

Minutes of Mountain Drive Park Redevelopment

Task Force Virtual Meeting

November 3rd, 2021

(Recorded by Meghan Stewart, City of Hamilton
and Compiled by Louise Thomassin, City of Hamilton)

Item 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Sara Mostacci Carnegie and everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Housekeeping rules were presented by Chair Sara Mostacci Carnegie.

Item 2

The Chair asked Task Force members if there was any discussion on the minutes of the July 14th, 2021 meeting. No errors or omissions were brought forward. The minutes were adopted, as presented.

Item 3

Chair Sara Mostacci Carnegie and Vice Chair Micheline Rancourt presented a summary of the consultation process to-date and highlighted key milestones such as meetings dates, development of the vision statement, questionnaires, first public survey date, the broader public consultation session and discussions that occurred.

The Chair and Vice Chair indicated that Louise Thomassin would present the second public survey results as part of Item 4.

Item 4

Louise Thomassin, Senior Project Manager for the Redevelopment of Mountain Drive Park (MDP), provided the Task Force with a review of the second survey results, the masterplan recommendations, the redevelopment plan, a pilot project example and next steps.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Thomassin discussed the following information:

Overview of Staff Presentation on April 14th, 2021

- Review of Re-Development Option(s), including the main park and two (2) Mountain Park Avenue Options
- Stakeholder re-engagement to receive input
- Community engagement strategy
- Survey #2 goals

Survey #2 Goals

- Gauge community support for plans
- Establish a preferred concept for Mountain Park Avenue
- Determine priorities for implementation

Survey #2 Response Rate

- 2094: number of online visitors who viewed at least one project page
- 448: number of survey respondents
- 1195: number of online visitors who viewed multiple project pages

Survey #2 Results

- Question #1: do you support the improvements and new additions as shown on the development option for the park?
 - Yes (381), No (9), Other (18)
- Questions #2: please select your preference for Mountain Park Avenue.
 - Option A – One-way conversion (79), Option B – Pedestrianization (290), Option C – Status quo (67), Option D – No preference (16)
- Question #3: please indicate your priorities for redevelopment, with 1 being the highest.
 - Main park (2.38), Mountain Park Avenue and associated trail system (2.68), Open lawn and trees (3.91), Meditation area (4.13), Stair connection

(4.46), Fitness stations (4.71), Park entry nodes (5.4)

Survey #2 Recap

- Gauge community support for plans. Results achieved: 85% support rate.
- Establish preferred concept for Mountain Park Avenue. Results achieved: over 80% support for change, with over half voting for pedestrianization.
- Determine priorities for implementation. Results achieved: high priority for main park improvements and Mountain Park Avenue.

Recommendations

- Recommend implementation of redevelopment plan for main park as presented
- Recommend implementing new amenities in order of priority as expressed by community
- Recommend piloting pedestrianization of
- Mountain Park Avenue, including reengagement of community to re-affirm support

Park and Streetscape Plans

- Available on the project web-page. Ms. Thomassin walked through the improvements with the Task Force

Pilot Project Example

- Presented a pilot example of Gore Park and King Street. Gore Park underwent a masterplan process and the recommendations from the process included pedestrianization a section of King Street. A pilot was launched in the summer of 2012 and community feedback was gathered. Following the success of the project, the pedestrianization of that section of

King Street was formalized and made permanent.

Next Steps

- Prepare and finalize masterplan report, including circulation of draft report to key stakeholders.

Item 5

Comments and questions can be found in the Questions and Answers document prepared by Louise Thomassin.

A Task Force member brought forward a motion to meet again in the Winter of 2021 prior to finalizing the masterplan report. The motion was voted down with a count of 5 for and 6 against.

Councillor Jackson encouraged the Task Force not to dissolve to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony prior to the demolition of the washroom building as this is an important step in the legacy project and it would be an opportunity to put faces to names and take photographs.

Item 6

This being the last Task Force Meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair thanked all Task Force Members for their efforts and hard work. They expressed their excitement to see the plans move forward and look forward to further engagement for Mountain Park Avenue specifically.

Councillor Jackson expressed the importance of having residents participate in a Task Force and that he advocated for the creation of this Task Force and for others in his Ward for different projects over the years.

Ms. Thomassin thanked the Task Force for their participation and efforts throughout the life of the Masterplan project, and specifically the Chair and Vice Chair for their dedication.

Item 7

There being no further business and this being the last Task Force Meeting for the Mountain Drive Park Masterplan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.