



MINUTES

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

When: 10 May 2017
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6th floor
Calgary Public Building
205 - 8th Ave SE

Regrets: Polly

Special Guests: Peter von Tiesenhausen (presenter); Heather Aitken, Public Art Projects Coordinator

Chair: Laura Nixon

Minutes: Jason Proche

Meeting Start: 5:05 pm

Item 1: Welcome

- Laura convened meeting and welcomed guests
- Guest Heather provided an overview and background of UEPs public art program, setting context for Peter von Tiesenhausen's presentation

Item 2: Peter von Tiesenhausen Presentation

- Peter provided a very engaging presentation on his work related to the “Riverbank” retaining wall art project
 - Peter made the analogy the wall being an “above ground coral reef”
- For more information on Peter and his work work: <https://www.tiesenhausen.net/>

Item 3: SPC CPS Presentation

- Laura provided an overview of the presentation
- The committee recognized the and appreciated the effort of Laura and others providing into to the presentation and attending committee
- **Action:** track down SPS-CPC minutes

Item 4: Aichi Targets – municipal and BAC

- In consideration of the Aichi Targets, what is the role of Canadian municipalities?
- A collaborative initiative—Pathway to Canada Target 1—is spearheading the effort to meet Canada's biodiversity target in support of the Aichi Targets (20 global biodiversity targets stemming from the 2010 Convention on Global Biodiversity). The target:
 - By 2020, at least 17% of terrestrial areas and inland water, and 10% of marine and coastal areas of Canada are conserved through networks of protected areas and other effective area-based measures.
 - National advisory panel on biodiversity: <http://www.conservation2020canada.ca/>
- Discussion points:



- Full circle on Biodiversity through municipalities—focus on municipalities
 1. Smaller fragmented landscapes
 2. How to connect people to landscapes locally
- Recognized need to connect to municipalities
- Alberta Environment and Parks
 - Other effective area based conservation measures (OEABCM)
 - Developed a tool “decision screening tool for target 11”
 - Want COC Parks to ‘torture’ test a park
- Options for tool assessment
 - Internal City staff (Parks)
 - Biodiversity Committee
- **Actions:**
 - Steven to circulate documents and tool (Done)
 - Review tool as appropriate for reviewing “biodiversity” value in municipalities
 - Provide input to Laura
 - Decide if face-to-face meeting is required

Item 5: Carry over agenda items

- Approve previous minutes (**deferred**)
- Review action items: (TBD) (**deferred**)

Item 6: Plans for next meetings / Other business

- IPM not until the fall
- Toxicity report Wednesday, May 17th (Steven)
- Next speaker options (consider workplan alignment):
 - Scott Jones (ED Parks)
 - Wendy Proudfoot (Parks 2020 Target 1)
 - Heather Lazaruk
 - Vanessa—citizen science
 - Tracey Lee—exploring citizen science for the city of Calgary
- Planning Dept presentation? Should this be considered?
- Term limits
 - Six year max
 - Some members will need to reapply
- **Action:** Steven to confirm
- **Action:** Wildlife Report to be sent by Tanya to BAC
- **Action:** Laura to coordinate letter to recognize Peter von Tiesenhausen

Adjourn: 7:09

Next meeting: May 14th, 5:00 to 7:00

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