

Public Hearing
City of Penticton, Council Chambers
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jakubeit
Councillor Sentes
Councillor Watt
Councillor Picton
Councillor Konanz
Councillor Sayeed
Councillor Martin

Staff: Mitch Moroziuk, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Dana Schmidt, Corporate Officer
Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer
Ken Kunka, Acting Director of Development Services
Angie Collison, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. Call to order

Mayor Jakubeit called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2016-60". He explained that the public hearing was being held to afford all persons who considered themselves affected by the proposed bylaws an opportunity to be heard before Council.

The Corporate Officer read the opening statement and introduced the purpose of the bylaws. She then explained that the public hearing was being held to afford all persons who considered themselves affected by the proposed bylaw an opportunity to be heard before Council. She further indicated that the public hearing was advertised pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

"Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2016-60" (633 Winnipeg Street)

The purpose of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2016-60" is to amend Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2011-23 as follows:

Add the following site specific provision to the RD2 Zone: Section 10.6.4 "In the case of Lot 6, District Lot 202, Similkameen Division Yale District, Plan 804, located at 633 Winnipeg Street, "congregate housing" shall be permitted."

The applicant is proposing to operate an 11 bed – drug and alcohol recovery house.

The Corporate Officer advised that letters have been received after the printing of the agenda and distributed to Council.

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Jakubeit asked the public for the first time if anyone wished to speak to the application.

- Jerome Abraham, Churchill Avenue, Executive Director for Penticton Recovery Resource Society, spoke in support of the project and application;
- Judy Poole, Marina Way, spoke in support of new location for Discovery House;
- Yvette Luff, Winnipeg Street, would like the City to set parameters on location, consider one recovery house per neighbourhood, 1 km apart, 6 people, regulate zoning, safety, minimum distance between schools, parks, liquor stores, marijuana dispensaries, pawn shops. Do research on cities that have multiple drug recovery homes – Surrey had issues;
- Doug Gaidica, Victoria Drive, submitted petition with 105 signatures, designation of congregate housing too broad, no process for where a recovery house should be;
- Mark Grabreck, Haynes Street, no problems with Discovery House, spoke in support of application. Neighbour for nine years;
- Julie Jennix, Dartmouth Drive, former director of Discovery House, spoke in support of application.

Mayor Jakubeit asked the public for the second time if anyone wished to speak to the application.

- Francine Julien, Victoria Drive, opposed to application, define appropriate guidelines, issues with proposed house size and location should be considered before going forward, risky for neighbourhood and clients, beyond current experience, personal safety issues;
- Dave Ray, Nanaimo Ave West, live down the street from Discovery House, volunteer there, beyond need in Penticton, spoke in support;
- Mike Pawn, Valleyview Road, President of Penticton Recovery Resource Society, with more people more staffing needs, extra staff at current house, added 60% to staffing budget to be ready for next spot, no complaints from neighbours, support from RCMP, solution to the problem that currently exists in Penticton;
- Lindsey Gallagher, Cleland Drive, spoke in support of the application;
- Colleen Bone, Naramata, spoke in support of application and the impact Discovery House had on her granddaughter;
- Lynn Kelsey, Oakville Street, spoke in support of application.

Mayor Jakubeit asked the public for the third and final time if anyone wished to speak to the application.

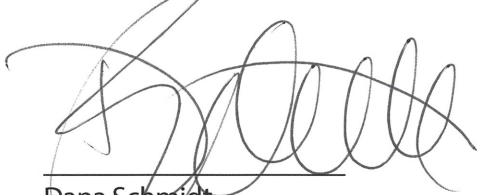
- Trudy Handready, would be pleased to have Discovery House as neighbours, presence of staff, residents building better life for themselves;
- Brigit Kemp, Warren Avenue W, spoke in support of application and positive past experiences;
- Ellen Kildaw, Van Horne Street, invite to all to attend super at Discovery House;
- Randy Clements, Townley Street, volunteer at Discovery House, now a staff member, spoke in support of application;
- Elaine Chapman, McGraw Street, neighbours concerns based on fear of active using addicts, we are not talking about people using drugs;
- Anthony Brown, Kamloops Ave, spoke of past addiction experience and support from

Discovery House, alive today, volunteer of the year with United Way, no criminal activity for six years, need more beds, people dying trying to get into the house;

- Jennifer Seymour, Forestbrook Drive, look past the fear and stigma of addiction, spoke in support of the application;
- Laurie Nasworthy, Keremeos, moved here ten years ago, spoke in support of the application, need more beds;
- Mike Might, Fairview, Pathways, work closely with Discovery House, spoke in support;
- Russell Shea, Summerland, spoke in support of application, son in treatment, see a difference, grateful for the house and what it has done for him, need expansion;
- Mike Wicentowich, Skaha Place, Discovery House Manager, need to bring parents back to their kids, come together as a community and help people;
- Marine Chapman, Yorkton Ave, spoke of experiences and support for application;
- Jordy Yose, Victoria Drive, signed petition, had a conversation with Jerome, look at what we are doing and where going, have problem houses on Winnipeg Drive, covenant would be good idea, concerned with zoning, better than what is in back yard now;
- Wes Gallagher, Cleland Drive, wouldn't have family if wasn't for recovery, believe in helping other people;
- Melanie Walden, Victoria Drive, new member of neighbourhood, concern with zoning would like a covenant;
- Joelle Mbamy, Scott Avenue, spoke in support of application;
- Jody Taylor, spoke in support of application;
- Jerome Abraham, 70 signed petition tonight, excellent record with probation office and Kelowna parole, assisted living registry for mental health and substance abuse, mentor from New Westminster and Burnaby, funding from BC housing, raise funds through fundraising and donors.

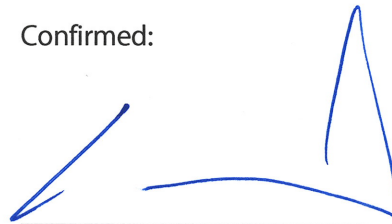
The public hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2016-60" was terminated at 7:58 p.m. and no new information can be received on this matter.

Certified correct:



Dana Schmidt
Corporate Officer

Confirmed:



Andrew Jakubeit
Mayor