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* I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

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* Subject	UHCA submission for July 27/20 Council Meeting re Guidebook & North Hill on July 15th PUD outcomes
* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We understand that information on the outcomes from July 15/20 PUD meeting regarding the Guidebook for Great Communities & the North Hill Plan may be in Consent Agenda for the July 27/20 Council meeting. Please find attached a letter of concern from the University Heights Community Association on this matter. Please contact me or Development@UHCACalgary.org if there are any questions. Thank you.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Development Committee
University Heights Community Association
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July 19, 2020

Attention City Clerk: submission for July 27, 2020 Combined Council meeting

Dear Mayor Nenshi and Councillors:

RE: PUD2020-0721 & PUD2020-0739 recommendations from July 15, 2020 Meeting of SPC on Planning & Urban Development, Item 7.3 Guidebook for Great Communities Referral for Additional Direction & Item 7.4 North Hill Communities Local Area Plan Referral for Additional Direction which may be on the July 27, 2020 Council Meeting agenda under CONSENT AGENDA

We understand that follow-up on the decisions arising from the July 15, 2020 PUD meeting on the Guidebook for Great Communities and the North Hill Communities Area Plan referrals may be on the Consent Agenda for the July 27, 2020 Combined Council meeting. We have been advised that the recommendations from committee would pass in an omnibus fashion if no Councillor objects. Further, we have been told that Administration is obligated to speak to any agenda item in order to introduce it and that any Councillor can ask questions. To this end we are concerned that the decision made at the PUD committee to approve Option 1 as proposed by Administration could undergo further debate and possibly be overturned on July 27, 2020 at the Council meeting.

We hereby express our strong support for the PUD decision to go forward with Option 1 which would allow all amendments proposed in Administration's report including Urban Form categories for the Guidebook for Great Communities and all amendments (10) proposed in the report for the North Hill Plan with a proposed return to PUD in January 2021. These documents should be properly revised before going on to a Council Hearing. It was agreed by members of Administration and various PUD members that the amendments to the urban form categories are foundational to the Guidebook. Therefore, there is no logic in pursuing Options 2-4 as per the Alternate Recommendations in Attachment 5 that were presented on July 15th. To pursue other options would leave both the Guidebook and the North Hill Plan in need of further amendments. This would be a great disservice to all the City staff, Councillors and all stakeholders who have collectively worked thousands of hours on these documents. It would be a betrayal of the communities involved in the development of the North Hill Plan.

We therefore urge members of Council to move forward with Option 1 as per the PUD committee vote on July 15, 2020. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


David Richardson, Chair

University Heights Community Association Development Committee



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* Subject	Guidebook for Great Communities and the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan
* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see the attached letter from Crescent Heights Community Association. Letter is for Combined meeting of Council July 27, 2020.



July 20, 2020

Crescent Heights Community Association

1101 - 2nd Street NW

Calgary, Alberta

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Dear Members of Council,

Re: North Hill Communities – Local Area Plan, Guidebook for Great Communities – PUD2020-0739 / 0721 Decision Combined Meeting of Council July 27, 2020.

We respectfully wish to express our support for the decision at PUD on July 15, 2020, as presented in the reports to SPC.

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development recommend that Council direct Administration to revise the proposed North Hill Communities Local Area Plan as outlined in Attachment 2 and Attachment 3, and to return to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development no later than 2021 January, in conjunction with the Guidebook for Great Communities.

Direct Administration to revise the proposed Guidebook for Great Communities based on the work outlined in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4 and to return to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development no later than 2021 January, in conjunction with the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan.

We would like the opportunity to continue to work with the planning group(s) to resolve our issues and find solutions in a reasonable time frame. It is in the best interests of all involved that the NHCLAP and the Guidebook be the best they can be. The success of the Guidebook is firmly tied to the success of the NHCLAP and as explained to us by administration, the process of determining which document certain policies should be in is one of working back and forth with both documents, therefore both documents should undergo the recommended revisions. We feel that together we can work towards a plan that will satisfy our community needs and the direction the city is working towards. From our point of view this is not about completing a plan and new policies in time for an election or to satisfy the needs of industry, but to come up with the best product possible for the people who live in our community and will be using this plan going forward.

Again, we would like to express our support for the revisions and revised timelines successfully voted on at the SPC on PUD.

