

Stakeholder Letter



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Your Worship and Members of Council

Re: SPC on Planning and Urban Development Item EAGCS

The Federation of Calgary Communities (The Federation) has participated in both the Advisory Committee and in its working groups for this project. Today, you are reviewing a progress report on how this very complex and very transformative task is unfolding. The Federation would like to share some of its observations with you:

1. The technical work and research to date has been significant, has been shared openly by City staff who have been open to suggestions and questions from all members of the Advisory Group.
2. The Advisory Group is made up of industry representatives, community representatives (the Federation being one) and Civic Administration. While each group approaches the issues from a different perspective, the common goal of creating thriving strong neighbourhoods ties us together. The willingness of each group to listen to and try to understand different perspectives has been heartening and bodes well for the future.
3. It is critical that all participants collaborate at this technical level to ensure all considerations have been evaluated and balanced, in order to bring forward a strategy to work with communities who will be subject to redevelopment and enhancement.
4. The biggest challenge remains, not only in producing the strategy, but introducing it to communities who may be identified as ones being most suitable for rehabilitation, redevelopment or enhancement. It is therefore critical that all parties are aligned in moving forward in the next phase.
5. As implementation happens, all parties will need to continue in this cooperative manner to have the best possible outcome for growth and change.

In conclusion, the Federation is pleased with how all parties are working earnestly to reach that common goal of revitalized communities. Staff have done a superb job of collecting, analyzing and providing a forum to discuss how to move forward. We trust this collaborative and trusting environment will continue, and we appreciate Council supporting such an endeavour.

Yours truly,

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