

Topic: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Third Meeting

Date: August 17th, 2021 @ 6pm-8pm

CAC Members Present: Allan B.B. Ramsarran, Jennifer Boakye, Kayzie Sutton, Maize Blanchard, Maria B., Mena Hervieux, Devayani Chitnis, Sam Asamoah Boakye, Sharon Taylor, Susel Munoz Plasencia, Terryl Knox, Troy Budhu, Veronica Eastman, Christine Le, John Romano.

Facilitators:

Jane Finch Community & Family Centre Staff: Berta Kaisr (Jane Finch Initiative Coordinator).

Observers:

City Staff: Janvere Lyder (Community Development Officer, SDFA) , Leah Birnbaum (Senior Planner, City Planning), Zahra Joseph-Wilson (Assistant Planner, City Planning), Dan Rosen (Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Development & Culture).

Agenda

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement
2. Introductions
3. Discussion of Terms of Reference
4. Visioning Workshop
5. Other Matters Discussed

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Berta welcomes everyone and goes over the overall agenda.

2. Ice Breaker

City staff, Jane Finch Community & Family Centre staff and the Community Advisory Committee members briefly answer an ice-breaker question asking them what their plans are to celebrate the end of the summer/what they are looking forward to doing at the end of the summer break.

3. Terms of Reference Discussion

Prior to this meeting, the CAC members received an updated copy of the Terms of Reference with the comments and feedback from the previous CAC meeting. The members were asked to provide any additional feedback to the document before it is finalized and signed.

Some of the amendments request are listed below:

- Adding paragraph numbers to facilitate the referencing process
- Outlining the in-person meeting procedures, if applicable/possible
 - In-person meetings are not guaranteed at the moment as it is all depending on the development of the COVID-19 situation. Zoom meetings will be the default for the foreseeable future.
- Under “Guidelines for meetings”, point a, change the word “influence” to suggestions/opinions/recommendations as “influence” could be a restricting term to use.
- In the “Role of the City” section, clarify that if the City does not use the input provided by the CAC , that City staff will explain why to ensure the City remains accountable and transparent.
- Clarify how meeting recordings will be handled
 - For the time being, members have been sent a direct Zoom link to the recording that expires two weeks after the missed meeting. Viewers are unable to download the recording and they are asked not to share it with anyone else.

The Terms of Reference will be a living document that is subject to change. Should CAC members want to make amendments after signing the final copy, those changes can be discussed in a meeting and once finalized, members will be able to sign the new Terms of Reference.

4. Visioning Segment

In the section of the CAC meeting, the members were invited to participate in a visioning workshop providing feedback on the creation of vision statements for the different categories of engagement including:

- Land use, built form and public space;
- Housing, culture, community services and facilities;
- Mobility, transportation, getting around;
- Inclusive economic opportunities;
- Social development;
- Other ideas, processes.

The CAC members were presented with sample statements in each of the above categories which are based on what has been heard from the community over the last few months of engagement. A full transcript of the Jamboard can be viewed in the Appendix.

City staff will work on drafting vision statements using the feedback provided by the CAC members and the input gathered at other engagement events.

5. Other Matters/Questions Discussed

- **Question:** Do the CAC members get to know who the stakeholders are in advance of meetings?
 - Anytime there is someone else coming to present during these meetings, the CAC members would be informed.
- **Question:** How do we get to a consensus?
 - We hope to work on a consensus building approach together with the CAC members and figure out what works best for all. A consensus doesn't mean that everyone agrees - it means that we've worked out the best possible solution together while taking everyone's input into account.
- **Question:** Do we know what activities we would have if we are to meet in person?
 - In-person meetings are yet to be planned. Some of them might include a design element that requires all members to be present.

A finalized version of the Terms of Reference will be sent to members to be signed and it will also be posted online.