Sincerely,

By email only

Simonetta Acteson, Director of Parks,

North Hill Communities Working Group, CHCA Representative

On behalf of the Crescent Heights Community Association



July 20, 2020

ATTN: City Council

RE: Follow up from July 15 2020 Meeting of PUD

- **Item 7.2 Heritage Conservation Tools/ Incentives Update – PUD2020-0768**
- **Item 7.3 Guidebook for Great Communities Referral - PUD2020-0721**
- **Item 7.4 North Hill Communities Local Area Plan Referral – PUD2020-0739**

We are writing to express our position regarding the captioned topics: BRCA supports the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives Update Report, and additionally would like to see both the Guidebook for Great Communities and the North Hill Local Area Plan referred for further work as Administration and PUD Committee Members recommended.

We appreciate that Administration and Council members who voted for this at PUD listened to community concerns and are now taking the time needed to respond to comments from both stakeholders and councillors from the March 4, 2020 PUD meeting regarding these complicated topics.

The next generation planning system for Great Neighbourhoods is too big and important to not be done right. Many communities still have outstanding concerns and addressing these before bringing the documents forward for ratification will build trust with community stakeholders and build support instead of unleash organized opposition.

We look forward to working with the development industry and other stakeholders in this short timeframe to be able to bring forward work we can support when this next comes before council.

Thank you,

Ali McMillan
Planning Director

PER: BRIDGELAND RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



July 21st, 2020

Members of Council

Re: The Guidebook for Great Communities

The Federation of Calgary Communities is pleased to support the recommendation from the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development (PUD) to:

- “Direct Administration to revise the proposed Guidebook for Great Communities based on the work outlined in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4 and to return to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development no later than January 2021, in conjunction with the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan.
- Direct Administration to return to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development with a scope for the Renewal of the Land Use Bylaw at the same time as the Guidebook for Great Communities.”

We appreciate that the concerns from community stakeholders were reflected in Committee’s vote. We believe that taking the extra time to incorporate some of the feedback received, and to simplify the Urban Classification System, will create a better outcome for all stakeholders.

Finally, we urge Council to accept the recommendations from PUD. We understand that referring the Guidebook back to Administration will delay this work and related work, however we believe this is a good trade-off. We strongly believe, that because the Guidebook is a critical document to the evolution of our planning system in Calgary, we need to take the time to get it right.

Thank you,

Toun Osuntogun
Urban Planner

Edward Spink
Urban Planner

ATTACHMENT:

July 15th, 2020 PUD Letter



July 14th, 2020

Planning and Urban Development Committee

Re: The Guidebook for Great Communities

The Federation of Calgary Communities is pleased that the Guidebook for Great Communities is back before the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development (PUD). Prior to COVID-19, at the public hearing, we expressed that our members had concerns, and that there were still too many “revisions” and refinements needed, especially around low-density districts, to move forward. At that time, we urged PUD to refer the document back to Administration to continue the refinement of this important document and to continue to work with stakeholders to build a shared understanding.

Today, we encourage members of PUD to refer the Guidebook back to Administration for the following:

- In consultation with a stakeholder working group, refine the Guidebook using, where appropriate, the feedback captured in Attachment 3;
- Consider feedback from our March 4th PUD letter that was not addressed in the proposed changes, such as certainty for communities around amenities when taking on growth, and incorporating green landscaping incentives to reduce impervious surfaces;
- Establish a working group of technical stakeholders to rework and simplify the Urban Form Classification System as outlined in Attachment 4. A Federation Planner would like to be a part of that technical team;
- Using the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan and other in-flight local area plans, test the revisions made through Attachment 3 and 4, to ensure they have the intended results; and,
- Ask Administration to enhance their outreach and education as this work moves forward. The plan should be robust, transparent, and with clear expectations for both input and inform opportunities. We understand timelines are tight but if we fail to bring all stakeholders along, and only “inform” them after all the work is done, support from our communities may be further compromised.

We understand that referring the Guidebook back to Administration will delay this work perhaps into Q1 2021. We believe this is a good trade-off and we strongly believe, that because the Guidebook is a critical document to the evolution of our planning system in Calgary, we need to take the time to get it right.

Thank you,

Toun Osuntogun
Urban Planner

Edward Spink
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