



Community Bulletin July 1, 2013

Please note that the next community association meeting will be held Thursday, July 4th, at the Foothills Mennonite Church, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Also, the deadline for written submissions to City Council is July 11 at 10 am. Details on submissions are below.

‘Today’s problems come from yesterday’s solutions’, says Peter Senge, author of The Fifth Discipline. An extension: tomorrow’s problems are the result of today’s solutions.

Under the Municipal Development Plan, the Stadium site is a Neighborhood Activity Centre, yet the current proposal serves mostly institutional uses and calls for 355,000 sq. feet of Medical and Office space, and a 200 room hotel along with some residential and retail. It also calls for incorporation of our municipal reserve (block 159JK) in a land swap basis that disproportionately favors the developer. The residential and retail amounts are minor, less than a third of the development. The Stadium redevelopment cannot be viewed in isolation and must be considered in full context with the surrounding developments which include: an approximately 900,000 sq. ft. Cancer Centre to be built across the street on the Foothills Site, 8.5 million sq. ft. development at West Campus (22,000 jobs and population), 1500 new residences at the University of Calgary to the north, and a \$250 million, 10,000 spectator capacity FIFO sports field house to the east.

The immense scale (800, 000 sq. ft) and mainly commercial orientation of the Stadium Centre redevelopment is clearly at odds with the city’s own land use policies and designation as a Neighborhood Activity Centre. The planned redevelopment at Stadium is consistent with a Major Activity Centre (MAC), such as the Foothills Medical Centre, and three times more dense than the West Campus development, another MAC.

If we act now, we can help City Council understand the cumulative developments around us in order to moderate the Stadium Shopping Centre Redevelopment to a

neighbourhood scale, preserve traffic access to both our community and the Foothills Hospital and maintain the municipal reserve as a park for future generations.

The City of Calgary Land Use Planning and Policy Department announced that the Stadium Shopping Centre ARP is still on schedule for a July 22nd (and likely extended to July 23rd) Public Hearing in Council despite the recent flooding. It leaves residents with the feeling that the plan is being pushed through come Hell or High Water.

We need to be prepared for this Public Hearing and make sure our concerns are heard. The most important thing that you can do is **write** to City Council members and **attend** the Council Hearing in person on July 22nd and likely the 23rd.

If you have submitted correspondence in the past, it will need to be sent to City Council because none of the community letters of concern or correspondence from the UHCA was included in the core filing to the Calgary Planning Commission and therefore they will not automatically be forwarded to Council.

If you cannot attend, have your concerns video recorded at one of the **community meetings** (the next one is on **July 4th at the Foothills Mennonite Church from 6:30-8:30 pm**) or one of the other community meetings to follow which will be announced.

How to Submit to Council (IMPORTANT!)

Due to the flooding, Old City Hall is closed for the next six weeks. However the Municipal Building is still open and accepting submissions.

Submissions must be made before July 11, 2013 at 10:00am. **So effectively the deadline is July 10, 2013.** Do not wait until the last minute to send your comments!!!!

Submissions can be made using one of these methods:

In Person:

Municipal Building, 3rd Floor Service Counter (Reopening July 2, 2013)
800 Macleod Tr. S.E.
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
8 am - 4: 30 pm.

By Mail:

Office of the City Clerk (#8007), The City of Calgary, PO Box 2100 Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

By e-mail: CityClerk@calgary.ca

We also encourage you to contact your individual Alderman. More information on contacting your alderman can be found at <http://www.calgary.ca/Aldermen/Pages/home.aspx?redirect=/aldermen>.

For University Heights, Montgomery, and Varsity, the Alderman (Ward 1) is Dale Hodges. dale.hodges@calgary.ca

For Saint-Andrew's Heights and Parkdale, the Alderman (Ward 7) is Druh Farrell. druh.farrell@calgary.ca

Please send a copy of your correspondence to: president@uhcacalgary.org

If you have questions about submissions, please contact Peter Khu at 403-870-2782

Summary of the June 26 Meeting on Stadium Shopping Centre

The recent June 26, 2013, meeting was extremely well attended by around 100 people. Thank you to Pastor Doug Klassen and the Foothills Mennonite Church for generously providing meeting space for the community and for attending the meeting.

Thanks Donna Kennedy Glans, our MLA for attending and listening to our concerns. Two Ward 1 Candidates were also represented. Thanks to Ward Sutherland (Ward for Ward 1) for attending. Chris Harper was out of town but was represented by his campaign manager. Alderman Hodges was affected by the flooding and sent his regrets, but provided some advice on communicating our concerns to Council.

The meeting focused primarily on the facts that the consultation process to date has been flawed, and the redevelopment exhibits excessive density and does not conform to city policies, the MDP. Many individual concerns about redevelopment were expressed and specific issues were listed on flip charts with the intention of organizing them into topics to be covered in the 5-minute presentations at the City Council Hearing. The names of volunteers were also taken for the 5-minute presentations.

Fundraising Update

Our Fundraising efforts for legal and professional services have reached a new milestone. We have raised \$43,000 from almost 100 donors.

Some of the most meaningful donations have been small donations from individuals on a fixed income, some from outside of University Heights. It all adds up to a big result.

