Welcome (Diedre Beintema)

- Review of agenda
  - Updates of City projects related to West Harbour
  - Review of March 31st meeting results
  - Bulk of meeting will focus on Community Projects. Every group will have a few minutes each to describe and find out how to get involved
  - Marauna Brush – will present results of her study about inclusion of people with low incomes in West Harbour
  - West Harbour Vision group will give an update and talk about how your feedback was incorporated from March 31st meeting
  - Ed English from Public Works will give a brief update of what’s going on right now on Discovery Drive, along the piers, and on the water
  - Next monthly meeting will be May 26th

- Pier 7 & 8 Urban Design Study was publically released Tuesday, April 26 and was the subject of a Spectator article on Wednesday. May 2nd meeting will go over the details, so please limit any specific comments or questions about that issue. Staff report will be ready for May 17th Planning Subcommittee meeting.

- LRT news – LRT subcommittee meeting will be on Monday. Watch online. Paul Johnson will be available at next monthly meeting to talk about how some of the aspects of LRT will impact the West Harbour projects.

- Transportation Master Plan – process is still ongoing. If you have overall transportation concerns, you can give feedback at those PICs

- Our Future Hamilton – community vision to replace Vision 2020 was approved by Council in February 2016. Implementation strategy is next.

- City is updating its Strategic Plan – survey available online.

- Diedre will also be participating in various City-wide events this summer to spread the word about West Harbour projects. Will reach others who have not had access to these community meetings. If you have any ideas of different events we should be at, please contact the West Harbour email westharbour@hamilton.ca

March 31 discussions results

- The discussion activity was framed around the Vision framework created by residents. The Vision is based on Setting Sail with the addition of the themes of affordability and accessibility.

- Key areas of concern gathered from public input include:
- Transportation
- Affordability
- Family-friendly development and amenities
- Access to public spaces
- Residential, institutional, commercial uses
- People want to know how the input is actually going to be used
- The City’s next steps include
  - Vision Group – will provide an update later tonight
  - Urban Design Study will be compared against results of visioning and community input exercises
  - May 2nd meeting will cover these items
  - How do we approach land developers? – more consultation coming later this spring/summer.
  - Summer 2016 community-wide engagements – please spread the word
- City staff are working to improve on being more clear about how engagements will happen and how input will be applied to our processes

**Community Updates and Announcements**

- **1. Beasley Neighbourhood Association** (Mike – Treasurer)
  - Redeveloping Beasley Neighbourhood Plan
  - One of Hamilton’s oldest neighbourhoods
  - Mike – works in public engagement in nuclear industry, Chair of Board of HC Land Trust
  - BNH – vision and mission review, visit social media sites
  - 2011 Beasley Neighbourhood Plan – worked with different stakeholders to develop the plan
  - Different themes arose, key goals were developed, and sub-action items were formed
  - Methods – Beasley Neighbourhood Charter – community partners, business groups, residents, charitable groups – signed a pledge to actively contribute to solutions
  - Now into a 5-year review – Started the process about 6 months ago
  - Want to retain ownership of plan. BNA did not formally sign on with Jamesville Hub in order to have autonomy and control destiny.
  - Neighbourhood evaluation study – 14 City-approved actions in the Plan that are aligned with the City’s priorities
  - Highest complexity tasks have made good progress
    - Park redevelopments – Huge improvements to Beasly Park, mostly due to just making use of it. Negative uses have been phased out.
    - Work with Marginalized populations
  - What should 2016 Plan look like?
    - November 2015 meeting had approx. 80 participants
    - Where in the neighbourhood are people having good/bad experiences – helps to focus attention
    - Access to GIS mapping tool has allowed mapping of over 100 points of interest
    - Beasley Neighbourhood Survey – aiming for about 250 responses
• Key words ("good experience" word clouds) – alleys, Beasley Park, mosque,
  • Concentrated around Cannon bike lanes, Beasley Park
• Surveys will include employers/employees as well (e.g. Hamilton Health Sciences),
  not just residents
  o Future
    • Do we want smaller, tighter list of actions? More, more focused?
    • How to involve community partners?
    • Complete Mary Street. Wellington bike lane. Enhancing transit options (WH GO).
    Multicultural Ctr.
  o Visit the website and contribute to the points of interest project

