

# PLANNING update

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## ***Building Stronger Communities***

The FCC Urban Planning Committee believes that our city is a better place due to the community volunteers who actively participate in the planning process. We volunteer our time to work with the FCC's Community Planner, **Jeff Loomis**, to assist community associations and their volunteers by providing information and guidance, as well as training and networking opportunities.

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## **Community/Developer Workshop**

The FCC is partnering with the Calgary Region Home Builders Association (CRHBA) to host an **Introduction to the Developer's Perspective** workshop. The goal of this workshop is to provide a venue for community members interested in the planning process and development industry representatives to learn from each other in order to build a more collaborative relationship.

The workshop will allow the development industry to share their perspective, primarily regarding **development finance**, with community members so that they can gain a better understanding of the financial constraints involved in development projects. Case studies will be presented that demonstrate the development management process as well as the financial implications of lengthy delays in the approval process and rising costs of construction and labor in Calgary's booming economy.

Please join us at one of Calgary's most unique hotel venues, the **Hotel Arts** (119 12<sup>th</sup> Ave SW – the former Holiday Inn) on the evening of Monday, **June 5<sup>th</sup>** for a very valuable and informative workshop. The **Beltline Communities** will also be demonstrating their new **SharePoint** system for digital circulations of plans from **7:00-7:30** during registrations and immediately after the workshop presentations. This is a great opportunity to engage with representatives from the development/building industry, so it is very important that community volunteers involved in the planning process try to attend this new and free FCC workshop. Light food and beverages will be provided and the workshop can be used as a credit for an elective course in the Partners in Planning (PIP) program. Please contact the FCC at [registration@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:registration@calgarycommunities.com) by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** to reserve your spot.

<b>What:</b>	<b>Introduction to the Developer's Perspective</b>
<b>When:</b>	Monday, <b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b> , 2006 from <b>7:30-9:30</b> Registration and Beltline demonstration starting at 7:00
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Hotel Arts</b> (119 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW)
<b>Why:</b>	To learn more about the developer's perspective with a focus on development finance.
<b>How to register:</b>	<b>Contact the FCC</b> at 244-4111 or email: <a href="mailto:registration@calgarycommunities.com">registration@calgarycommunities.com</a>



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## *Providing A Community Perspective*

### **Urban Watershed Project**

The Urban Watershed Project is attempting to create the first-ever **Urban Watershed Community** in Calgary. The Project Committee is made up of 10 community leaders of all ages and backgrounds who are working towards creating Calgary's first Urban Watershed Community in **Rosedale**. The goal of the project is to work with the City of Calgary, the local school, the community, the Alberta Government and business community to have **600 rain barrels** installed in Rosedale by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. To launch the project the committee is putting on a community event, called "**Roll out the Barrel**" on **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 2 - 5p.m.** at the **Rosedale Community Hall**.

It will be a **festive, fun, outdoor event** that celebrates water, its uses, how to conserve it and information on how to collect it using rain barrels. The events on that day will include a kid's bike parade, a presentation on rain barrel care, use and safety by the City of Calgary Water works division and Clean Calgary, and comments by Alderman Druh Farrell and MLA David Swann. Other events will entail a fly fishing competition, super soaker games, barrel painting and decorating contest and an elementary school show entitled "You do the math" where teens and students will demonstrate the \$\$ savings and need for using rain barrels to conserve water. This project will provide a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate the need to transform our thinking towards collecting, conservation and the wise use of rain water. For more information on the Urban Watershed Project or the "Roll out the Barrel" event, please contact Paul Collens at [urbanwatershed@shaw.ca](mailto:urbanwatershed@shaw.ca).

### **Safe Streets/Safe Cities Symposium**

A follow-up session has been planned for community members who were not able to attend the **Safe Streets-Safe Cities Conference** (<http://www.safestreetssafecities.com/>) in early April. The conference was a very valuable forum for information on crime, safety and community development initiatives both locally and internationally. Key conference organizers Glenn Lyons and Anna Brassard will introduce participants to new and exciting ways to mobilize your community around crime and safety issues and will present some of the conference highlights. A review of the **Community Life Improvement Council's** Safe Streets-Safe Cities work that has been conducted in the **Beltline** and is currently underway in **Forest Lawn** will also be presented.

If you are interested in issues, such as homelessness, poverty, drug addiction and prostitution, do not miss this opportunity to learn and discuss what is working and not working in other cities and here in Calgary. Come talk about some workable, compassionate ways you may wish to be a part of, to try to make YOUR community safe! The follow-up event will be held at the **Cliff Bungalow/Mission Community Association (CBMCA) Hall** in the old Cliff Bungalow School (**2201 Cliff St. SW** -- access from 5th St. & 22nd Ave. SW) on Wednesday, **May 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30**. Please register for the event by phoning Bob Lang at 229-2762 or by emailing at [rclang@aol.com](mailto:rclang@aol.com).

### **Development News**

Development in the **Beltline** continues to explode with new proposals. One recently announced proposal is for a 4-tower project on the former Co-op site on the block bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Centre Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE. The mixed-used project proposes 1,200 to 1,500 residential units, a minimum of 100,000 square feet of retail and 100,000 square feet of office space and may also include a hotel. **Poon McKenzie Architects** and **Noor Ltd** have designed the 4 towers of varying heights to sit atop a 5 storey podium with street level retail below townhouse and office suites. According to the CEO of the landowner and developer, **Giffels Design-Build/Development**, the project "has been designed to enhance the other new major developments in the area and together they will create a significant urban node" (Calgary Herald, April 25, D2). Another interesting project proposed for the **Warehouse district** of the Beltline is the development of a duplicate of the **Ribtor** building on its adjacent surface parking lot. After the success of the original Ribtor building renovation, owner Joel Libkind in partnership with Ronmor Holdings has decided to develop a replicated building that will add 45,000 square feet of office space in the Warehouse district.

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