

Community Bulletin July 17, 2013

Our opportunity has finally arrived! City council will hear the concerns of University Heights regarding the Stadium Shopping Centre Area Redevelopment Plan at a Hearing of Council on Monday, July 22. (Note: change in location of hearing below) The hearing starts at 9:30 a.m., so please come 30 minutes early because seating is limited.

To show that residents are concerned about excessive commercially oriented development in University Heights, in addition to the scheduled speakers, we need as many people from our neighbourhood as possible to attend both at the beginning of the hearing and when the Stadium item is being considered. Your presence in numbers makes a powerful and forceful statement to Council that we care about what is happening to our community. Seating is limited so be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Monday Morning - Beginning of Hearing: Please come at the beginning of the hearing on Monday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. to show the unified support of University Heights. The media is likely to be present on Monday morning so have your speaking points ready!

<u>Tuesday Morning – Stadium Item:</u> Our best estimate is that the stadium issue will be heard on Tuesday morning. Please come on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to support our presenters. Unfortunately, we do not know how long the process will take. If you can attend only one day, please come on Tuesday.

Due to flooding, the location has changed from the previous location at City Hall. The Hearing will now be held at:

The City of Calgary Hearing Room Deerfoot Junction III Building (Quasi Judicial Boards) Main Floor, 1212 31 Avenue NE

Driving directions:

- Take 16th Avenue to Deerfoot Trail;
- Drive north on Deerfoot Trail to 32nd Avenue NE
- Turn east on 32nd Avenue NE;
- Turn south (right) on 12th Street NE;
- Turn west (right) on 31st Avenue NE and proceed to 1212 31st Avenue NE.
- Enter main door of Deerfoot Junction III.

Charter Bus Option:

To ensure that as many people as possible can attend, the UHCA has chartered a bus which will depart Foothills Mennonite Church at **8:00 a.m**. on both Monday, July 22nd and Tuesday, July 23rd. Bus transportation will also be available on July 24th, if needed.

We expect that on Monday, July 22nd, the bus will return to University Heights around 11:00 a.m. On Tuesday, July 23rd, we are unsure of the time of bus return because the time of the Stadium discussion will not be known until that day; our best guess is that we will have our opportunity to present on Tuesday morning and return in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in bus transportation is asked to email Mili Rowse at: mrowse@telus.net or (403) 282-2558 by Friday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m. (Please note time deadline on Friday!!) to confirm a seat on the bus. Please remember to specify which day or days you will require bus transportation.

We encourage you to invite neighbours and friends to join you in attending this Historic Event!.

Upcoming Meeting

July 18th, 2013 (Video-taping available starting at 6:00 pm)

This will be the last practice session before the hearing. Additionally we will have videotaping available to ensure that those who cannot be there in person will be represented.

Checklist of What You can Do:

- Write to the Mayor Nenshi and the Aldermen. Encourage friends from outside University Heights to write.
- Attend the July 18th Community Meeting to prepare for the Council hearing
- Videotape your concerns on July 18 if you cannot attend the Council hearing on July 22.
- Attend the Council hearing on the morning of July 22nd at the start of council, and again on July 23rd.
- Speak at hearing (probably on July 23rd) (5 minutes)
- Volunteer to get people to attend on July 22nd and July 23rd.
 - Coordinator: Bruce Blumell, <u>b.blumell@shaw.ca</u> (403) 289-9561
 - Volunteer as an extra driver on July 22nd or July 23rd
- Donate to the UHCA legal Fund (any amount will be gratefully accepted) UHCA c/o Foothills Mennonite Church, 2115 Urbana Rd. N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2N 4B9

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Khu at president@uhcacalgary.org or call 403-870-2782