

Open House Summary

January 14, 2016 Foothills Mennonite Church

- An Open House was held from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Foothills Mennonite Church.
- The event was advertised through a notice provided on the letter drop, a bold sign at the Foothills Mennonite Church, and a bold sign on the proposed location. A copy of the notice was also provided to UHCA for circulation to the CA's email distribution list.
- The event materials outlined the AHS' need for temporary parking, the two city approval processes required, the timeline, and two potential options for lot configuration, which were created in response to the initial feedback received from the City.
- Approximately 60 people attended the event.
 - 50 attendees were from University Heights
 - 3 attendees were from St. Andrews Heights
 - 1 attendee was from the City of Calgary
 - >10 did not specify and/or sign-in

Formal Comment Sheets

Twelve (12) feedback forms were submitted.

Design Options

- Of the 12 comment sheets received, 7 identified the preference for the temporary lot to be as far NW in the south as possible – this would allow the lot to be as far away from the pond as possible.
- Four (4) of the 7 specifically stated that the new parking lot should be able to extend over the future Municipal Reserve (Park) space.
- Three (3) responses indicated a preference for Option 1 (the L shaped option)

Wildlife & Vegetation

- Four (4) of the sheets indicated some concern about impact to the stormwater pond or vegetation/wildlife in the area, as well as, a desire to see the temporary lot as far away from the pond as possible.
- One respondent commented that Option 1 would most negatively impact the wildlife.

Lease Term

- Two (2) respondents expressed concern about whether the lot will in fact be removed in 3 years after expiry of the term. Suggestion for a sunset clause to be required.

Post-It Notes on Boards

- Attendees were provided Post-It notes in which they could write comments and put on the Open House boards. This feedback was collected and majority related to the location of the parking lot while other comments received were in respect to the wildlife, pathway, community engagement, and the main street board which was in relation to proposed changes for the Trust's retail street and land use swap with the University. (Refer to verbatim transcribed comments at the end of this document).

Post-It Comments

Design Comments

Lot Location

- Like the parking closer to Children's. No doubt it will remain until built upon so might as well make it useful
- Move parking lot to far north
- Option 1 far better than Option 2. Screws up less of the land for thee yrs that is currently used by neighbouring residents
- Option #1 or Option 2 moved north
- Prefer Option 1 as it is further from uheights
- Lot should be constructed in the N.W. corner opposite the Children's parking
- I prefer the lot to be concentrated in the far NW corner. Love the new pathway!
- 3rd Option As far N as possible. Temporarily cover future park
- Put lot as far away from pond as possible please
- Prefer parking lot on the area already graded on west side of West Campus Blvd use permafrost road technology to build on top of the topsoil?
- Option 2 encroaches onto the park while Option 1 is along side the road. I prefer option 1.
- Option 2 is too close to the pond, the lights will affect too many residents. Please keep the parking lot as far north as possible.
- The lot should be moved N. West of Ronald McDonald and across from ACH Parkade. Not down by pond.
- I don't like either of these sides I would prefer the lot to be situated (as a square) at the far north corner. The present preferred sight will impact on the wildlife and birds frequenting the pond.
- My preferred option is # one as it provides easy access to street and it is further away from the pond.
- L-shaped north west option #1 preferred.

Wildlife

- Wildlife control
- Find those coyotes. They yip & yowl in the planned parking area many nights. I have seen a number of them this year... more than ever

Pathway

- I support the idea of the new paved pathway shown in yellow.
- You must ensure that the pathways are properly cleared of snow in the winter.

Other

- Can there be angle parking on West Campus Blvd?

- Will a heavy snowfall make it messy?

Community Engagement Comments

- Please don't insult the community residents by calling this "engagement" this is one way information, in a package that allows superficial steps to be listed and boxes to be checked "Done" residents engaged". B.S.

FAQs Comments

- "guides the close out" sounds like consultant speak for hiding likely extension. Why not "ensure" "enforce"?

What's Next Comments

- Is it certain that the lot would not be needed after 2019?

Main Street Comments

- Be sure there is a plan to connect pedestrians + bikes from this area to the Bow River Natural Areas
- Open Shaganappi exit to allow for traffic to leave the area.
- Please add a pedestrian crossing at W. Campus Blvd + 16 Ave off ramp
- Southern most boundary