How to donate:

Please send your cheque made out to UHCA and drop off or mail to: UHCA c/o Foothills Mennonite Church, 2115 Urbana Rd. N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2N 4B9

Upcoming Events

City Information Session on Stadium will be held on July 3rd, 2013, 5-8 p.m.,

St. Andrew's Heights Community Centre (2504-13th Avenue N.W.).

There have been no significant changes to the city's plan since the Calgary Planning Commission. Although the city may not be listening, Media will likely be present at the City Council Hearing and the hearing will provide an opportunity to express University Heights Concerns and frustrations.

Schedule of Community Meetings to prepare for the City Council Hearing

These are our meetings to prepare for the Council Hearing on July 22 and possibly 23.

We still need volunteers to communicate community concerns. Each person has 5 minutes to speak on one topic. Some topics, such as traffic, require many speakers. You are, of course, welcome to speak on your own outside our organized presentations.

Although it is critical to get as many people out as possible to the Council meeting, some people are not able to make it because they are on vacation or for health reasons.

We have hired the services of a documentary film maker, and your concerns can be video taped on July 4th between 6:30-8:30 pm and at future community meetings. Just email president@uhccalgary.org to set up an appointment if one of the times below does not work for you.

Future Community meetings are planned for the following dates to give speakers a chance to practice their 5 minute presentation to council. All residents are welcome to attend. Video taping will be available at all sessions.

All dates will be at the Foothills Mennonite Church between 6:30 and 8:30 pm

- July 4th, 2013 (Video taping available)
- July 11th, 2013 (Video taping available)
- July 15th, 2013 (Video taping available)
- July 18th, 2013 (Video taping available)

Checklist of What you can Do:

- Write to City Hall deadline is July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (effectively July 10!)
- Attend the City of Calgary July 3rd, 2013 Session at St. Andrew's Heights
- Attend the July 4th, 2013 Community Meeting (Our own Strategy Session)
 - Attend July 15, and July 18th Community Meetings for practice.
- Speak at council on July 22 (or possibly July 23rd) (5 minutes)
- Videotape your concerns if you cannot come
- Volunteer to get people to attend the July 22nd Meeting at City hall
 - Calling List
 - Driving Pool
- Attend the July 22nd (and possibly July 23rd) Meeting at City Hall
- Donate to the UHCA legal Fund (any amount will be gratefully accepted)

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

Advertising:

The UHCA does not endorse, recommend, or oppose any political candidate in relation to any political campaign.



CITIZEN INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

This is the agenda to be discussed by Council at today's meeting. If you have no further use for it, it would be appreciated if you could leave it on the table where you picked it up so it can be used by another citizen.

WHAT IS CORRECT MEETING PROTOCOL?

Please do not address Members of Council without permission, and maintain order and quiet. Please turn off sound on all phones or electronic devices.

Council may move "In Camera", (in private without the presence of the public), to discuss confidential items per Division 2 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

ARE YOU MAKING A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL?

Members of the public are invited to speak to advertised Agenda items at Council's Public Hearings. Please be aware that Council meetings are web streamed and audio/ video of the meeting is recorded. Also, from January 2011 wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) access will be available in the Council Chamber. You may access agendas, minutes, live web streaming and on demand video electronically either through your phone, your lap top or other electronic device.



Please Note: Council may vote to change the order of items listed on an Agenda. Please consult the white board outside the North doors of the Council Chamber (near the information Kiosk), for information on items held over to a future meeting date or later in today's Agenda.

At Public Hearings the Mayor will follow the format listed below:

- Introduce the first item on the agenda;
- Call upon the following to speak, in this order:

City staff (Presentation and questions of clarification); members of the public in favour; members of the public in opposition; follow up questions from Council members; and then City staff (to answer questions from Council).

- Ask for a motion on the proposed matter; and
- Proceed to the next item on the agenda.

Please notify City Clerk's staff prior to the start of the meeting if you have visual material to present (overheads, PowerPoint), or material to distribute.

When addressing Members of Council,

- Speak 8" to 12" from the voice activated microphone in a normal tone;
- Give your name for the record, and provide the correct spelling;
- Indicate if you are speaking on behalf of a client or company or for a group of citizens
- You may speak for 5 minutes; and
- Please limit your comments to the matter contained in the report and the recommendations being discussed.

HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN REPORT ATTACHMENTS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2010?

Attachments referenced in a report may be obtained from the Council Records Section of the City Clerk's Office at 50¢/ page. City Clerk's Records is located on the main floor of the Municipal Building complex, adjacent to the LRT track. However, since November 2010 City Clerk's is providing all attachments with agendas (electronically or hard copy), except some limited distribution documents, and or confidential attachments.

MEETING RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT TIMES

Council follows the schedule listed below, but may vote to change the time of scheduled recess.

75 minutes at 12:00 noon

30 minutes at 3:15 p.m.

75 minutes at 6:00 p.m.

*Adjourn at 9:30 p.m.



*A Council meeting may adjourn at 9:30 p.m. or Council may decide to complete the item currently being discussed, and then recess to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. the following day, or on another day specified at today's meeting.

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