure a permanent location for Campus Community Garden
     6. Support for the vision, goal, principles and big moves.
- On Monday, December 7 the Campus Planning Committee meet to further discuss the possible revisions to the draft Campus Plan.
- The results were focused on:
  1. Protection of Cunningham Woods from development
  2. Transportation issues:
     I. Reduce vehicle speeds around the university
     II. Make Ring Road a more comfortable street (pedestrian friendly/passing traffic)
     III. Positioning of new buildings:
         • Most buildings face towards the centre of campus
         • New buildings may be built to face towards Ring Road
  4. Campus Community Garden:
      • There has been a five year agreement with the Garden association which expires next year
      • The agreement renewal is set but will note that the university, would provide lots of notice, should the space ever be needed to serve the academic mission. This point will be noted in the final plan.
- Within the plan their will be an implementation section which refers to studies and actions that advance the various policy directions. The Campus Plan will be presented to the Board of Governors at the end of January. This will set the direction for the next 10 years of campus development.
- The final adjustments will be made to the Campus Plan over the next month and posted on the website in January.
- There are regular meetings with the municipal planning and engineering departments as zoning regulations are different with each surrounding municipality. It would be great to have uniform zoning regulations as they currently vary from municipality to municipality.
- Queenswood update:
  1. The university is currently looking at some possible uses and new purposes for this property (processes to use this property for academic uses) is currently being considered.
  2. The committee will be updated accordingly, and a full community engagement process would be initiated.

4. Facilities Management:
   - Maintenance yard planning
     1. Still in the development stage of identifying “building needs” and further discussion/meetings are required.
     2. Facilities management met with the architects in September. They are very busy so the schedule for planning had to be postponed.
   - Continuing Studies Expansion
     1. The delay to the Continuing Studies Building expansion will push the opening to sometime in March. In the interim, additional renovations have been incorporated (hallways and corridors) will be updated to match the new building.
   - Student Residence Facility
     1. Is currently at the Request for Proposal stage.

Roundtable reports from each committee member on UVic/community items

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association:

- At a recent Saanich presentation BC Transit shows how much impact it would have with three lanes on McKenzie Avenue, to accommodate the inflow/outgoing traffic from UVic.
- Additional student residence on campus will eliminate 600 students travelling to/from the university.

Mt. Tolmie Community Association:

- Changes on Cedar Hill X Road (heading west or going to UVic on Cedar Hill X Road) have had a negative effect on the traffic flow. Shelbourne and Gordon Head have back up traffic at peak time periods creating a traffic backlog.
- Mt. Tolmie residential area is submitting applications for rezoning; tearing down little cottage houses and building mega houses.

Gordon Head Residents’ Association:

- The association continues to communicate with the community about the sewage plant. They feel they do not need a sewage treatment plant and there are other areas where the 1.3 billion dollars could be spent.
- The deadline date for the federal grant funding is putting pressure for a quick decision on how to proceed with the sewage plant and how to move forward.
• Neil Connelly is going to comment in the Saanich News about the Campus Plan update.

Cadboro Bay Residents’ Association:

• At a recent meeting of the Goward House Board they considered the recent draft UVic Campus Plan. In that discussion the idea arose of the possibility of “land swap” between the university and the municipality. Essentially the exchange would be municipal property for the university turning over the Queenswood property to Saanich for designation and parkland.
• Saanich was planning on upgrading Sinclair Road, but this will not be proceeding and has been postponed.

Communications + Marketing, Bruce Kilpatrick, Executive Director:

• Distribution of the Time Colonist Community report that UC+M publish twice a year (June/November). The report focuses on the university’s contribution to the island’s economic development.
• The UVic homepage is being updated to make it more engaging. The new website will launch on January 19, 2016.
• UC+M is currently testing a social media platform to strengthen internal communications across campus for a two month period which commenced in late November. The initiative involved exploring options to improve 2-way communications between leadership, faculty and staff.

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Meeting Schedule 2016:

1. Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016:
   Time: 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
   Location: Administrative Services Building, ASB Boardroom 220 -2nd Floor Boardroom

2. Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2016:
   Time: 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
   Location: Administrative Services Building, ASB Boardroom 220 -2nd Floor Boardroom