

Applicant Outreach Summary

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Community Outreach on Planning & Development Applicant-led Outreach Summary

Please complete this form and include with your application submission.

Project name: DP2024-01591 - The Goodweather

Did you conduct community outreach on your application? YES or NO

If no, please provide your rationale for why you did not conduct outreach.

Outreach Strategy

Provide an overview of your outreach strategy, summary of tactics and techniques you undertook (Include dates, locations, # of participants and any other relevant details)

Our outreach strategy involved engaging with key community stakeholders to gather input, address concerns, and ensure the project aligns with local priorities.

Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA):
Date: March 7, 2024
Location: Virtual (Zoom)
Participants: HSCA planning committee members
Tactics: We conducted a 10-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute discussion to introduce our project's design. While no formal feedback was given during the meeting, the design was well received, and we were informed that detailed feedback would follow as part of the Development Permit (DP) process.

Sunnyside Brightening Committee (Basketball Court Concept):
Date: Ongoing discussions through August and September 2024
Location: Email exchanges and in-person meetings
Participants: Sunnyside Brightening Committee
Tactics: We discussed contributing to a neighbourhood park improvement project, including a basketball court. After exploring different options, it was determined that contributing to the HSCA amenity fund would be the most efficient way to support the community, rather than incorporating these improvements directly into the project's density bonusing.

Neighbouring Property (Goodweather/Application Project):
Date: June to August 2024
Location: Email and on-site discussions
Participants: Neighbouring property owner
Tactics: We addressed concerns about shared landscaping along the property line. We communicated our plans to trim bushes and install a fence, ensuring a collaborative approach that maintained good relations with the neighbouring property owner.

Affected Parties

Who did you connect with in your outreach program? List all groups you connected with. (Please do not include individual names)

Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA)
Sunnyside Brightening Committee
Neighbouring Property Owner

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What did you hear?

Provide a summary of main issues and ideas that were raised by participants in your outreach.

From the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA), the project's design was well received, with no major concerns raised during the meeting. We were informed that formal feedback would be provided later as part of the Development Permit (DP) process. We have still not received the feedback.

The Sunnyside Brightening Committee highlighted the community's desire for a basketball court and other park improvements. It was determined that contributing to the HSCA amenity fund would be a more efficient way to support these improvements rather than incorporating them into our project's density bonusing.

The neighbouring property owner raised concerns about shared landscaping along the property line. Specific issues included the management of trees and bushes between properties, which were resolved through collaborative discussions.

How did input influence decisions?

Provide a summary of how the issues and ideas summarized above influenced project decisions. If they did not, provide a response for why.

The positive reception from the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA) reinforced our confidence in the project's design. No immediate changes were required based on the feedback, though we remain open to adjustments following the formal Development Permit (DP) review.

Input from the Sunnyside Brightening Committee influenced our decision to proceed with a cash contribution to the HSCA amenity fund, rather than incorporating park improvements, such as a basketball court, into the project's density bonusing. This allowed for more efficient community support while avoiding delays in the Development Permit process.

Concerns raised by the neighbouring property owner about shared landscaping led us to adjust our plans by trimming bushes on our side of the property and committing to the installation of a fence. These changes were made to maintain good relations and address the concerns raised.

How did you close the loop ?

Provide a summary of how you shared outreach outcomes and final project decisions with those who participated in your outreach. (Please include any reports or supplementary materials as attachments)

We have maintained ongoing communication with all parties involved in our outreach.

For the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA), we have followed up several times with the file manager to request the formal feedback promised during the meeting. We are still awaiting this feedback and have kept the HSCA updated on the project's progress.

With the Sunnyside Brightening Committee, we communicated our decision to contribute to the HSCA amenity fund instead of incorporating park improvements directly into the project. This decision was shared with the committee to ensure transparency and clarity regarding the best way to support neighbourhood improvements.

For the neighbouring property owner, we provided updates regarding the agreed-upon plan to trim bushes and install a fence. All changes were communicated clearly, ensuring their concerns were addressed and that our project decisions maintained good neighbourly relations.

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