

BUILT AND ENVIRONMENT SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 24, 2014

Present -- Michael Dawthorne, Jim Sanders , Brenda Ryan, Florencia de Lasa and Ken Owen and Bonnie Quesnel

Florencia brought up the issue of Budweiser Gardens for she had looked up what the Building Code had to say of the issue. Brenda is doing her own thing and she may report it sometime.

We started to look into the survey contents and Jim is going to send it to Jackie to send out to get their feedback. At yesterday's Built Environment sub-committee meeting, we had a chance to review-discuss a draft-proposal for a park-play space questionnaire.

After our discussion, it was suggested that perhaps you could send this around to all members for their review and thoughts.

Essentially what our goal is with this exercise is to engage the public, and in particular the accessible community, for their thoughts on the City's play spaces in terms of inclusive "ease of use" and/or inclusive "play-value". As there is often a disconnect between a park design that is technically "accessible" and a design that is real-world inclusive, having feedback from the community as to what is working best should be very helpful to the City park-planners and to us as an advisory group.

Once a final draft is completed and accepted as ready to go (first by the Sub-Committee, second by the Committee as a whole), we anticipate handing it off to the City for release on either, or both, the ACCAC web page or the Parks-Rec web page. From there we (ACCAC) can communicate the availability of this review checklist to agencies that work with exclusivity, children, and to the public at upcoming info-events.

Some comments that we discussed yesterday to improve this document, are:

- remove park description questions as parks are already done, and the City already knows what's in the park
- remove name of reviewer, as that may be intimidating to some
- adjust font type and sizing for easier read-ability
- adjust colours and shaded boxes for easier read-ability
- simplify, simplify, simplify

After distribution to all members, I ask that:

- responses be replied back to myself (email preferred)
- responses include specific suggestions if possible (re: what font, what size, what colours are recommended)
- responses be limited to within 2 weeks (that way I can compile the document changes and re-submit a new draft at our next sub-committee meeting)

Ken Owens from the City was present to tell us that the FADS document is presently being reviewed. They are looking at room mechanics makeup and other issues., He will bringing a draft to our subcommittee in August and the final draft in September or October to the committee. He welcomes all feedback right now on. We have 88 municipalities using the FADS. We thanked Ken for coming and let us know.

There was discussion as to the bylaw of group homes as to why we want to get rid of it. In addition, discussion as to us wanting to be involved with the new developer. It's to be a friendly interaction and try for more accessible features.

Meeting Adjourn at 5:25PM