Foothills Medical Centre Area Communities Working Group
Thursday, September 18, 2014
7:00 - 8:30 pm
FMC South Tower - Suite 509, Room 514

MINUTES

Community Attendees: Parkdale: Derek Brown, Vi Todd

St Andrews Heights: Jacques Gendron, Liz Murray

University Heights: James Love

Alberta Health Services: Janice Cullen, Randy Exner, Tracey Plunkett, Shelley Nycz

Alberta Infrastructure: Sean Williams, Howard May

Stantec Architecture Ltd.: Enzo Vincenzino, Dave Spencer

STARS Air Ambulance: Mike Janke, Mike Potter

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	J. Cullen welcomed attendees and introductions were made.	
2.	Approval of Agenda	J. Love requested that Western Securities acquisition of Municipal Reserve land be added to the agenda.	
3.	Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the June 5^{th} , 2014 meeting were approved as written.	
4.	McCaig Tower Heliport	J. Gendron and L. Murray had requested the opportunity to have representatives of STARS Air Ambulance attend the meeting to address community questions about noise generated from arrivals and departures at the FMC McCaig Tower heliport. Community members noted that noise from STARS flights to FMC is more prominent than in the past.	
		M. Janke and M. Potter described the height and	

	configuration of the McCaig Tower rooftop heliport. They confirmed that STARS has recognized the issue of flight path integration with residential areas since implementation of McCaig rooftop heliport operations. STARS pilots endeavor to address this flight path challenge by following transportation corridors to the greatest extent possible given wind conditions and restrictions to the angle of final approach. M. Janke and M. Potter confirmed that STARS arrival and departure altitudes are permissible with regulatory authorities because of the lifesaving activity of their operations. However, STARS pilots do consider altitude in relation to nearby residential areas, and endeavor to fly steeper descent and climb profiles at the McCaig heliport for this reason. It was also noted that newer STARS aircraft now in service generate more noise while idling on the rooftop heliport. In July 2014 there were approximately 90 STARS flights to FMC. M. Janke and M. Potter offered to meet with the	
	Community Association boards to discuss concerns, if desired.	
5. Alberta Health Services Parkade Project	The updated "What We've Heard" document summarizing community comments on the proposed parkade development was circulated and discussed, including responses at the June presentations in St. Andrews Heights and Parkdale.	
	R. Exner and E. Vincenzino presented the New Lot 1 parkade design to be submitted for Development Permit application in October.	

		To address concerns expressed by community members and also FMC staff, the building elevations were simplified to promote first impressions of calm and diligence most appropriate for the hospital site.	
		Working Group members raised several questions about the parkade elevations, and expressed understanding and support for the revised aesthetics.	
		D. Spencer described the proposed landscaping for the new parkade, and community members asked questions about the maintenance and resilience of groundcover and tree species.	
		The type of bike parking facilities proposed to be included with the parkade was discussed.	
		R. Exner and E. Vincenzino presented a design for a proposed permanent ±95 stall expansion of FMC surface parking Lot 8A, located east of the North Tower building. The key driver for this development is the need to reduce the volume of parking required off-site during Lot 1 replacement.	
		It was noted that Development Permit application for Lot 8A expansion is also planned for October.	
		Community members asked a number of questions about the Lot 8A expansion design, relationship to the adjacent landscaping and bike path, and timeline.	
6.	Alberta Infrastructure Calgary Cancer Project	H. May identified two upcoming community meetings. On October 30th, community representatives already involved in consultation on the Calgary Cancer Project Transportation Impact Assessment to date will receive an update on that	

		work. On November 12 th , Community Association representatives will contribute to the identification and understanding of priority adjacent community interests related to the Calgary Cancer Project development. H. May proposed to send Cancer Project update notes for Community Association newsletters.	H. May to provide content for Community newsletters.
7.	Local Development Project Coordination	Western Securities has made application to the City of Calgary for acquisition of the Municipal Reserve land located between the existing Stadium Shopping Centre site and 16th Avenue. J. Love noted that there is uncertainty within the Community Associations with respect to the details of the proposed land acquisition, including confirmation of future road right of way availability and requirements for replacement open space within the new Stadium Shopping Centre development. It was noted that the Calgary Cancer Project team and AHS Strategic Capital Planning are meeting with Western Securities regularly to ensure coordination of development proposals and this issue would be discussed.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled at the call of the Chair.	Meeting Date TBD
9.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm	