

Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) Committee Meeting Minutes



THE CITY OF
CALGARY
LAND USE PLANNING & POLICY

BCIF MINUTES OF MEETING 5

Date: February 18, 2014 (*revised February 19, 2014*)

Location: Bridgeland Boardroom, City Hall

Present: **Sonny Tomic** – Centre City Planning & Implementation (Chair)
Jaydan Tait - UDI
Keath Parker – City of Calgary Parks
Christy Caswell- City of Calgary Parks (observer)
Ben Barrington - Centre City Planning & Implementation, Centre City Implementation
Dan Jones – City of Calgary Roads
Councillor Evan Woolley – City of Calgary
Rob Taylor – Beltline Community Association (applicant & committee member)
David Low – Victoria Park BRZ
David Down – City Wide Planning, Urban Design & Heritage (applicant)

Absent: **Barb Stein** – Uptown 17th BRZ

Purpose of Meeting: **Project Application Meeting**

Fund Balance
The balance in the fund currently is as follows; Previous Commitments Volunteer Way \$175K Volunteer Way \$70.654K 1 st Street Underpass \$75K 1 st Street Underpass \$225K Wayfinding \$350K Signal Box Wraps- \$25K Approximate Net balance \$6.5M (before this application) This is split as follows: Rapid Improvement Projects (70% of the fund) \$4,550,000 Strategic Projects (30% of the fund) \$1,950000
McHugh House Relocation Project Application
David Down provided an overview of the project and the basis for the application for a maximum of \$150,000 in funding. After lengthy negotiations with the Catholic Church(the owners) to retain the McHugh House on it's current site, the conclusion of the discussions have led to the need to re-locate the house or allow the owners to demolish it. A demolition permit is in place and is due to be exercised on April 6, 2014. City staff have, in consultation with the City of Calgary Parks Department, worked to find a location and have concluded that Humpy Hollow Park is the best option at this time. Discussion: The following issues were raised by the committee and are to be considered in the final plans for the heritage house. 1. Parks expressed concern for a potential mid-block park, as in their opinion, these

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<p>are less successful than parks that flank streets.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Loss of park space in the Beltline was expressed as a concern.3. Locating the house to the centre of the site provides the most flexibility for the final location.4. In the event that Parks feels the final design compromises the park too much, and chooses to sell the property, all agreed that the proceeds must benefit the Beltline.5. The new configuration could be a catalyst for further investment along Volunteer Way and 17th Avenue and provide for a gateway condition.6. 1 to 3 trees will be cut down to allow for the house to be located on the site although Keath Parker noted they are at the end of their lifespan.7. All agreed that the final design must be an asset to the community. Further David Lowe provided a commentary on the design and reinforced it should be looked at holistically and include streetscape improvements.
<p>In Favour: Sonny Tomic Dan Jones Keath Parker Ben Barrington (Moved) Jaydan Tait Rob Taylor David Lowe Not In Favour None</p>

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