

# Applicant Outreach Summary

**Project Name:** 96 West Glen Crescent SW

Did you conduct community outreach on your application? YES

## Outreach Strategy

In June of 2020 we began talking to our neighbors about our application and undetermined development plans. Some mention of concern was raised but with no direct or clear issues of concern. In response to these unclear concerns, in July of 2020 we engaged in an in person outdoor social gathering with 8 neighbors in a back yard. It was a positive discussion mostly with them asking what our plans were for our other home (44 Wheatland Ave as it is a large corner lot which we have no current development plans or applications for). No direct opposition was voiced to our current application. The only negative comments were made by one neighbor regarding a new family on the street who is of differing nationality than most of our neighbors and who has many young children playing in the area which is also a change for our street. The comment was borderline racist and we disregarded it. It was also irrelevant to our application.

On August 6, 2020 we sent a letter of our intention to our Community Association. In it we requested their support and that anyone with comments, questions or concerns reach out to us via email. We have not received any emails from anyone other than the Community Association Vice-President Matt Band, who replied to our email and stated that the association takes a neutral stance on development applications and will neither support or object to our application.

We held off on a planned info drop in Sept 2020 until after Sept 20th so that we could gather all the relevant concerns and information regarding a similar application at 81 Westminster Drive SW in our community in efforts to best address any valid concerns that came to light from that application. It was approved by City Council in mid-sept and we heard City Council explain or dismiss most of the oppositional concerns raised.

In Oct 2020 we created a flyer-style information and dropped off to every home on West Glen Crescent SW, Wheatland Avenue SW and a few other homes that might possibly be affected or in view of our property. We addressed the top concerns we had known about from all our information gathering, included links to the City of Calgary's community planning website. We requested any concerns be emailed to us. We have at this time not received any emails.

## Stakeholders

We connected with those on either side, across the street and across the alley...

- 1 – 44 Wheatland Ave SW (immediate neighbor right) – We own and reside in this property.
- 2 – 92 West Glen Crescent SW (immediate neighbor Left) – very elderly lone resident.
- 3 – 95 West Glen Cres (directly across street) – Had in person meetings
- 4 – 276 Westwood Dr (Directly across alley) – Had in person meeting

Secondary stakeholders may include anyone who lives in our community and regularly passes our property – We completed a Info Letter Mail Drop to all of these.

Further we reached out to our community association.

## What did you hear?

No one we spoke to voiced any direct concerns, complaints or opposition. At the in-person back yard meeting we had, some comments were made vaguely regarding a concern about parking.

One neighbor stated "as long as I can't see it I don't care." Another neighbor raised concerns about a new family that has recently moved in across the street. The concerns seemed racist so we never entertained any further conversation with this person.

Another neighbor told us they would not be in support of our application but stated no supporting reasons.

We have received one response so far to our letter drop to 45 homes. The response was positive and supportive.

**How did stakeholder input influence decisions?**

We have had no clear and direct input or complaints from anyone we have talked to. We are aware that social media chat groups attached to our community association have discussed a similar home which was recently approved for RC-2 also. We were part of those chat groups. We heard many complaints there, all of which were addressed at the city council debate on the other property. None of the complaints seemed to have any clear merit to us or to City Council.

Our application was posted on the said chat groups and again, we have had no one approach us with clear and direct concerns of any kind.

We've have had 4+ neighbors mention to us that they would likely be interested in similarly developing their properties.

**How did you close the loop with stakeholders?**

No stakeholders have approached us for any further communications or information. We left all our outreach efforts open ended asking for anyone with any thoughts concerns or questions to contact us via email. Again, we've only received one response with was a positive supportive email.

Included with our application package is a copy of our outreach letter.