

EXHIBITION LAP

Meeting Debrief – Infill Development

Thank you to those who attended the Exhibition Local Area Plan (LAP) meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The Local Area Planning team values the time that attendees took to learn about and share your feedback on **Infill Development** in your neighbourhood!

If you were unable to make it to the in-person meeting on April 10th, the information below provides an overview of the topic discussed, general feedback received as part of a small group activity that took part at the beginning of the meeting, as well as a number of ideas that the Local Area Planning team will further consider/review going forward.

Overview of Meeting Topic – Infill Development

Infill development has a significant role in the ongoing growth and renewal of the city. We have heard from many residents in the Exhibition area that there are concerns about the impact of infill development. In recent years, the City of Saskatoon has made regulatory changes in response to feedback from residents of the city's established neighbourhoods that are intended to help address certain aspects of infill development.

Our guest presenters for this meeting were from the City of Saskatoon Development Review Section. Darryl Dawson, Section Manager and Paula Kotasek-Toth, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on infill development that was followed by Q&A. The presentation and meeting notes are posted online at saskatoon.ca/lap.

Group Activity – Pros and Cons of Infill Development

At the beginning of the meeting, we split up into groups for an activity to help us better understand the local opinions of infill development. Each group was asked to generate a comprehensive list of the positives and negative impacts of infill development on the Exhibition area. Groups were then asked to identify the top two good effects and top two bad effects. The full lists are included in the meeting notes.

The top positives included aspects such as: renewal and rejuvenation of local homes that replaces older run-down housing, new families moving into the neighbourhood, less urban sprawl, related infrastructure improvements, and tax benefits.

The top negatives included aspects such as: parking issues, new houses that don't fit in with the local character/scale, impact of living in a noisy and muddy construction zone, damage to sidewalks during construction, drainage problems, and loss of private property trees.

Next Steps

Possible ideas for Exhibition Local Area Plan recommendations that we may discuss with the appropriate City department to determine feasibility include:

- Encouraging more trees on private property by considering an expansion of the boulevard tree program to allow infill developments to request a free tree to be planted on private property.
- Considering opportunities to address nuisance issues that commonly impact nearby neighbours during construction when a new infill home is being built.
- Distributing information throughout the Exhibition area on how to report illegal secondary suites.

What do you think of these ideas? Do you have other ideas we should consider? Are there other infill-related issues we should discuss at a future meeting?

Visit saskatoon.ca/LAP to view the Infill Development presentation and meeting notes.

If you have any additional comments or feedback on Infill Development in your neighbourhood, please email mark.emmons@saskatoon.ca or call 306-975-3465.

Join us for our next LAP meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at 7pm!

Our meeting topic will be **Neighbourhood Safety**. This is a follow-up to the Community Wide Neighbourhood Safety meeting held on March 27th. We will discuss information collected from the group exercises and Perceptions of Safety survey, as well as local crime statistics. A draft Exhibition LAP Neighbourhood Safety Action Plan that details the proposed strategy for addressing local safety issues will be presented for comment and approval. We will also have a Q&A session with a representative from the Saskatoon Police Service.

The meeting will be held:

Wednesday May 1, 2019 – 7:00pm
Seventh Day Adventist Christian School – Gym (2228 Herman Avenue)

Invite your neighbours! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

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