

The Kelvin Community Centre Site

A Community Discussion

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Opening Statement

In order for ECRC to continually work towards fulfilling its mandate, we connected with the Community to understand what suggestions and concerns they have regarding continuing the momentum developed thru the zoning variant request for the former Kelvin Community Centre site. This discussion is in reference to the Henderson Highway frontage green space, the lands deemed excess and the current change room and storage shed area only.

Consultation Process

Two methods were used to engage the community in this process, a written survey and a community group meeting. This provided a voice for those who could not attend a meeting or those who did not want to just complete a survey.

Survey Process

Survey was developed to gather information about what the community wanted to see happen at the Kelvin site. The following questions were presented.

1. If funds are available for a building, what facilities (not programming or services) would you want to see in the building?
2. What would you want seen done with the current \$400,000.00 that has been allocated for the site? Clean, paint, spruce up the current facilities as they are now? Yes or No.
Comments
3. Save it towards a possible construction of new facility? Yes or No
4. Other ideas and Comments?

Surveys were distributed in the following ways

In person distributed to over 3,000 homes by volunteers and staff

Posting in local Business'

Word of Mouth

A total of 3,500 flyers were distributed to the community. The flyers were delivered from the Red River in the west to Wall Street to the east. From Harbison in the north to Midwinter Ave in the south.

Focus Group Meeting was held at

E.K. Active living Centre

180 Poplar Ave. on May 11, 2011, from 600 pm to 8:30m

The Meeting was conducted with an open verbal discussion. Ideas and concerns were recorded on flip charts. Which were reviewed to group according to the questions on the survey. A total of 40 People attended and a total of 31 completed surveys were submitted.

The results of the survey and focus group meeting were

Q1. What type of Facility would you like to see at the Kelvin Site?

- New Building – hub of activity
- Eco friendly green space
- Multi-storied
- Multipurpose rooms
- Boardroom
- Community phones
- Community Computers
- Drop-in Centre
- Canteen
- Gym or exercise room with climbing wall
- Roof top Gardens
- Green Space
- Play Structure
- Water splash pads
- Skate and Bike park
- Similar to the Bronx (with Elmwood flavour)

Q.2 What would you want seen done with the current \$400,000.00 that has been allocated from the Building Communities Initiatives Fund? Clean, paint, spruce up the current facilities as they are now? Yes or No

- No. (ALL but 2) Waste of money to use it for the present site without any future plans developed.

Q.3 Save it towards a possible construction of new facility?

- Everyone was in agreement to save it for a future building
- Only 2 persons said no (Due to nonbelief of project ever happening)
- Put into a Trust Fund
- Nothing until Good Community Consultation has happened with Plans

Q.4 Other ideas and Comments for facility usage

- Education – Upgrading
- Drop in Centre
- Activity for Kids, Youth, Adults and Seniors
- Exercise Programs (yoga, Pilates)
- Sports Programs (Indoors & Outdoors)
- Year round Programs (Days, Evening, Weekends)
- Music Studio
- Art Gallery (to exhibit local artists)
- First Nations inclusive representative
- New Comer Programs (Immigrants)
- Involvement of youths in Programs
- Involvement with various Secondary Institutes
- Parking Lot
- Security
- Adaptable & flexible space for community use
- Energy efficient

Q.5 Further future funding opportunities suggested

- Funding from the three levels of Government – Community Hub
- Winnipeg Foundation - contents
- United Way – staffing
- Long-time Elmwood Corporate members
- Private Foundations – Sport Mb, Cardinal, etc - programming
- Provincial programs – as required

Corporate Sponsors suggested

- Safeway
- Sobeys
- Wal mart
- Manitoba Hydro
- Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce
- Jeld-Wen Windows
- E.H. Price
- Other local business

The Parking Lot (other ideas and comments)

- Remove the lands at the Kelvin for the city's excess list
- G.C.W.C.C. should have no input or representation in this project
- Need to survey the community's youth for their input
- Who would cover the costs of operating such a centre
- There has been a disconnect in the communications to the residents from the City and Province on their intentions
- There must be community involvement in the planning of the redevelopment of this site.

The Community thoughts in summary.

The members of the community who attended the meeting and completed surveys, were residents from both sides of Henderson Highway, and from Jamison to Midwinter avenues. All feel a new non G.C.W.C.C. involved facility is needed for this location. It should be a facility that is not just a sports centre but more of a centre of the community. This "Community Hub" must be for all residents of Elmwood and support their, social, mental and physical needs. The facility should be for the community, by the community and responsible to the community.

While there are a wide range of suggestions and requests for a type and style of facility that can be built, the basic needs are these.

- Multi storied
- Minimum space is 7,000 sq feet
- Must be accessible to all
- Must be open evenings and weekends
- Must have a public element, drop-in centre, washrooms, information
- Must have community input to the design phase
- Can be used for Community groups and their meetings
- Site must be safe for all to use day or night

We hope that this information is helpful in any planning that may take place with this site by any parties. We wish to thank all those who called, spoke to us or in any way provided feedback on this topic for this report.

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