

**Planning and Design Centre
Annual General Meeting
July 14th, 2011**

Notes

1. Welcome and Introduction (Kate MacKay)
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion: Heather Ternoway
 - Second: Bernard Smith
3. Discussion of PDC's purpose (Frank Palermo)
 - We need to be the best Halifax that we can be
 - It's about engagement in an ongoing way
 - Other cities have or need this, too: e.g., Minneapolis
 - Goal: bring developers and community interests together
 - There's no voice for public space and public infrastructure in this community
 - We need a loud public voice
 - It's not about money – money always shows up for certain projects, e.g., the convention centre
 - Mandate of PDC:
 - Raise awareness – transparency
 - Generate dialogue – finding solutions to opposing points of view
 - Foster innovation
 - PDC is about taking leadership
4. Recent PDC Initiatives (Ross Soward)
 - SEEK newsletter (005 came out in June)
 - Seeking new collaborators / contributors
 - Shifting to Sustainable Transportation Task Force
 - It's More Than Buses
 - Switch
 - Proposals
 - Re:view Nocturne proposal
 - Granville Mall proposal
5. Election of Board of Directors
 - Slate of candidates presented
 - Call for other candidates (none)
 - Vote on slate

- Unanimous election of slate

6. Financial Update

7. Upcoming Initiatives

- It's More Than Buses
- North End CCBP
- Seek: quarterly release
- Switch
- PDC website re-vamp
 - Expand website to contain the kind of planning and development information the PDC seeks to present

8. Suggestions from attendees

- Jen: Look at Community Health Plans – why do these exist in their own bubble separate from other planning?
- Bernie: Think tank?
 - Reach out to existing organizations that are our natural allies
 - Add depth to our initiatives