Upper Harbor Terminal Collaborative Planning Committee Agenda

Regular Meeting
December 11, 2019 - 05:00 PM
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center

Members: Alexis Pennie (Chair), Bill English, Tanessa Greene, Britt Howell, Channon Lemon, Mary Jamin Maguire, Melissa Newman, Grace Rude, Markella Smith, Princess Titus, and Vanessa Willis (Quorum - 9)

Absent: Phits Nantharath, Gayle Smaller, Jashan Eison

Staff: Hilary Holmes

Call To Order Meeting called to order at 5:29 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

2. Adoption of the agenda. Adoption of agenda as amended. Passes. Add under New Business to discuss to remove position of Chair of this body. Discussion followed regarding ability of Committee to remove Chair position. Committee member referred to by-laws, would need to be a by-law change to remove Chair position. Noted by Committee member that if Committee wants to remove person from role of Chair do not need to change by-laws to do that.

3. New Business. Motion to vote to remove Alexis Pennie as current chair and evaluate what to do for next meeting. Motion passes.

   Committee vote on Shauen Pearce to chair duration of meeting. 8 yay. 1 nay. Motion passes.

   Motion to hire facilitators for duration of process. 2 yay. 6 nay. 1 abstention. Motion does not pass.


Unfinished Business

5. Acceptance of 10-30-19 Meeting Minutes. Motion passes.

   DRAFT 10-30-19 UHT CPC Meeting Minutes.pdf

Presentation

6. Jobs and Housing Study Update

   12-11-19 UHT CPC Jobs-Housing Study Update.pdf

   Brandon Champeau introduced the discussion. Review of CPC feedback on Community Benefits to date (page 5 of presentation). If partners, resources, ideas are missing now is time to get that out. We will have difficult conversations over the next couple months on tradeoffs as we won’t be able to do everything on these lists. We have spent a lot of time talking about who this is for and are putting it into the real estate plan – now is the time where these two are intersecting. How do we implement, who are the right partners. As we move into January and February we will be presenting back to CPC how we can start to integrate these. This is how we will be presenting scenarios going forward. For who, what partners, how to achieve sustainability, programming around the building, ownership. That is how we want to start talking about these sites – 10 sites within Upper Harbor. Look at the specifics then look at how it works across site. Goal is to talk about how we can maximize every part of that real estate to tie back to those Community Benefits on page 5 – are these right?
Shauen Pearce confirmed for the Committee that the question before them is: Are we accurately capturing what you’re saying are the priorities?

Committee comment that this project cannot satisfy need of all afford housing issues in the City. Committee comment that this should be a mixed income neighborhood. Committee comment that there should be a full range of housing - 30% (AMI) all the way up to luxury. Research shows they are healthier communities, it will help financially with the project and is more realistic to have the diversity. Committee comment that helps support the retail component as well.

Committee comment - what housing do we already have? There is a middle, sweet spot re: people that don’t qualify for income restricted housing. What is already there and who are we missing. We’re not going to solve everything with this. Where are WE going to live?

Committee comment that poor people should be able to live on the river too. People will be looking at renting and buying here. There should be resources in place to funnel those with the income to home ownership, even offsite.

Ms. Pearce restated Committee comment to make sure lending is not predatory. Attempt to direct those that can afford it into home ownership. Add range of housing types and affordability from 30% to 80% and above.

What is missing - affordable housing for seniors, training options for youth. Additional comment that affordable must be affordable to Northside.

Committee comment that we need to talk more about small businesses & the music venue – what’s going to be in the venue, there is an opportunity for the venue to do more than concerts.

Discussion

7. 2020 Schedule and Engagement Staff noted that Committee will be part of engagement plan for 2020 and that CPC design/work day will be scheduled for February. Survey was sent out to Committee members including question on engagement strategies. More info in January.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn 7:55p.m.

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Next Upper Harbor Terminal Collaborative Planning Committee meeting Date: Jan 8, 2020

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