

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2012 @ DHBC Board Room, 1668 Barrington Street, Suite 301

### Attendance:

Paul MacKinnon, Erin Harrison, Frank Palermo, Beth Lewis, Heather Ternoway, Jennifer Watts, Lucy van den Brink, Gene Daniels, Jim Donovan, Peter McNab, Ross Soward.

### Regrets:

Jordi Morgan

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order.

#### 2. APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES

Jim moved to approve agenda, seconded by Ross. Agenda approved. Heather moved to approve minutes from last meeting, seconded by Peter. Minutes approved.

#### 3. WORKING COMMITTEES

##### i) Information Committee

- Met with new Fusion Urban Development Action Team Chair.
- DHBC is putting together an RFP to develop a digital map. This will give us an idea about costs, expertise in community, etc.
- Some big questions still remain about the development map/tool:
  - Who will be responsible for keeping it current?*
  - Do we want it to be an interactive forum, or just present the facts?*
  - DECISION: Will provide just the factual information.**
  - It's important that it is seen as a PDC initiative that other groups link to*
  - What is the scope?*
  - DECISION: Entire HRM (not just downtown).**
- This is a significant and time-consuming project. It is important to keep factual and not overwhelm ourselves or users.
- Jennifer suggested starting by focusing on one of HRM's 3 planning regions (central, western or eastern - probably western)
- Information committee will send their list to the rest of the board for comments.
- Consider a data sharing agreement with HRM for accessing data for the map. Forming this relationship with HRM Planning Department could be the best way to get map data.
- Some developers might begin to see the benefit of the map and want to provide information for inclusion.
- Check in with Skyscraper Forum to see where they get the information for their map.
- There are two distinct parts to the map idea: set up and content maintenance. Initial set up can be contracted but ongoing maintenance of content has to be figured out.

#### ii) Engagement Committee

- Ali Shaver (CEU) attended a meeting for North End business community. A recommendation went to community council to have a community-based comprehensive plan for the North End. People are anxious about new developments given the shipyard announcement.
- All community engagement processes are important but it is critical that PDC insert itself into the HRM mandated processes. PDC can educate on how the process works and how people can become meaningfully involved. We need to advance this discussion with HRM.

#### iii) Long-term Relationships

- PDC should talk to HRM staff and councilors about the issues regarding public participation burn-out. Identify the development pressure areas: Quinpool, North End, Robie and start the discussion about coordination. Discuss with Andy Filmore, Donna Davis and Susan Corser.
- We need to book a time to fill in the content of Frank's chart.  
***ACTION: Frank will make an electronic version of the chart and share with group so people can review prior. We will then use a full meeting time slot to fill it in as a group.***

#### iv) Space

- Various space options/ideas were discussed: 2000 sq.ft. on Hollis in Victoria Building for \$5000/month, Robie Street options for much cheaper, 5690 Lady Hammond Road, 3680 Kempt Road, old library, Khyber (***Gene will talk to board member***), NSCAD has rentable space on Granville, Farmer's Market, Frank will talk to Leonard re. space in the provincial building on Barrington, Tribeca.
- Committee agreed that it is important to continue to pursue space options.

#### 4. PROJECT UPDATES

- i) Argyle Street: (Paul) Public consult for street-scape design, 1997 was the last time. Talked to some businesses already but looking to public for validation. A design session around the Trade Centre development? Get the Trade Centre development on board so they can be onboard with what the public wants.
- ii) Switch: (Ross) A date in late spring/early summer has been decided for Switch. Close to Bike Week but not during.
- iii) It's More Than Buses: (Ross) Isis – work with their clients, convene the different business commissions and discuss the outcomes.

#### 5. COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***ACTION: Take "Set Schedule for Future Meetings" off future agendas and add the list of booked meetings for member reference.***

#### 6. ADJOURNEMENT



***Next meeting date: Wednesday February 15, 2012 @ 5:30 pm. Location TBD.***

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