

Downtown Edmonton Community League Board Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2008

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Meetings

- No meeting of the DECL Development Committee occurred in April.
- A meeting will be scheduled this month to start to get new members acquainted with the development process.
- Suggestions will be made at this meeting for new members to enroll in the City of Edmonton's Planning Academy this Fall if interested. Proposal will be made to the board to reimburse people to attend this at a future board meeting.

Issues

- Founder's Ridge - no involvement by the committee on this issue this past month. Believe most of DECL's grievances are being/have been dealt with and the developer is preparing a new application for EDC. Project will probably be approved in the coming months. Understanding that Planning will ask the developer to knock the current height from 28 stories to 23 stories.
- Abbey Lane Homes 30 Storey Condo Tower on 104 St. and 97 Ave. City Planning has requested general comments on this project, even though they are only in the preliminary planning stages. The committee will hold off providing their comments until the developer submits its updated design to EDC for approval. The new updated design may not be available for viewing for a few weeks yet.

Updates and News

- Capital City Downtown Plan - draft copy still in the works. A draft copy should be made available to DECL by late summer/early fall. Proposed Council date for early this fall.
- Sobey's at Jasper and 104 St - Grand opening today. It should be recognized that much work has happened over the last 5-8 years to make something like this happen. This happened on the heels of a new downtown plan, heritage design guidelines in place, new park proposed, two defeated casino applications and more. It should be noted that many concerned downtown community residents helped make downtown what it is today and a grocery store like Sobey's possible.