



Minutes

BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

January 20th, 2016, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Heritage Boardroom, 6th floor, Calgary Public Building

Present	Alex Kent Ethan Askey Geoff Chow John McFaul Katie Morrison Natasha Kuzmak	Chris Manderson Meaghan Brierley Polly Knowlton Cockett Jason Proche Robert W. Longair Samuel Collins
Regrets	Laura Nixon	
Guests	Councillor Brian Pincott Anne Charlton, Director of Parks	
Administration	Steven Snell	
Cc	NA	

Agenda minutes

Item #	Item minutes	Action*
1	Roundtable Introductions, BAC members Held roundtable introductions by committee members	Information
2	Review Dec 8 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new business arising from the minutes Approved the minutes 	Information
3	Councillor Brian Pincott, address BAC Key points from Cllr. Pincott: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share information & work, and propose changes to Council in bite size pieces Be prepared to expect that some members of Council are very detail oriented and some consider issues at a high level Use the Citizen Satisfaction Survey to bolster our work Find connection price to Council to tell the story of our work 	Information
4	Anne Charlton Director of Parks, address BAC Key points from Anne Charlton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the value of citizen advisory groups (e.g. Calgary Pathways & Bikeways Advisory Council) and explained the sort of work they do (e.g. act as a sounding board for ideas, test ideas on the group, bring info back to members' respective groups) Discussed the process of "storming and norming" recognizing that it takes time to understand what we can do as a group 	Information



	<p>using the skills and backgrounds that we have. Eventually, we will confirm direction, though it takes time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, recognize that members of BAC will disagree on subjects, though that is part of the process 	
5	<p>Small group working session; Committee’s work plan See attached work table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative members held small group discussions on action the BAC can take for each item in the Terms of Reference 	Discussion
6	<p>Reconvene to discuss conclusions and questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a short discussion on small group discussions • ACTION: Steven will transcribe small group notes and share with the BAC 	Discussion
7	<p>February Agenda Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-committee: at this point, no additional sub-committees have been suggested. It was suggested that we establish our work plan and then the need for sub-committees • Suggestions for February meeting presentations: Tristan Surtees and Charles Blanc of Watershed + (artists who work in Utilities and Environmental Protection that connect citizens to water issues using art), Chris Manderson • ACTION: Chris – invite Watershed + to next meeting (?) • ACTION: Considering the responsibilities that we discussed, think about what the committee should do (may result in revisiting terms of reference) 	Discussion

*Information/Discussion/Decision

Adjourned 7:10 pm
Next meeting February 10, 2016
 5 PM – 7 PM
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