

**Exhibition Community Meeting  
Seventh Day Adventist Christian School - Gym  
2228 Herman Ave  
January 23, 2019  
7:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Jan Coleman, Lawrence Mitchell, Maureen Rink, Nelson Sandberg, John Krowina, Rob & Nancy Howse, Glen Green, Laurie Ann Ulmer, Wayne Tillotson, Rhett Sangster, Eric Afseth, Diana Romero, Nick Nicolichuk, Michelle Liota, Keli Propp, Shawn Volk, Arnie Riise, Rob Brown, Shauna Hill, Amie Shirkie, Maddyn Linka, Kryshna Hylton, Nicole Dancey, Omar Linares, Lynn Adamson, Darlene Fonos, Lynne M, Colleen Douglas, Dale Palaniuk, Darrell Weiget, S.J. Potts-Weiget, Jacqueline Hounjet, Marv Kohle, G. Redl, A. Truong, Jamie K, Judy Burton Enkirch, Peter Enkirch, Dennis Morgan, Councilor Mairin Loewen, Mark Emmons, Paul Whitenect, Keith Folkersen & Elisabeth Miller – Senior Planners, Holden Blue & Joel Bird - Planners  
Shirlene Palmer – Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Keith Folkersen introduced himself as the facilitator of tonight's meeting and the co-lead along with Mark Emmons on the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) and welcomed everyone to the Committee Launch Meeting. He introduced the additional City of Saskatoon representatives in attendance.

Keith informed the group information from the previous 15 LAPs as well as upcoming minutes from Exhibition LAP meetings are posted on City of Saskatoon website: [www.saskatoon.ca/LAP](http://www.saskatoon.ca/LAP)

**Opening Comments:**

Councilor Mairin Loewen thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight. As a resident and Councilor she is doubly excited to take part in this LAP. This first meeting has been in the works for years when Exhibition was identified as a neighbourhood that would benefit from an LAP. She is excited to hear what everyone's priorities are for the Exhibition neighbourhood. These types of initiatives do not go very far without the community engagement.

Thanks

Keith noted today we are not proposing anything. It is the start of the discussion centred on your neighbourhood. This process is you identifying: What do you want? Why you want it? And what you don't want or don't like. We need your input to work with the community and administration to make changes.

To date there have been 15 LAPs with about 600 recommendations (action items) brought forward to the City and of those 600 about 400 or 67% have been implemented. Recommendations can be short, medium or long term; anything from putting signage up to moving the bus barns out of Caswell Hill.

Recommendations are driven by the community. You know your neighbourhood better than anybody.

## **2. Local Area Planning Presentation** **Keith Folkersen, Planner**

This presentation will answer many of the questions you may have.

### **What are Local Area Plans?**

- Local Area Plans (LAPs) set out objectives and policies that guide the growth and development of Saskatoon neighbourhoods.
- Local Area Plans create recommendations for local improvements that are implemented after the plan is completed.
- They provide residents, business owners and other stakeholders an active role in determining the future of their community.
- During the development of a LAP, participants work with each other to identify issues, develop goals and outline strategies to ensure the long-term success of their neighbourhood.
- The scope of an LAP depends on the issues identified by the Community, but generally covers topics such as Land Use, Traffic, Municipal Services, Heritage, and Parks for example.
- While we are not here to talk about those tonight, we will certainly talk about issues of importance at specific meetings.
- We identify current and future issues that affect the neighbourhood and create a plan with specific recommendations for improvements.

### **Which Communities get LAPs?**

- Saskatoon City Council originally resolved to undertake 12 LAPs, which were approved in the late 90s. These include the neighbourhoods of: Sutherland, Caswell Hill, Airport Industrial Area, Riversdale, Warehouse District, Nutana, King George, West Industrial, Pleasant Hill, City Park, and Westmount.
- In 2010, Varsity View, Mayfair & Kelsey-Woodlawn, and Montgomery Place were added; in 2016, Exhibition, Mount Royal, and Confederation Park/Massey Place were approved.
- For selection, we monitor how existing neighbourhoods are changing, and they are chosen for an LAP based on key neighbourhood indicators. Those listed as priority may get chosen for an LAP.
- Anyone who is a stakeholder in the neighbourhood can participate in the LAP, including residents, students, employees, property owners and business owners.
- Institutions such as SIAST and the school boards have also been invited to participate, as we realize their relationship with the neighbourhood.
- The LAP process is also a means to strengthen relations between stakeholders and the community. In Varsity View for example, the LAP process has been used to strengthen the relationship between the University and the neighbourhood.

## **Study Area**

The study area boundary for the Exhibition LAP is Taylor Street to the North, Broadway Avenue to the East, Ruth Street (East of Lorne Avenue) and Circle Drive (West of Lorne Avenue) to the South, and the riverbank to the West.

The Study area for this LAP includes the entire neighbourhood of Exhibition as well as Diefenbaker Park, the Western Develop Museum lands, and Prairieland Park Exhibition Grounds. The study area also includes part of the Queen Elizabeth Neighbourhood but only a small part of it so we did not include the name of the neighbourhood. We will also go beyond the boundaries to examine issues just outside that may be having an impact.