• 2. Hughson St. Baptist Church (Dwayne)
  o Church established in 1889 – Pastor for last 22 yrs
  o Avg congregation 250. Avg age 28 (family)
  o Congregation has recently voted to explore ways to leverage sites owned by the Church
    (383 Hughson and James St. North) to create solutions for supportive affordable housing
    • Some money has already been raised to support this investigation
    • Want to be part of the solution
    • Working with provider/operator with 40 years’ experience
    • Architect has been engaged
    • Public meetings will be forthcoming
    • City has been good to work with on this initiative
    • Environmental testing will need to be finished
  o We should all ask ourselves – what’s our role or part we can play?
  o Excited about the opportunity and possibility of what we might be able to accomplish

• 3. North End Neighbours (Sheri)
  o Many streets have been calmed in our neighbourhood. Working on a traffic plan to slow it
down more. Also looking at how John Street Bridge is used.
  o Lots of various activities for NEN:
    • Recent meeting with Councillor Farr
    • Community celebration recently
    • Adopt-a-park program has been going well
    • Next meeting will be May 4th
  o Recent initiative – working with local residents and other stakeholder groups who are
  concerned about how planning is happening in the City, specifically in West Harbour:
    • Many different issues: Housing, accessibility, traffic.
    • Trying to create a community committee to address the 10 Vision statement groups.
      So far have 8 committed members. Looking for citizen experts.
    • Goal is to work alongside with the City, but the community vision needs to be more
      unified. Want to advocate for others in the neighbourhood.
• If you’re interested, reach out to members of the association
  o Involved in Planned Local initiative as well – Jay from Evergreen will explain later
  o Tall Buildings PICs are also happening – well attended so far
  o Beasley, Central, and North End associations are working well together

4. Jane’s Walk (Sheri)
  o In honor of Jane Jacobs, Jane’s Walks are run by citizens
  o Many happening in and around this neighbourhood
    ▪ Bayfront Park
    ▪ Pier 8
    ▪ Central
    ▪ Durand
  o Great way to see the various neighbourhoods and points of interest and learn a little history
  o Have a look at the website or check out poster that Jay will update in the Storefront space
  o Chris Phillips from the City will also be hosting a Pier 7/8 walk on the afternoon of May 8th

5. Harbour West Neighbours (Herman)
  o Around since 2002. Worked actively on Setting Sail. Helped found NEN.
  o Very parochial organization – focused on immediate neighbourhood and specifically on Setting Sail. Well versed in Setting Sail and advocate for ensuring that these principles are reflected in all go-forward plans
  o Neighbourhood is changing from 5,200 people into 8,000 - 9,000+
  o Over 60 NE residents currently involved. If you want to help, please reach out.

6. Jamesville Hub (Terri W)
  o Co-chair with Dave Stevens. Jamesville consists of North End and Central
  o Committee meets on last Tues of month usually at the YMCA.
  o Affordable housing is an important topic for the Jamesville Hub
  o Want to spend a few minutes giving a better understanding of the different types of affordable housing
    ▪ Supportive (seniors, disabilities, mental illness, nursing help),
    ▪ Emergency housing (shelters, homeless, abusive),
    ▪ Private market rental (managed, investor owned, moderate income),
    ▪ Non-profit housing (low to moderate income, owned province or city, a little less rent, RGI),
    ▪ Cooperative housing (low/mid income, everyone governs together, maintenance is cooperative as well),
    ▪ Transitional housing (bridge for those coming out of emergency housing),
    ▪ Rooming houses (congregate living, small amount of rent, shared kitchen/bathroom/living room/backyard),
    ▪ Private market condos for rent (upscale, owned by investors, mid to high income)
o Not a lot of purpose built rental, but condos for rent are getting more popular as are secondary suites (basement apartments, attics)
o Accessibility is a key consideration as well. A lot of these housing options are not accessible.
o Long lists for both affordable, accessible housing. Disability is not selective. Aging will also make accessibility a higher profile issue.
o Majority of homeless has some form of disability (physical, mental), chronic illness. Emergency housing is rarely accessible.
o Ghettoization is something that we don’t want to see. Mixed housing is the ideal. Jamesville affordable housing will hopefully not be displaced.

7. Sustainability Design (Peter O’Hagan)
o Live in East Mountain. Over 40 years in steel industry. Long-time member of Chamber of Commerce.
o Deep personal interest in sustainable development
o Heavily involved in Vision 2020 – especially as it relates to West Harbour
o Need to look at the area as one development
o Affordability, not just for out/inbound Toronto residents
o Been doing private research for 7 years.
o Goal is to increase jobs in the area.
o New alternate energy generation, collection of wastewater
o Will be interested in studying proposals for Barton Tiffany, Pier 8, and maybe make a proposal with a developer. In discussions with private companies
o Hamilton can be a leader in sustainability
o Listening to community feedback at these meetings to understand what’s important to everyone. Also going out to others in other neighbourhoods

