

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
WPL – Lower Board Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Irene O'Toole, Laurie Strome, Lynda Gale, Kaye Crawford, Patrick Germann, D'Arcy Farlow (Chair), Tracy Jasmins

Regrets: Eunice Abudu, Sadia Arif Gassim, Catherine Fife, Councillor Karen Scian, S.Sgt. Mark Bullock, Glen Polson

Note-taker: Henny Bruce

MINUTES

Went straight to Item 2 on the agenda

Discussion on Waterloo's Official Plan – Guest Adam Lauder, Policy Planner, Policy Development

Adam did a brief review of the process for the Official Plan and highlighted relevant policies. Will be taking the Official Plan to Council later this year with implementation starting in 2010 and forward. Council has received reports on April 6, 2009 as information. City Form DS-09-08 and Arts Culture Heritage R&L, DS-09-30 went on April 6, 2009.

Considered the Regional Official Plan and all City Master Plans while creating the Official Plan.

Comments

Intensification can be appealing if done well, such as 7 floor terraces with green roof and green spaces. Need to take the existing streetscape into consideration for development – needs to have safe and healthy communities built into the Official Plan. Has this been built in?

Adam – The Official Plan is first and foremost a land use plan but we are shifting it away to include “a sense of place”, striving for complete community areas.

Comment

Seems to have lost the human services plan within the OP.

Back to presentation

Policies Appendix C – page 27 of DS-09-08

Section 9 page 41 – comments requested particularly on this section

- 9.3 – consider community gardens – should designate viable areas
- better bicycle road support systems

Action: Adam will discuss how/whether community gardens are currently permitted. D'Arcy will connect with the Community Garden Council to see what recommendations they have made to the Regional Official Plan.

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9.3-3 Affordable Housing

This is not the City of Waterloo's mandate but the Region of Waterloo. We work with and support the Region.

Comment – City needs to provide incentives to companies/groups to build affordable housing.

Adam – How does the city get this type of development happening?

Comment – a portion of any new development should be affordable housing

Adam – comment on mandatory percentage of affordable housing – how is it enforced?

3.41 Arts Heritage - page 19 of DS-09-30

Hierarchy of delivery mechanisms

3.6 Services & Program Delivery

Action: Adam would like to receive comments from the committee by Oct/Nov or earlier if possible. There will be community consultation after the release of the discussion paper and Adam can always come back to future meetings if requested.

Other Business

Actions:

- D'Arcy will try to catch up with Eunice
- Rapid Transit – they have a store front on King St – stop in and check them out. Also an article in the Record.
- Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition – ***Bring Food Home: Connecting Ontario's Farm and Food Networks***. Provincial Conference on March 4 to 6th, 2010 in KW. They are looking for sponsors – Kaye will be their contact.

Next Meeting

There will not be a meeting in July. There is a possibility of a meeting in August so we can be prepared to go back to Council with recommendation on poverty reduction strategies in September.

Henny to do:

Check to see if the committee would come together on the 3rd Tuesday of Aug (Aug. 18th) to review the work that Patrick, Laurie, Irene and D'Arcy will be doing over the summer on the response for Council on the Poverty Reduction Plan.

Do a poll regarding best meeting days for the fall – Wednesdays or Tuesdays

Adjourn – 8:40 p.m.