

## **DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 24 April 2007 @ SEAPARC Board Room

Present: Wayne Fritz – Chair, Alanda Carver, Heather Phillips, Emma Taylor,  
Arnie Campbell – Recorder.

Regrets: Liz Petersen

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

Adopted with the addition of one information item: Community Health Initiative.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the 27 March 2007 meeting**

Moved: H. Phillips/E. Taylor – Carried.

### **3. Appointment of Recorder**

A. Campbell for April and E. Taylor for May

### **4. Reports of Working Sub-Committees**

#### **4.1 Gathering Information:**

- a) Thus far over 30 studies with some connection to the Vision Project area and themes have been identified. Summaries have been completed on 15. Ten more are in progress and the remainder needs to be assigned.
- b) Once the summaries have been completed, the plan is to review the material for trends and to identify previous recommendations that have been acted upon or not, etc.

#### **4.2 Funding**

- a) The grant application to the JDF EDC comes back before the EDC committee again on April 26th. Wayne & Arnie to attend.
- b) Wayne has drafted a funding request letter to be sent to local businesses. This is awaiting the outcome of the EDC grant request.
- c) Emma is working on the grant request letter to the BC Real Estate Foundation. The intention is to ask for a specific amount for a specific aspect of the project.
- d) Wayne will pursue the grant application to Van City Credit Union. July 4th is their next application deadline.

#### **4.3 Publicity**

- a) The first Information Bulletin was sent to individuals, businesses and organizations that have expressed an interest in the Vision Project. The plan is to do the bulletin every month or so.

- b) There was some discussion about the specific name of the project. Developing a Strategic Vision was the most preferred title as it avoids having to name specific communities and would allow addressing Resource Lands issues as part of the project. It was agreed to invite the two Jordan River developments (Bell Group and Totangi) to be involved with the project. As well, Alanda will contact an individual in Jordan River about their expressed interest in being part of the project.
- c) Planning for the web site is underway. Alanda has priced the cost of registering a domain name and monthly server fees. We need a domain name. JDF – Community Vision Project and JDF Future were suggested. The choice was to go with the shorter JDF Future, as it is easier to remember. Alanda volunteered to register the name and see if her software program will allow her to create the web site. If not, she will determine what the charges will be to have someone else create the site for us.

#### **5. General Discussion of Next Planning Steps**

- a) The discussion focused on hosting an information forum dealing with rural land use, potentially including such specific issues as rural zoning and 4 on 10. The BC Landowners Association and the Advisory Planning Commissions were identified as potential collaborating partners.
- b) It was decided to plan for a mid-June information session on rural zoning. The preliminary approach would be to invite 3 speakers (BCLO Assoc., Smart Growth B.C., and a planner) for the event, give each speaker 15 minutes to present, and have a chaired discussion with audience participation.
- c) Next planning steps: Arnie to contact BCLO; Emma to contact Smart Growth; Alanda/Heather to contact a planner. Set a date (mid-June?). Set a location (Otter Point fire hall?). Advertise. Need a chair.

#### **6. Information Update on CRD Transportation (Trails & Health) Initiative**

- a) Emma Taylor is organizing this. The primary purpose will be to identify areas that need improvement, e.g., road safety for biking and walking. Information from the Initiative can be used in the Vision Project.
- b) Public meetings are to be held May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 p.m., in Otter Point @ the fire hall, and May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 p.m. in Shirley @ the community hall.

#### **7. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: A. Carver – Carried.