

**River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Consultation Phase 2**  
**World Café Workshop**  
**March 19, 2011 – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**  
**Windsor Park Community Association – 5304 6 St. SW**

***Traffic, Parking & Safety – Verbatim Notes***

**Section A**

**Group A1**

**Flip Chart Notes A1**

- Parking
  - With respect to Street: possible solution to make permit parking for residents along west side, and public/park user parking on east side of the street
  - Drawback – doesn't address safety issue around the bike lane
  - Alternatively, is closed to public parking on the east side and a permanent bike lane is established (with concrete barriers?)
  - Or, the bike lane is re-routed to 15 Street
- Enhancement of parking lot at 50 Ave. & 14A St
  - In conjunction with enhancements of Athletic Park parking facility
  - Enhancement means "cleaning up," not necessarily expansion
  - Crosswalks at 50 Ave. & 14A St.
- Parking lot at the terminus of Riverdale Ave. is identified as underutilized. It has been suggested that improvements (better lighting) could be made to that side
- Safety
  - Vandalism in the park .....
- Speed
  - Along 14A St. & 50 Ave. – the City to investigate speed limit (currently at 50 km/hr) – traffic calming measures??

**Map A1**

- 14A St. @ 50 Ave – improve use of this parking lot; signage to alternate parking at Glenmore Athletic Park
  - Don't add more parking – designate and enforce
  - Who/when evaluate solutions; offer users other parking spaces
- 14A St. – speed limit down to 40 km
  - Present street parking and bike path a safety issue
  - Parking on one side only
  - Permit parking for residents
  - Or no parking on park side along bike path
  - Move bike path route off 14A St.
- Add crosswalks at pathways (designated)
  - Dogs on-leash to cross

- safety - kids & dogs = crosswalk
- Riverdale - gate closure at 11 pm
- Only busy when rafting (7 days per year)
- No new parking added – no, no, no
- Lower lot at Sandy Beach – closure at 11 pm

## **Group A2**

### **Flip Chart Notes A2**

- 14A St. permit parking (west side only)
- Riverdale Ave. parking lot – night time closure (no relocation or enlarging)
- Use frequency study (increased parking = increased users)
- Reserved parking for reserved picnickers
- Open access to Glenmore dam rafting launch to reduce rafter traffic
- Small parking lot on 38 Ave. to increase use of the north end

### **Map A2**

- West side permit parking
- Dogs must be three meters inside park (along 14A St. frontage)
- Sandy Beach – reserved parking on limited time (low priority)
- Increased enforcement on river
- Riverdale parking lot – same size, gated after 11 pm
  - Discourage traffic on Riverdale
- 38 Ave. – small lot – near bus stop
  - No immediate residences
- Church lot across street – controlled pedestrian crosswalk across 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## **Group A3**

### **Map A3- all comments on map, no flip chart**

- New demand (Garrison Woods/ Green/ CFB West)
- Bylaw Enforcement
  - Eight to 12 days/ year (rafting)
  - Affordable response by City
  - Visible presence
  - Public awareness
  - Behavioural issues
- \$ for comprehensive parking study – look at all lots (D.A. Watt)
  - More detailed
  - Parking redesign/improvements
  - No changes?

- Need to speak to adjacent affected residents (stakeholders) – see (anecdotal info/photos)
- Solution - additional parking available from CBE (no cost)
- River Park – off-leash since 1989 - \*apply City criteria
  - \* reconsider off-leash decision – max 30%
  - Playground zone along 14A St.
  - Gate at road access? Currently in affect?
- Sandy Beach
  - On-leash
  - Fence playground? (protect kids from dogs)
  - Parking improved already?
    - Parking design & efficiencies – curb stops, drainage, paving, markings, signage
    - Riverdale – gate (close at 11 pm) – partying/drinking and off leash
- Britannia Slopes
  - No new parking at end of 50 Ave., east side of river
  - Parallel for 200 along Britannia Dr. & calming of traffic – limit in ATC (it is a lane)
  - 50 k/hr. to 30/40 k/hr.

