

**Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) Meeting #4  
Community Safety Meeting  
Seventh Day Adventist Christian School - Gym  
2228 Herman Ave  
March 27, 2019  
7:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Lynn Adamson, Rod Brown, Darlene Fonos, Glen Green, Rob Howse, Richard Huziak, Jamie Kidd, Omar Linares, Maddyn Linka, Michelle Liota, S.J. Potts-Weigetz, Amie Shirkie, Cheryl Thompson, Shawn Volk, Darrell Weigetz, Dean Ziegler, Jane Sullivan Swight Scheer, Barry Napier, Lynne Meredith, Andrew B????, Ashley Trask, Jordan Trask, Keith Folkersen & Mark Emmons – co-facilitators, Elisabeth Miller – Neighbourhood Safety Planner, Blaire Prima– Senior Planner, Holden Blue, Joel Bird & Michael Kowalchuk,– Planners, Inspector Patrick Nogier – Saskatoon Police Services, Shirlene Palmer – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor Mairin Loewen, Kevin Ariss – Community Consultant

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

Mark Emmons introduced himself and Keith Folkersen co-facilitator of tonight's meeting and the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) Project and welcomed everyone to the fourth LAP meeting. He introduced the additional City of Saskatoon representatives in attendance. He noted having co-facilitators will help move through the process quicker so is better use of everyone's time.

Mark reminded attendees that although it is called the Exhibition LAP the study area includes a small part of Queen Elizabeth Neighbourhood as it there are negative issues that affect Exhibition area then can be discussed as well.

A reminder about the LAP process as there are people here that haven't attended the meetings before, and may not be as familiar with the process compared to others in the room.

- Meetings are held on various topics that the neighbourhood identified as issues, or as needed improvements.
- We discuss and learn about these topics with presentations provided by City/External experts.
- We then gather and review the feedback received from the community based on the discussion and/or exercise/comments. This information forms the basis of the LAP.
- Once we have all the information gathered that we think we need, it's time to start piecing it together to create a comprehensive report including specific recommendations for the neighbourhood

- During various stages of the writing process, we check back with LAP Committee and Administration. We work with the Committee to keep them engaged and involved.
- Once a general consensus is reached in support of the LAP, the report is presented to the Municipal Planning Commission, and finally to City Council for adoption.
- Once City Council has adopted the Local Area Plan, all recommendations undergo the implementation process.
- Every recommendation is unique and may be implemented in the short, medium, or long-term.

## 2. **Foundations for Success** **Mark Emmons, Planner**

Foundations for Successful Meetings specify how the meeting will be conducted. It's our job to ensure that everyone feels comfortable sharing their concerns, opinions and ideas with the group here tonight and throughout the process. We'll be talking about topics important to the entire neighbourhood, so every local stakeholder's opinion is important.

It can be difficult to hear at times so we want to ask that people to speak up when stating their comments but also listen quietly when others are speaking.

The Foundations for Successful Meetings for this meeting are:

1. **Information Sharing & Gathering:** The purpose of tonight's meeting is for you to receive information about the LAP process and for us to obtain knowledge of the area from local stakeholders
2. **Respect:** Please listen to and respect whoever is speaking.
3. **Integrity:** We are here to have an honest and open discussion.
4. **Fair and Equal Representation:** Everyone will have an opportunity to speak.
5. **No Repetitive Discussion:** We want to make the best, most effective use of everyone's time, so once a point has been raised and noted, we want to move forward with the discussion.
6. **Orderly Participation:** Please raise your hand if you have a question or comment.

## 3. **Presentation on Safe Growth & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** **Elisabeth Miller, Neighbourhood Safety Planner**

Through the Local Area Planning process and regular contact with other neighborhoods, safety is often identified as a high priority.

Initially the City established a Neighbourhood Safety Capital Budget Project to address safety recommendations out of completed Local Area Plans (LAPs).

Currently the City applies the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to help communities reduce the opportunities for crime and fear of crime while the LAP is active.

A healthy and safe neighbourhood is:

- a neighbourhood that is able to help itself solve its own problems;
- a neighbourhood that has the carrying capacity to deal with problems, to generate appropriate solutions, to analyze those solutions; and
- a neighbourhood that can, in partnership with stakeholders, choose an effective solution, and implement and monitor that initiative.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a tool available to the City of Saskatoon that addresses crime prevention and citizen's perceptions of their safety in a holistic manner.

CPTED principles are evolving as a key strategy to address neighbourhood safety using:

- issue identification;
- problem solving;
- solution generation; and
- partnerships involving the community, Police Services, other civic departments, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), and external stakeholders.

These partnerships are crucial to attaining a sustainable and effective solution to safety issues in an area.

The application of CPTED principles can take a number of forms, such as:

- Risk Assessments of the neighbourhood/area;
- Safety Audits of specific areas in a neighbourhood;
- Safety issue identification;
- Community participation; and
- Implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of CPTED recommendations.

