



Your Voice. Your Home.

Meeting the Housing Needs of Burnaby Residents

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY HOUSING MEETING

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing was held in the Forum Room, Fortius Sport and Health, 3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on **Wednesday, 2019 June 12** at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Closed meeting from which the public was excluded.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, Vice Chair
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
Councillor James Wang, Member
Mr. Thom Armstrong, Member (*arrived at 4:14 p.m.*)
Mr. Mike Bosa, Member
Mr. Patrick Buchannon, Member
Ms. Lois Budd, Member
Mr. Paul Holden, Member
Mr. Brian McCauley, Member
Ms. Anne McMullin, Member
Mr. Murray Martin, Member (*arrived at 4:04 p.m.*)
Ms. Kari Michaels, Member (*arrived at 4:04 p.m.*)
Ms. Claire Preston, Member
Mr. Daniel Tetrault, Member

ABSENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Member
Dr. Paul Kershaw, Member
Mr. Beau Jarvis, Member

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Ms. Shauna Sylvester, Centre for Dialogue, SFU
Ms. Michelle Bested, Centre for Dialogue, SFU
Mr. Robin Prest, Centre for Dialogue, SFU

STAFF: Mr. Lambert Chu, City Manager
Mr. Johannes Schumann, Acting Director Planning and Building
Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Asst. Director – Long Range Planning
Ms. Lily Ford, Planner – Housing
Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
Mr. David Clutton, Long Range Planner
Ms. Sarah Crawford, Long Range Planner
Ms. Margaret Eberle, Housing Consultant
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open Task Force meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the həŋqəmiŋəŋ and skw̓xwú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

2. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing Open meeting held on 2019 May 15

MOVED BY MS. CLAIRE PRESTON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOE KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing Open meeting held on 2019 May 15 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. OPENING REMARKS

His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley delivered the following opening remarks:

"Thank you for coming out once again to help Burnaby address its housing needs.

We have come a long way since we launched in January, progressing through the largest public engagement exercise in Burnaby's history and staying on track with our schedule.

We are almost finished the second phase of Your Voice. Your Home.

In a couple of weeks the Community Recommendations Report will be prepared and released publicly, marking the beginning of the final phase of the engagement process.

You have done so much already. Thank you very much for all your work so far.

To those Task Force members who were able to join the Community Recommendations Workshop on May 25, a special thank you for coming out on a Saturday. Your presence there was an important signal to the 96 randomly-selected community members that the work they did really matters.

Over the course of the day, workshop participants considered about 290 recommendations, and ultimately reduced that list to 42. It was a difficult process, but people stuck with the work of identifying what they think Burnaby needs most. Feedback at the end of the day was overwhelmingly positive. Now it is our turn to work through today's agenda.

We have some interesting points to discuss and there may well be disagreements about specific recommendations or process points. For example, I know some members of this Task Force would have liked to be more involved in the Rental Zoning report that went to Council a few weeks ago. Staff began working on the Rental Zoning Policy last September, which is why this was highlighted as one of the policies in motion when the Task Force first met. I have full confidence and trust in staff and I support their recommendations.

There was a real need for certainty among both tenants and landlords so they could get on with planning for their next steps, including where they would live, and whether they would return to their neighbourhood.

At the outset of this process we were all made aware that we should not expect to get every one of our ideas accepted. That would be unrealistic. If I wanted to do things that way we would not have undergone this extensive consultation and deliberation process. However, having said that, if the Task Force can improve on the Rental Zoning policy in a way where everyone one wins, Council is open to considering amendments.

If the past is an indication of the future, I expect that we will find our way through all of this. Your willingness to find real, workable solutions in a respectful, collaborative environment is what makes this Task Force so valuable. In the end, I know we will find a balance and everyone here will see that the majority of their input is reflected in the final report to Council.

So once again, we will deliberate and find a way forward by hearing each other out and focusing on balanced outcomes that work for Burnaby.

Let's keep going.”

4. **CONTEXT SETTING**

Councillor Calendino welcomed all Task Force members and thanked them for their continued commitment to the important work being accomplished by the Task Force.

5. **OVERVIEW AND LOGISTICS**

Ms. Sylvester outlined the agenda for the evening. The speaker provided an overview of the proposed *Rental Use Zoning Policy* and the 2019 May 25 *Community Recommendations Workshop*.

Members of the Task Force presented questions/comments regarding the *Rental Use Zoning Policy* and/or the *Community Recommendations Workshop*. City staff and members of Council on the Task Force responded to inquiries by the Task Force.

Some members of the Task Force shared concerns regarding the *Rental Use Zoning Policy* consultation and requested the opportunity to provide feedback on the policy. Arising from discussion, Mr. Brian McCauley offered to provide feedback in the form of an information only presentation to interested Task Force and Council members. A presentation will be scheduled in the near future – attendance is optional.

6. **PRESENTATION**

a) Community Engagement Activities:

- Discussion Guide
- Community Recommendations Workshop
- Quick Starts Survey

Presenter: Robin Prest and Michelle Bested,
Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, SFU

Ms. Michelle Bested and Mr. Robin Prest presented a summary of the 2019 May 25 *Community Recommendations Workshop*.

The presentation included an overview of the workshop, participant recommendations, and an opportunity for the Task Force members to ask questions.

The following were six dominant themes and recommendations presented by participants at the *Community Recommendations Workshop*:

- Gently densify neighbourhoods to increase supply and diversify housing types.
- Create affordable housing.
- Expand and invest in partnerships.
- Ensure livability as communities change and grow.
- Increase renter options, supports and protections.
- Regulate speculation and empty homes.

Key Conclusions:

Participants of the *Community Recommendations Workshop* requested that the City take increased responsibility for solving the housing crisis and to direct more funding towards this purpose.

The *Community Recommendations Final Report* will be presented to Council at the 2019 July 08 Council meeting.

7. **CLOSED**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOE KEITHLEY
SECOUNDED BY MR. BRIAN MCCAULEY

THAT the Committee, in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, do now resolve itself into a Closed meeting from which the public is excluded to consider matters concerning negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair requested members of the public leave the room, to allow the Task Force to proceed with the Closed portion of the Task Force meeting.

MOVED BY MAYOR MIKE HURLEY
SECOUNDED BY MS. CLAIRE PRESTON

That the Open Task Force meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Task Force meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Hurley left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOE KEITHLEY
SECOUNDED BY MS. CLAIRE PRESTON

That the Open Task Force meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Task Force meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MS. LOIS BUDD

SECONDED BY MR. BRIAN MCCAULEY

THAT this Open Task Force meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR

Blanka Zeinabova
DEPUTY CITY CLERK