## **Why should I care about an LAP?**

LAPs WILL lead to local improvements. Possible changes will be discussed that could affect you. Funding opportunities for community identified recommendations may be available.

Which recommendations (action items) are approved through the LAP process depends on what our staff hears in these meetings, in online surveys, and through any other kinds of communication

This is your chance to have an effect on your neighbourhood by outlining challenges, goals, problems and opportunities. Then we will work with City staff and the community to find solutions which we will bring back to the community to discuss.

## **Why does City need your help?**

We need to know what you want, your help in identifying why it will benefit the area, if there are problems that exist that aren't easy to see in data we have and we need to know what you want your community to be.

## **What do we need to know about Exhibition?**

- Are there historical or long standing issues that you wish to discuss?
- Has there been a recent significant change that has lead to issues for residents?
- Is there anything else you think the City Administration and this community should work to address?
- Is there a group that should be here that isn't?
- Is there anyone we or the community needs to reach out to?
- What do you feel has been missed in the past?
- What does everyone here really want to discuss?
- What needs to be investigated and reported back on?

## **How do you want to be involved and engaged?**

- Do you want to attend meetings?
- Is there Community events City Administration could attend?
- Online surveys?
- Neighbourhood to neighbourhood surveys?
- Workshops?

We would like to help build community capacity. There are some topics where we will take the lead on projects and report back but there are others where the community may be able to take the lead and City can help out with some funding or expertise.

One part of this process is getting the people together who want to make this neighbourhood better and help empower you to be able to make changes. Our planners will work with administration to see what changes can be made and what opportunities exist to help maintain and improve the quality of life in the neighbourhood for future generations.

### **Outcomes of a LAP**

The main outcomes of an LAP are to:

1. Maintain the quality, safety and viability of the neighbourhood;
2. Prioritize community improvements and infrastructure;
3. Encourage renewal in the area;
4. Ensure planning policies reflect the individual neighbourhood needs of an area;
5. Recommend changes to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw if required; and
6. Develop strategies to address activities that negatively impact the neighbourhood.

The LAP process is also a means to strengthen relations between the community and the City.

### **The Steps to Create a LAP**

The term LAP Committee is a bit formal but essentially means anyone who wants to be involved with the LAP. It does not mean we need a consistent level of commitment between committee members, it can be any level.

From someone who reads every email and attends every meeting, to someone who just reads the final draft and provides comments, to someone who just wants to be kept in the loop any level of participation is fine for LAP Committee members.

- 1) **Neighbourhood Meeting** – Flyers and letters were sent out to as many stakeholders as possible inviting everyone to meet and discuss the upcoming LAP process. We are at this first step tonight. Moving forward, our ongoing meetings are the core of the LAP process. We host a series of meetings on specific topics, and some (such as Safety), may require more than one meeting. We are getting key insights from community stakeholders about issues, concerns, strengths, and possible solutions.
- 2) **Forming a Local Area Plan Committee (LAPC)** –We use the term Committee fairly loosely. Anyone who is a stakeholder in the neighbourhood can participate in the LAP, including residents, students, employees, and business or property owners. It is not necessary that committee members

have special skills or knowledge, only that they are committed and have a keen interest in making a positive difference in their community. You are the local expert.

Interested stakeholders can get involved in monthly meetings, and/or other means. Committee members do not need to attend every meeting, and you can still participate if you cannot make it. In addition, you can also be on our contact list if you want to stay informed but do not want to be on the Committee.

- 3) **Condition of the Community** – The LAP will assess the present condition of the community, including neighbourhood strengths and weaknesses and identification of trends that may affect the neighbourhood. Each meeting has a separate topic. Some topics may include, land use and zoning, traffic patterns, housing, recreation, crime & safety, roads, parks, heritage & history, etc. These will provide the foundation for the development of the LAP.
- 4) **Creating a Vision** - The LAPC envisions a positive future for their community. Setting a vision identifies where we have been, where we are now and where we want to go in the future. The vision creates a common base from which the community can work to create realistic goals and strategies for successful long-term planning. The vision will be set at the beginning of the LAP process.
- 5) **Identifying Issues and Setting Goals** – Information is gathered through surveys, research and presentations. Once information is gathered the LAPC acquires an understanding of neighbourhood issues, place values on the issues, the practicality of addressing issues in the LAP and set goals in order to move issues forward. This information forms the basis of the LAP.

Once the goals, opportunities and issues have been identified, specific recommendations or action items can be formed for the neighbourhood. Recommendations can range from mailing out a brochure about property maintenance to long-term zoning and land-use changes.

- 6) **Writing the LAP** – This is done by the LAP Planner and reviewed by the LAPC. During various stages of the writing process, we check back with LAPC and Administration. We work with the Committee to keep them engaged and involved.

The recommendations in the final report are the key take-aways of the LAP, what specific actions are we going to do to address issues, solve problems, and build on the neighbourhood's strengths?

- 7) **Adopting the LAP** – After the LAP committee and the City Administration support for the plan, the report and recommendations are shared with the community at a public open house. Once general consensus is reached in support of LAP, the report is presented to the Municipal Planning Commission and finally to City Council for adoption.