Open Streets (Dave Stevens)
o Want to briefly mention Open Streets. The main event will be June 19th. Follow up events will be held in July and August.
o Will move the farmer’s market to the street. Looking for volunteers

8. Active Sustainable Safe Transport to Schools (Dave Stevens)
o Metrolinx has been sponsoring this program that encourages walking and biking to school.
o Discourage driving kids to school – causes more safety issues, environmental impacts
o Province’s Plan was just released today – change “no parking” signs to “no stopping” signs. Fine goes up from $18 to $300.
o Working on a City of Hamilton Master Plan. Looking for community leaders who work with schools (parent teacher groups) for a design charrette. June 19th, likely at LiUNA Station.
o Contact for more information or to participate in charrette, contact Dave Stephens: hippydavestephens@gmail.com or by phone at 289-933-6180
9. **Evergreen** (Jay)
   - Evergreen is a charitable organization. Was previously just a granting organization in Hamilton, but new private funding established Evergreen here to develop a proposed engagement strategy for West Harbour.
   - In 2015 a question was posed – what tools do we want the City to use to do engagement and awareness? One of the outcomes was the Storefront
   - One of the organization’s key deliverables is a public engagement model
     - draft is now ready
     - Looking for feedback
     - Survey was sent out recently – deadline is in 2 weeks. **COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY**
       - Based on IAP2 framework – adapted for West Harbour
       - Tactics for different levels of engagement include:
         - Physical space
         - Regularly scheduled meetings
         - A goal should be set for every engagement – what decisions have been made, what is still on the table?
   - Storefront has been committed to keep going until 2018. Looking for input on how else we can improve the usage of the space. Over 15,000 visitors, 100 orgs, unique events.
   - Planned Local maps - $1M set aside for capital safe-streets funding. Come into the space and mark on the maps where you’d like to see funds spent on safe-streets
   - **100 in 1 Day** is coming up June 4th. International day of community action. 36 actions already registered in Hamilton (our pace is ahead of Toronto and Vancouver!)
     - Visit the website to register your idea and get support
     - Coaching and resources are provided. You don’t need any previous experience, just great ideas.

DB: Thanks to everyone for leading your respective organizations and all the great things you do

**Preliminary results of McMaster’s West Harbour Redevelopment Study**

(Maurana Brush)

- “Inclusion of People Living on Low Incomes in the West Harbour”
- MB finishing Bachelor of Health Sciences at McMaster – major research project.
- Citizens concerned about displacement and affordable housing. What are the perspectives regarding action for inclusiveness?
- Not a lot of coherent information out there that addresses this particular issue
- Methods – recruited various community and health centres for 30 min interviews
  - Residents
  - Community development workers
  - City of Hamilton health staff
• Report is not final yet, but we wanted to share findings. Not statistical research, but more of a qualitative narrative
• Themes that arose:
  o Who belongs here:
    ▪ Concerns about transplants from Toronto, people with high incomes seen as outsiders, some think land is “too good” for people living on low income
  o Property prices rising
    ▪ Rental units are lost as houses are renovated and sold
    ▪ Displacements because of increased property taxes – inconclusive yet if it’s because of rising values or just rising taxes overall
    ▪ Displacement from subsidized housing (e.g., 500 MacNab, Jamesville)
  o Impact of history
    ▪ Tight knit community with social support
    ▪ Past experiences of displacement are “a part of the neighbourhood” – social networks can be supportive
    ▪ Past experiences of displacement causes fear of continued displacement
    ▪ City’s past actions foster distrust – e.g., perception of inadequate consultation for stadium at Barton-Tiffany
  o Resident’s perceptions of City’s role:
    ▪ Fear that City is prioritizing monetization
    ▪ Lots of hope for what the City could do since they control a lot of the land in the area
    ▪ It’s understood that the City can’t control market or loss of embedded rental units
  o Hope for the Future
    ▪ A lot of hope for the future – will prioritize affordable/accessible housing
    ▪ Would like to see tailored innovations for different need groups. City has a great opportunity to be forward thinking
    ▪ Interested in continued community discussion about affordable housing
• Recommendations
  o Pursue quantitative studies of displacement, statistical research about who is being affected
  o More interviews with people who are directly affected
• Interested in copies of the summary? Please reach out:

Questions from Community

• Were you able to interview anyone who lives at 500 MacNab or Jamesville?
  o No

West Harbour Vision Working Group update (Terri Wallis, Graham Crawford)
• TW did an introduction of the resident volunteers who have been part of the working group
• TW showed a slide of the Draft Vision did a reading of the preamble statement
There are now 10 principles where Setting sail originally had 8. The 2 new ones are Accessibility and Affordability.

