

Minutes of Mountain Drive Park Redevelopment Task Force Virtual Meeting

March 10th, 2021

(Recorded by Lauri Leduc, Acting Assistant to Councillor Tom Jackson)

Item 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Sara Mostacci Carnegie and everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Councillor Jackson passed on his congratulations to Ms. Mostacci Carnegie and Ms. Micheline Rancourt upon becoming the Chair and Vice Chair of the Task Force. He also thanked Ed Valtenbergs and Danusia Szpak for putting their names forward to serve as Chair.

Item 2

The Chair asked Task Force members if there was any discussion on the minutes of the January 10, 2021 meeting. No errors or omissions were brought forward. The minutes were adopted, as presented.

Item 3

Louise Thomassin, Landscape Architect and Project Manager for the Redevelopment of Mountain Drive Park (MDP), provided the Task Force with an update on the public engagement process thus far as well as information for next steps in the engagement process.

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

Overview of Staff Presentation from January 20, 2021

- Purpose and components of a masterplan
- Site Boundary for this study
- Existing park features and areas
- Policies and Plans that will impact development
- Project timeline and next steps

Where we are now

- Inventory and Analysis including studies (geotechnical, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Audit (February to April 2021)
 - a list of all existing conditions
 - a judgement of the existing conditions and action items to occur to achieve the park's vision
- Consult with Internal Staff (Park Operations, Forestry and Horticulture, Cultural and Natural Heritage, etc.)
- Consult with External Stakeholders (CPTED, Niagara Escarpment Commission, Alectra Utilities, Concession Street BIA)
- Engage Consultants: Landscape Architect (Prime), Structural Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer
- Launch Public Engagement (Task Force, Engage Hamilton Platform)
 - Various Social Media Platforms
 - engage.hamilton.ca/mountaindrivepark
 - hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/improving-our-parks/mountain-drive-park
 - Poster on-site
 - Task Force
 - Mail Drop (to approximately 7000 households)
- Public Engagement
 - Who, what, when, where of the project
 - Project Timelines, City contact, masterplan process, site boundary
 - Surveys and Polls
- Next Steps: Establish Project Vision, Priorities, Criteria for Success and Development Options (April to June 2021)

Item 4

The Vice Chair reported that she has created a centralized e-mail address where Task Force members can send their ideas and share their comments. Once a week, she will send an e-mail to the group giving a summary of the comments that we received. This was done so that ideas are more easily and fully captured as well as to keep things streamlined.

Item 5

Comments and questions were already covered under Item 3 and a detailed, written response to them can be found in the attached document prepared by Ms. Thomassin.

Items 6 and 7

It was determined that the best time to hold the next Task Force meeting was after the public engagement survey closes on March 23rd, 2021. Ms. Thomassin will compile the results of the survey and present them to the Task Force.

The next virtual meeting will take place on April 14th, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m. A meeting invitation will be forthcoming. The plan for future meetings is to hold them once a month until around June 2021 and then determine other meeting dates as the project unfolds.

Item 8

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.