- 8) **Implementing and Monitoring the Plan** – Once City Council has adopted the Local Area Plan, all recommendations undergo the implementation process. City staff deliver a progress report to City Council and the Community Association annually, or as required, until all recommendations have been fulfilled. There is a specific implementation plan, and each recommendation has a specific strategy to achieve its goals. We have a staff member whose job it is to manage the implementation of each recommendation.

### **Why are Local Area Plans Successful?**

An LAP's strength depends on the input from the community and it is critical to have your participation. It involves neighbourhood stakeholders, builds relationships and partnerships, identifies common goals and opportunities for the future of the neighbourhood. It is a neighbourhood plan made by the neighbourhood.

Keith noted to date they have received 240 surveys back that will also help with deciding on topics.

## **3. Discussion**

### **Questions:**

➤ **Why was Exhibition neighbourhood chosen for LAP?**

Keith noted he does not know the specific reasons but the City monitors existing neighbourhoods using a matrix to identify neighbourhoods with major changes in its data collected and Exhibition showed some change in 2016.

Mark stated this area has some older housing so may indicate some future reinvestment so want to ensure neighbourhood has say in land use prior to any changes as well as with Exhibition and other Prairieland events taking place can affect traffic and parking.

➤ **Who is reinvesting in the neighbourhood?**

Mark stated there is no specific reinvesting but homes in neighbourhood have been lived in for a long time and soon may be rebuild or sold as residents get older.

➤ **What is the end game with infills? In 20 years are all the old houses going to be gone?**

Keith stated no one knows for sure what will happen in 20 years but want to have a plan in place prior to decisions being made.

### Comments:

- Everyone is out to make money. Trees are cut down, lots are split. Contractors are making money and now we are becoming more like cities like Winnipeg and Calgary where they split lots. I can't even park in front of my own house now.

Keith noted that is what we are here for now. What are the negatives you see happening and then we will see what we can do to help out.

- What we don't want is those "skinny houses" on lots.

Keith noted we can speak more in regards to specifics when we have specific topic meetings. We do need to know more than just "I don't like", we need to know why you don't like them, e.g. not aesthetically pleasing, blocking sun, etc.

### Questions:

- **You don't live in the area. Have you walked around and seen the sidewalks? They need repair.**

Keith stated this could be discussed at a Property Maintenance topic meeting. We are here today to get information as to what topics we want to discuss and then will plan more meetings to discuss issues and possible solutions in more detail.

Keith noted the Feedback Forms everyone was handed out is important to complete so they will be aware of what topics people want to meet and discuss.

## 3. Creating a Vision

Keith noted setting a vision identifies where have we been, where are we now, and where we want to go in the future. Creating a vision establishes a foundation to move forward.

Everyone was given five minutes to finish the following statements:

*Exhibition has been....*

*Exhibition is...*

*Exhibition will become....*

Mark noted the purpose of this activity is to get you thinking about your neighbourhood. Tell us how you feel about it. Fill in overall issues, not too specific. For example, "Concern with Pedestrian Safety" not "want a light at this corner". This way we will look at overall pedestrian safety.

## Group Sharing

Several attendees shared some of their visioning statements.

Keith noted the everyone's Visioning statements will be collated and brought back to the next meeting to complete the Vision Statement.

### Questions:

- **Is there a bylaw in regards to how long garbage/recycling cans can be left out in alley?**

Keith stated that yes there is. It is 24 hours but it is complaint driven. If this is an issue we could discuss this in a Municipality topic meeting.

- **Wasn't there discussion of having other access to Praireland?**

Keith noted he does not have this information tonight but can check into it for another meeting.

Keith stated if there are pressing issues with Praireland we can approach them to take part in a meeting to discuss issues. He noted if there are any other groups that we might want to approach to attend meetings please let him know.

- **How many bylaw inspectors are there for garbage?**

Councilor Loewen noted there are 2 full time equivalents.

### Comments:

- The City need to take care of the alleys.

Keith stated he is hearing there are various Property Maintenance issues so that may need to be a topic to discuss at a future meeting as people can be brought in from the City that will know the answers for the specific questions or at least know where to find the answer.

## 4. Closing Remarks

Keith reminded everyone that the community survey about Exhibition is available online at [saskatoon.ca/lap](http://saskatoon.ca/lap) or if you would like a paper copy see him. We encourage you, if you have not already done so, to do survey before the end of February, as the survey results will help determine the LAP topics.

Survey can be done online or paper [www.saskatoon.ca/lap](http://www.saskatoon.ca/lap)

The next meeting we will review survey results, develop a list of future topics and goals and create a vision statement.

- Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 7:00 pm  
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As Safety needs to move forward in order to be able to do a specific type of site inspection called Safety Audits outside that will be our first topic meeting. Elisabeth Miller and Joel Bird will be taking the lead on this topic.

- Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
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Keith thanked everyone for taking time in their schedule to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns that arise after this meeting, please feel free to contact him as we work through the local area plan process for Exhibition.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**