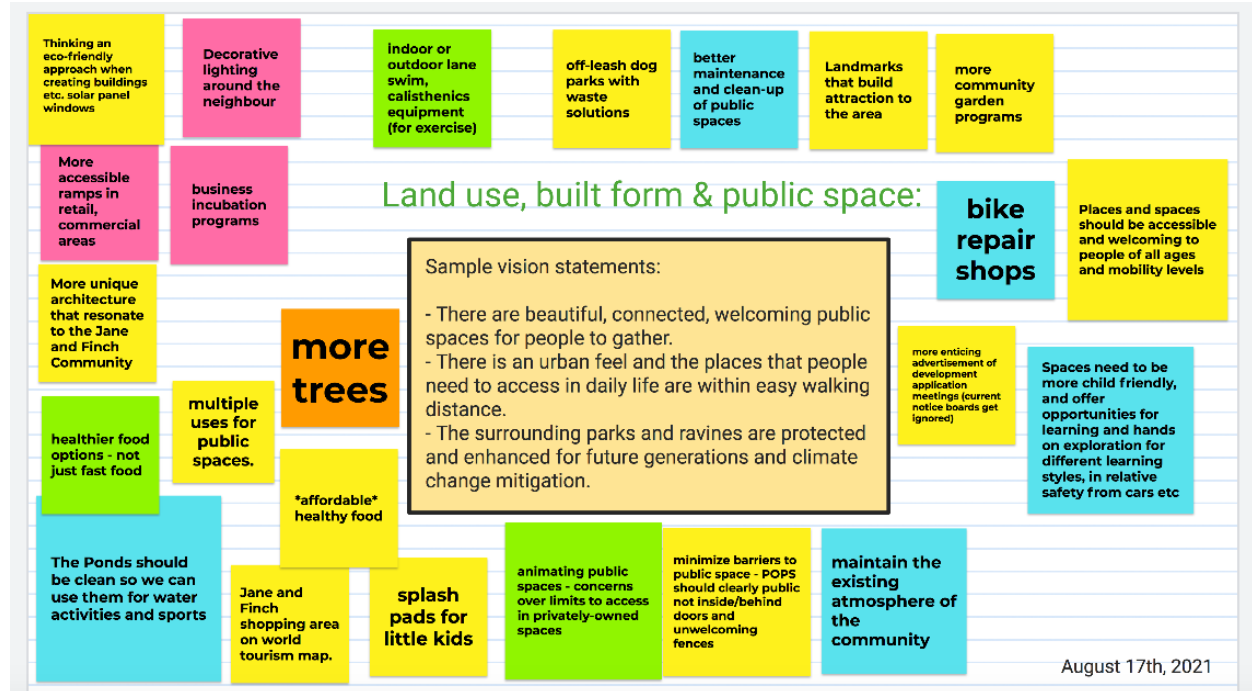
The next meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 6pm by Zoom.

Action Items:

- Provide additional details about the Finch West LRT and how it will impact the roads (City Staff)
- Draft vision statements based on CAC feedback (City Staff)
- Update and circulate the Terms of Reference (City Staff)
- Create meeting minutes (JFCF Staff)
- Sign and Return Terms of Reference (CAC Members)

Appendix: Jamboard Transcript

Jamboard 1: Land Use, Built Form and Public Space



- Thinking an eco-friendly approach when creating buildings etc. solar panel windows
- More accessible ramps in retail, commercial areas
- More unique architecture that resonate to the Jane and Finch Community
- Healthier food options - not just fast food
- The Ponds should be clean so we can use them for water activities and sports
- Decorative lighting around the neighbour
- Business incubation programs
- Multiple uses for public spaces
- More trees
- *Affordable* healthy food
- Jane and Finch shopping area on world tourism map.
- Indoor or outdoor lane swim, calisthenics equipment (for exercise)
- Splash pads for little kids
- Off-leash dog parks with waste solutions
- Animating public spaces - concerns over limits to access in privately-owned spaces
- Better maintenance and clean-up of public spaces

- Minimize barriers to public space - POPS should clearly public not inside/behind doors and unwelcoming fences
- Landmarks that build attraction to the area
- Maintain the existing atmosphere of the community
- More community garden programs
- Bike repair shops
- More enticing advertisement of development application meetings (current notice boards get ignored)
- Places and spaces should be accessible and welcoming to people of all ages and mobility levels
- Spaces need to be more child friendly, and offer opportunities for learning and hands on exploration for different learning styles, in relative safety from cars etc

Jamboard 2: Housing, Culture, Community Services and Facilities



- Sustainable housing solutions and centred on environmental viability, utilizing new technology
- Update community rec centre equipments for all ages
- Arts centre for all ages
- 2SLGBTQ+ Centre for all ages
- More sports sponsorships and partnerships that support upcoming athletes for gym facilities in schools and community centres
- True compensation / protection for tenants facing eviction.

- Space for grassroots groups to use within the community. Accessible spaces.
- Community centre access (e.g. Driftwood)
- More options for study spaces within the Jane and Finch
- Technology (smart tech) that helps with accessibility
- Use bus shelters as a communication method for informing the community of what is going on. "Ad's that are informative to the people who live here"
- Have languages interpreters (community services) that help residents
- Tenants rights enforcement - holding private landlords accountable. Federal bill of rights for tenants.
- Stricter dog leash bylaw enforcement
- Accessible recreation opportunities for school aged children with a variety of options, outside of sports like music martial arts etc which is not currently offered
- Skateboard park and mural walls (for artists to practice on)
- There should be a area/place to hold concerts
- Updated technology and tools in schools
- Refurbished Apartments, Condos to meet the modern standards
- Housing policy should address how existing tenants are treated and set out the need to collaborate with existing tenants on the future of their housing
- Support research around housing issues so the past conditions are well-understood. Research laws related to housing. Support local activists working on it.

