

**Minutes of the 2014 August 20 Meeting of the Beltline Community
Investment Fund Committee**

Date: 2014 August 20

Location: Bridgeland Boardroom, City Hall

Present: **Thom Mahler** – Manager, Centre West, Local Area Planning & Implementation
Beverly Jarvis - UDI
Keath Parker – Manager, Planning & Development Services, City of Calgary Parks
Ben Barrington - Centre City Implementation, Local Area Planning & Implementation(Chair)
Dan Jones – City of Calgary Roads
Councilor Evan Woolley – City of Calgary
Rob Taylor – Beltline Community Association
David Low – Victoria Park BRZ
David Down – City Wide Planning, Urban Design & Heritage (applicant)
Barb Stein – Uptown 17th BRZ
Michelle Reid- City of Calgary Parks (applicant)
Dawn Thome - Centre City Implementation, Local Area Planning & Implementation (applicant)

Purpose: **Project Application Meeting**

Fund Balance

The balance in the fund currently is as follows;
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Previous Commitments

Volunteer Way - \$175K

Volunteer Way - \$70.654K

1 st Street Underpass - \$75K
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1 st Street Underpass - \$225K

Wayfinding - \$350K

Signal Box Wraps- \$25K

McHugh House Relocation - \$150K

Approximate Net balance \$6.350M (before this application)

This is split as follows:

Rapid Improvement Projects (70% of the fund)

\$4,400,000

Strategic Projects (30% of the fund)

\$1,950,000

8 Street Underpass Enhancement Project Application

Dawn Thome presented the project and the need for the \$640,000 in funding. The project is currently in detailed design and through the budget review by the consultants it was determined that to achieve the goals of the project an additional amount was needed to cover the anticipated costs.

Discussion:

The committee saw value in this application and is noted as a high priority for stakeholders.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. David Lowe noted that he is concerned with the time it is taking to have the proposed improvements started and completed and expressed concern for committing more funding when the project has not started for either 8 Street or 1 Street SW. Ben Barrington noted that the two projects are slated to start as soon as possible and that the complexities of cost and process have required additional work by administration to refine the scope of work |
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without compromising the proposed designs that stakeholders have supported.	
2. Barb Stein requested more detail of the fund balance, deposits, investment income and commitments. Ben Barrington committed to providing this information in the near future.	
In Favour:	
Thom Mahler	Dan Jones
Keath Parker	Ben Barrington
Beverley Jarvis	Rob Taylor
Keath Parker	Barb Stein
Councilor Woolley	
Not In Favour	
David Lowe	
McHugh House Renovations Project Application	
Michelle Reid provided an overview of the project and the nature of this application. Generally this funding, pooled with other City of Calgary funds, would support the work necessary to return the house to a useable condition and ensure it is protected for the winter. This would include a new foundation, reconstruction of porches and other elements dismantled as part of the move, service connections and some site improvements. The funding request is for \$250,000.	
Discussion:	
The following issues were raised by the committee and are to be considered as the project proceeds to the next phases of work and ultimate use of the building.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event that Parks cannot find a public use tenant that will be a direct benefit to the Beltline Community, it may consider disposition or sale of the property. All agreed that if that was to happen the proceeds must benefit the Beltline. This may involve the re-payment of the moneys committed to date to the fund. Further investigation is needed by administration of this or other options. 2. The funding approved so far does not include any substantive site improvements. The scope of this work will be determined once the house is prepared for winter as noted above and the potential uses / tenants are clarified. 3. All agreed that the final design must be an enduring public asset to the community in order to comply with the terms of reference. Thom Mahler noted that use of the fund for this project is a grey area in the terms of reference which identifies projects are to be enduring public realm improvements. 4. Beverly Jarvis noted concern that as a heritage resource this project may not comply. In addition she had concerns for the possible disposition of the site if suitable tenants cannot be found. 5. Both Beverly Jarvis and Barb Stein noted that they would be more comfortable with the ask if there was more detail on what the money will be spent on. 	
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Dan Jones	Keath Parker
Ben Barrington	Rob Taylor
Keath Parker	Councilor Woolley
David Lowe	
Not In Favour	
Barb Stein	
Beverley Jarvis	
Thom Mahler	

Next Meeting

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