

Development Committee Report

Meetings

- No meeting of the DECL Development Committee occurred over the summer.
- A meeting should be held in September or October, but will have to find out what members still want to be involved.
- Suggestions will be made at this meeting for new member 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** Went to Council on Wednesday, September 10. DECL was asked by their solicitor to provide a letter of support, but considering the amount of issues we had originally and that they have been dealt with by City Planning and through our meeting with the developers, I did not feel a letter of support was necessary. In general, the Development Committee should be providing constructive criticism, but not necessarily letters of support (this issue to be discussed at the next meeting).
- **Abbey Lane Homes** 26 Storey Condo Tower on 104 St. and 97 Ave. - Lois and Chris attended an open house for this project in early August. The applicant has reduced the height of the structure from 30 stories to 26. We will wait to provide comments to the City until the Development Committee meets next.

Updates and News

- **Capital City Downtown Plan** Draft copy of the plan is now available for review and comments (www.edmonton.ca/downtownplan). There is also a small survey that everyone is encouraged to fill out on their website. A public meeting was held on Tuesday, September 9 from 4-8 p.m to unveil the plan. So far lead planner on the project, Colton Kirsop, has said that the overall feedback is quite positive. The Planning Department hopes to be able to schedule a date with council to approve the plan sometime in early spring of 2009.
- **Market Slowdown.** Although there are 5 or 6 condo tower applications in the works for the McKay Avenue area, the general slowdown in the Edmonton housing market seems to suggest that many of these projects will be shelved or delayed. Rumours seem to back this up, and would take the pressure off of the Development Committee in the short term.