Neighbourhood Safety is now an integral part of the LAP process. Considering SafeGrowth and CPTED throughout the entire process, ensures that the growth and development of the neighbourhood will not create other issues.

Looking at the occurrences of crime, perceptions of crime, mapping, land use, and other activities helps build a picture of what is in the neighbourhood. Adding the information from tonight and subsequent meetings will help complete the Exhibition Area picture. Actual crime statistics for the area will be gathered together with all the information collected tonight and brought forward at the next meeting.

#### **4. Perception of Safety Survey**

The participants were asked to complete a Perceptions of Safety Survey. It will be used to give us an idea of how perceptions in the neighbourhood have changed. Perceptions can be very different than actual crime statistics. It will also

give us an indication if there are other issues that we should be looking at in the neighbourhood.

**5. Small Group Breakouts**

The participants were divided into four groups with a facilitator in each and asked complete four activities:

- Identify safe/unsafe sites on a map with coloured sticky dots & markers
- Pathway identification Map with markers
- Wind-up (on flipchart paper)

**6. Large Group Report Back**

The group facilitators reported summaries of their discussions to the larger group.

Elisabeth noted there are some pamphlets available for the attendees to take if they wish.

**Info pamphlets available:**

- Boulevard Gardening & Maintenance Guidelines
- Porch Light Initiative
- Multiple Unit Properties: Rear Lane and Yard Safety
- Safe at Home

Available on line: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-safety>

### **Small Group Session Parking Lots**

This information was identified during the small group safety sessions. The topics were not directly safety related but they were captured for the LAP process.

#### **Blue/Red Group**

- No sidewalk on St. Henry's Ave between Isabella St. and Hilliard St.
- NW corner of WDM if muddy for the flea market.

#### **Green/Gold Group**

- What is the house on park south of Seventh Day Adventist building?

#### **Yellow and Purple Group**

- Nothing noted.

### **Saskatoon Police Services Inspector Patrick Nogier**

Although Inspector Nogier did not speak to crime statistics at this meeting he explained a bit about the Patrol Divisions.

Three policing divisions have been created within the city - Central, Northwest and East. Each division has its own inspector in charge of deployment of officers. The Inspectors are responsible for addressing problems that arise within their respective divisions and they, along with their support staff, serve as points of contact for citizen concerns.

He is inspector for East Division, Cam Drever, Northwest Division and Cam McBride, Central Division (downtown).

Geographically the East Division is the largest of the three divisions in terms of geographic size and population. It consists of 35 neighborhoods and also includes two industrial neighborhoods, the University of Saskatchewan Management Areas and the Diefenbaker Management Area.

The inspectors work with limited resources. In previous years the busy times were over the weekend but now there are issues 7 days a week so officers can be spread thin on a shift. They try to divide the resources up so they are able to cover as much as possible. This is why these meetings are important as any information we get from community members helps to send the resources to the hot spots. Statistics are used to find hot spots but not always what is important to the community.

No information given to us is insignificant; sometimes that small piece of information is what we need to complete the puzzle. If you can't get through to whom you need to speak to on an issue ask to speak to a Divisional Representative and they will transfer call, leave a message and someone will contact you during daytime hours Monday to Friday.

### **Comments:**

- Attendee commended the SPS for their Bike Unit. The officers on bikes are able to get into the community and talk to residents easier than officers in vehicles. Great to have a larger presence at larger events in neighbourhood such as Exhibition and Canada Day.

Inspector Nogier noted there are limited Bike Unit officers and mostly they are in the Central (downtown) area but whenever he can he uses them. As there are limited resources it can get costly when larger events need these officers due to these being extra shifts it is usually overtime or call out so usually try to work with events to cover some of the cost.

### **Community Support Program (CSP) Officers**

Elisabeth also stated there is talk of the Community Support Program (CSP) Officers being expanded. The CSP Officers patrol on foot the Riversdale, Broadway, and Downtown BIDs to address immediate issues.

The CSP is a hybrid that blends community outreach and bylaw enforcement. The program's mission is to provide a safe and enjoyable street experience for everyone in the community. It is a total approach to community, safety, and health. The highly visible uniformed foot patrols reassure community members and businesses, and coordinate with community support organizations, and the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS).

## **7. Next Steps**

All the information gathered tonight through the exercise and perception surveys along with statistic report for the area will be pulled together to create a Neighbourhood Safety Action Plan and this will be brought back to the May 1 meeting for review.

## **8. Closing Remarks**

Attendees were thanked for coming out tonight.

If you have any questions or concerns that arise after this meeting, please feel free to contact either of them as we work through the local area plan process for Exhibition.

## **6. Next Meetings**

### **Land Use & Infill Development**

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

Seventh Day Adventist Christian School – Gym

### **Neighbourhood Safety Action Plan Meeting**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 7:00pm

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**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**