## **Group A4**

### **Map A4 - all comments on map, no flip chart**

- Increased enforcement of park hours, for safety
- Increased enforcement of off-road access
- More off leash parks throughout city – or raise awareness of other off-leash areas, other parking areas
- Signage
- Pedestrian safety
- Don't expand parking – too much \$\$, too intrusive
- Encourage walking & biking
- Trim bushes to reduce garbage, easier cleanup, fewer places for clandestine activity (group wasn't in 100% agreement)
- New parking for designated raft launch area below dam
  - Solves congestion on 14A St.
  - Separates rafters from picnickers and paddling kids
  - Solves slope erosion
- River Park
  - 14A St. at 50 Ave. – three-way stop – pedestrian safety, decrease speed into parking lot
  - Free parking on east side, permit parking only on west side and around corner on 50 Ave. – to alleviate ever-expanding traffic (# of cars)

- Crosswalks across 14A St. at 42 Ave. and between 42 and 50 Ave. – stop signs for safety
- 14A St. less traffic – direct traffic to major routes
- Sandy Beach
  - Don't expand lots
  - Add bike racks for picnickers
- Riverdale parking lot – don't expand – only over-used eight days/wk
- Britannia slopes – don't expand parking at 50<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## **Group A5**

### **Flip Chart Notes A5**

- Riverdale Park
  - Park stays the way it is – connected to pathway – because there is no capacity to increase!
  - Pathway users policing behaviours
  - Preventing isolation
  - No other park placed parking lot against back yards of people
  - Pathway should be widened at least
    - No fences!
- Bicycle racks throughout park to invite bicycles
- Grey horned owl is hunting here – “Do not pave over!”
- Meadowlarks used to nest – “Do not pave over!”
- Pheasants – “Do not pave over!”
- Water affected

### **Map A5**

- Parking lot surfaces – permeable in order to maintain natural riparian flow, drainage
- Parking areas
  - Mark stalls and slots for safety
  - Time limits, in order to reduce rafters parking and taking up spaces of park users
- All parking lots pre-designated – should provide for pre-treatment of contaminants prior to release to riparian zone
- Use as educational, awareness opportunities
- Signs reminding of by laws
- Parking lots are an important factor in park use (decisions to use or not use park by individuals). Therefore we cannot support increasing the parking capacity
- Look at ways to “naturalize” signage
  - Give some thought to location, wording, number of signs (use natural materials, existing structures)
- Sandy Beach
  - Bike rack

- Enforcement
- Bus loop - additional spots
- Formalized space marking
- Time limit on parking
- Peak hours parking
- Easy drop off for camp
- Riverdale parking
  - Maintain status quo
  - Add gate for 11 pm to 5 am and separate from pathway
  - Existing parking lot – imposing on neighbours and nature / security
  - Nature paved over
  - New regulations of parking lots will allow large vehicle turn-around
  - Huge imposing lighting to not invite coyotes etc. to use as pathway
  - Don't move parking
    - Less safe, existing lot not overused
    - Adjacent slopes environmentally sensitive
    - Path to river – safety, too narrow, conflict between uses / users
    - Bike rack in parking lot to encourage non-motorized access to park
- Britannia Slopes – make this whole area up to bridge “on-leash” only
  - Address
    - Conflict - bikes/dogs on path
    - Erosion – dogs leaving path
    - Pollution on river

## **Section B**

### **Group B1**

#### **Flip Chart Notes B1**

- Large fixed parking lots are not the answer
- Reconfiguration is not necessary
- Permit parking on 14A St west side (during peak times)
- Permit parking for area affected by outside parking
- Parking lots have added concerns over safety (garbage, drugs, other undesirable activities)
- Permit parking on east side of Britannia Drive and 49<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Park! – therefore reduced speed
- Specific calming measures are required – traffic circles, e.g. 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Preserve the natural!
- Don't invite more users by adding more parking