Jamboard 3: Mobility, transportation, getting around

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Sample vision statements:

- This is a place where it's easy to get around on foot, bike, by transit or by car.
- Streets and paths are well-lit, easy to find and easy to navigate.

Other notes on the board include:

- sidewalk maintenance during construction. Inaccessible for people with mobility issues during temporary sidewalk re-routing
- reduce mobility barriers like abrupt grade changes and stairs
- More lane options when drivers enter from the Highway
- better construction mobility plan (safety and access)
- spaced auto/manual crosswalks
- charging stations for electric vehicles
- more bike lanes that are connected to the city and parks
- safe and accessible paths through construction zones.
- Accessibility for trails. And better maintenance - clean up garbage. (near Pioneer Village especially)
- more direct access between destinations - not needing to walk around a big circle
- maintenance and safety concerns are addressed without people needing to complain or be injured first.
- Phone notification/alerts on public safety when walking at night
- Trails that are connected to other cities. Ex: Refer to Path Toronto Pedestrian Walkway
- ramps for better access to bike lanes for scooters/mobility devices.
- snow clearing on bike lanes
- bike repair shops are needed!
- wider sidewalks
- bike rental stations in the area
- Comfortable sitting areas when waiting for the bus
- Working with TTC to show multiple roots where residents can take during busy traffic hours
- More walkable areas and less car oriented within residential and retail areas.
- Frequent TTC buses for 35
- more lighting for security/emergency buttons/phones
- No parking on streets in night
- better sidewalk maintenance safety issue
- Provide alternative routes to take at night time when it is not safe to walk in neighbourhoods.
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Jamboard 4: Inclusive Economic Opportunities



- Social procurement enforcement for private development
- Programs that offer employment, environmental benefits etc.. like composter-building program
- Provide more youth job opportunities
- Programs that build holistic skills - e.g. carpentry (e.g. compost box building program), composting and food growing
- Employment or training for youth related to new construction
- Hiring programs for youth directly with developers (model: Alexandra Park, COSTI Immigrant Services)
- Business incubation spaces and programs
- More entrepreneurial/social programs for young adults, or individuals who are currently out of work
- More accessible, easy-to-read notices about zoning changes. So people are aware of changes and opportunities.
- Employment pathways for youth
- List of resources and supports that have closed/ended due to COVID
- More education about what influence the City has to influence local economic development
- Government should give a lump sum of support to small businesses to the community

- More pop-up shops that helps to promote new business owners or upcoming artists/musicians in the area
- Have shadowing and internships that are based in Jane and Finch to help with business owners
- High schools should incorporate a tech/coding classes and competitions to improve youth employability.
- Intergovernmental partnerships on employment and business supports and initiatives (e.g. Alexandra Park model)
- Community benefits framework
- High schools in the area should work alongside with universities/college to give hands-on exposure in their fields
- Union partnerships to provide youth with experience
- Social procurement enforcement body - don't just leave it to policy. Holding the private sector accountable.
- Agreement with developers for local youth positions in new development/construction projects
- Support research on the history of exclusionary policies (e.g. loitering laws) and their impacts on the existing community

Jamboard 5: Social Development Plan - Sample vision statements



- Use bus shelters as a communication method for informing the community of what is going on. "Ad's that are informative to the people who live here"
- More communication and consideration for existing tenants within plans for future site uses/development
- One clear easy way to access services/supports
- More affordable counselling and mental health services that residents can have access to
- Connect young people with seniors
- Before and after school programs.
- Tenant bill of rights that speaks to how tenants can be treated
- Give affordable Childcare programs
- Support for people to know how to access and book community/public spaces
- Adopt a senior program. match with children who don't have grandparents.
- Policies that promote Anti-racism in public spaces
- Nurture local ideas - local business supports.
- Before after school programs. Tutoring and youth programs
- Plan for addressing senior isolation and increase safety from abuse
- Recognize threats to seniors - abuse, isolation. Make spaces where they are welcome and accessible
- Addressing gun violence, drugs and gangs within the community.
- Support seniors with low income backgrounds
- Implement both short and long term solutions (don't just wait until the hub comes)
- Doctors and Staff that communicate the same language as the residents
- Create a sense of dignity
- Address policing and profiling
- Social and Community programs that help with out-of-risk youth
- Improve the healthcare system and hospitals (post-covid)
- Better prepare seniors for retirement - improved quality of life
- Programs that promote student leadership, mentorship within schools

Jamboard 6: Other ideas, processes, what are we missing?

A screenshot of a digital whiteboard (Jamboard) with a light blue background and horizontal lines. At the top, there are two colored sticky notes: a yellow one on the left and a green one on the right. The yellow note contains the text: "more enticing advertisement of development application meetings (current notice boards get ignored)". The green note contains the text: "Incorporation of social media to promote the Jane and Finch in a positive light". In the center of the board, the text "Other ideas, processes, what are we missing?" is written in green. In the bottom right corner, the date "August 17th, 2021" is written in black.

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