TW did a reading of descriptive statements for each.

Meeting on March 31st. At that event tables were set up to represent each of the 10 principles. Everyone was given 2 rounds to sit at facilitated tables. Discussed what was important to them and gave ideas about how these principles can be fulfilled through land uses and program uses.

- How can these principles be realized?

A checklist was created for each principle from the points that people raised.

TW showed a slide of Draft Checklist and read the Accessibility category as an example.

- Principle of Accessibility should ensure:
  - Clear paths of travel to all buildings and amenities
  - Fully accessible buildings
  - Completely barrier free residential units

- Original Setting Sail even did not include certain of these elements
- What’s in AODA is bare minimum

Everything in the vision needs to

GC addressed the crowd. Where to from here?

- Intent is to make a checklist to help guide and assess the Urban Design Study
- Please take a look at the UDS in detail – pleased to see there’s lots to like, although still a lot that needs to be discussed.
- Quoting Mies van der Rohe – “God is in the details” – referring to goodness and inspiration.
- The UDS is a good piece of work. How can we add more goodness?
- The UDS includes an Appendix Checklist – it’s good quality. However, there could be some things to add
- Would like to propose a merger of Vision Group’s and UDS’ checklists. Will take some work.
- Want to work together with the City (SME’s) to sit together and come up with a comprehensive robust checklist.
- Want the dream we have to materialize. Want to ensure that the checklists get used. Lots of detailed work left to do in this process
- Welcome to expand the Vision working group. If you have interest in joining the working group, please let Diedre know by emailing: westharbour@hamilton.ca

Public Works Update (Ed English)

- Ed English from Waterfront Development Office. Responsible for delivery of capital infrastructure at Pier 6/7/8
- Some things that our office is working on right now in the West Harbour areas in alignment with the Harbour West Waterfront Recreational Master Plan
  - Pier 4 shoreline and Discovery Dr. Asphalt – complete
  - Pier 7 shoreline transient docks – under construction – target end of June competition
  - Marina breakwater – new pieces of breakwater are being delivered this week. Targeting late June completion
Marina dock replacement – tender recently closed. Starting work this fall, target completion Spring 2017
Pier 5-7 boardwalk. Functional design happening now.
Pier 6/7 artisan village – functional design (Recreational Master Plan)
Pier 8 sanitary pumping station – detailed design happening now – target completion Q3 2017
• EE showed some drawings
  o Pier 7 Shoreline/Pier 8 Park designs
  o Existing breakwaters and docks vs. functional design of the new marina

Questions from Community
• You mentioned Pier 8 Pumping Station – is that meant to divert sewage into the broader system?
  o Will upgrade the existing services at HWT building and will gravity feed to Ferguson/Burlington
• Do new pipes need to go along Guise?
  o Yes, new pipes that will go to pumping station. New forcemain out to Burlington St.
  o Will be going through the future Pier 8 subdivision, to Dock Service Rd, to Ferguson, to north side of Eastwood Park, to Burlington St.
• When will sewer construction start for Pier 8?
  o No drawings yet for sewer, but pumping station will be for 2017
• IS the pumping station a holding station or continuous?
  o Not engineered yet
• Waterfront walk along Piers 5/6 (Leander and Yacht Club). Original vision was a bridge. Is that still being considered? Concerning as a taxpayer. Can’t sail around it. When does that decision get made?
  o Was part of the Rec Master Plan, but still in conceptual design stage
  o Chris Phillips: Rec Master Plan does include it, but we acknowledge that it may or may not work. Conceptual design stage is meant to see how to design it, cost it, and is it implementable? Can we actually make it real – practical considerations and phasing. Is it workable within the budget that has been allocated for our project? Ultimately Council makes the final decision. There are workable solutions precedent in other cities around the world. This is the same process for any capital project that the City embarks on. We’ll have a recommendation on the bridge over the course of the next year
• Why is the pumping station being expanded for Sarcoa/Williams? Are they expanding in size?
  o No, the original was not adequately sized
• What about Sea Cadets? How will your infrastructure work affect them?
  o CP: City is meeting with Navy League next week to discuss these details.
• How does what you’re doing fit with the Vision checklists?
  o All projects are coordinated together and measured against the overall vision for West Harbour
• When is HPA moving to their new facilities?
CP: HPA will be moving starting this Fall. When it’s time for boats to come out of the water, they will come out at Pier 15. No more boat storage on Pier 5/6, so we will start to have a good visual of how much space there really is.