## Map B1

- River Park – on all adjacent roadways, reduce speed with traffic calming measures (bumps, circles, signage, speed limits, etc.)
  - 38 Ave. – no lot here
  - Public parking on east side 14A St. only
  - Residents only – by permit only on west side of 14A St. and east side of 15 St.
  - No new parking at 14A St. & 50 Ave.
  - Traffic circle at 50 Ave. and 16 St.
- Riverdale – no new parking
  - Parking for residents by permit only (if needed)
- Britannia Slopes
  - Public parking along west side (adjacent to park) and resident parking by permit only along east side (in front of houses)
  - 50 Ave. – no new spots off road
    - Delete current spots and restore to lane configuration

## Group B2

### Flip Chart Notes B2

- Signage – no parking on Britannia Dr.
- Decrease speed limits to 30 k/hr./add speed bumps along 14A St. & 50 Ave. & Britannia Dr.
- Raised crosswalks
- Change stop signs at 42 & 46 Ave. to 14A St. side (St. side, not Ave.)
- Permit parking in front of houses, opposite side – open to the public for two or three hours
- Do not create extra parking at the end of Riverdale Ave. etc. as it brings extra users to the park
- Signs in parking lot to direct people to overflow parking at athletic park
- More enforcement by by law – rafters, dog owners, bikers, etc, and speed limit down to Sandy Beach
- Priorities
  1. Signage change – 42 Ave. & 46 Ave. to same corner but on 14A St. (not Ave.) - overflow parking signs
  2. Permit parking
  3. Speed bumps
  4. Enforcement

## Map B2

- NO EXTRA PARKING – at any existing lots
  - Will bring more users to park
  - Will take up more green
  - Signs in parking lots to direct people to overflow parking at athletic park

- Enforcement required, including on bike paths
- Lower speed limits to 30 k/hr. on 14A St., 50 Ave. (safety)
- Permit parking on west side of 14A St. and two or three hour parking on east side of 14A St.
  - Why? To control where people park!
- Permit Parking on east side of Britannia Dr. and two or three parking on west side
- Permit parking on Riverdale Ave., Lansdowne Ave. and linking streets, all the way to Elbow Dr.
- Raised speed bumps for safety – two on 14A St. and two on 50 Ave., east of river (e.g. on Britannia side)
- Stop signs should be moved from Ave. to St. (specifically along 14A St.)
- Cross walks – new: five spaced out along 14A St. and two on 50 Ave. between 14A St. and 16 St.
- 20 k/hr. on road down to Sandy Beach

### **Group B3**

#### **Flip Chart Notes B3**

- Priorities
  - Traffic management, reduced speed limits & stop signs
  - Permit parking – location and timed parking, including 50 Ave. parking lot
  - No increase in current parking lots

#### **Map B3**

- River Park – no increased parking in 50 Ave. & 14A St. lot (no increase in park usage!)
  - Time restricted
- 15 St. – no exit road
- 50 Ave. and 14A St. – 30 k/hr.
- Permit parking only on west side of 14A St. and north side of 50 Ave. to 16 St.
  - Time restricted parking on east side (two hours?)
- New stop signs on 14A St. at 42 Ave. and 46 Ave.
  - 40 km. speed tables
- Britannia Dr. – time restricted on west side, permit parking on east side
- No expansion of parking needed at end of 50 Ave. , east side of river

### **Group B4**

#### **Flip Chart Notes B4**

- Priorities
  - No additional parking within the park
  - Speed enforcement

- Rethink rafting “free for all”
- Restrict off leash use on peak days to “on leash” – will limit usage (park and parking)

#### **Map B4**

- Restrict off leash use on busy days to limit demand for parking lot
- Rafting –
  - Organized activity with bus service
  - Rafts provided by private company to reduce need for parking
  - Or lottery system with defined launch point
  - Raft parking at Fort Calgary with bus service to launch on Elbow
  - Defined raft launch in Sandy Beach
- Safety – restaurant really reduces crime in the park (e.g. Prince’s Island)
- No parking in “prime” environmental areas to preserve natural landscape
- 14A St. - permit parking on west side of road?
  - Metre parking on streets for revenue
- Park Plus payment in parking lots & adjacent streets – revenue for park
- Possible parking access across 38 Ave. from church lot
- Riverdale parking lot – limited access at night; do not increase size of lot
  - Why? (Address) vandalism and questionable activity

#### **No Group 5 for Section B**