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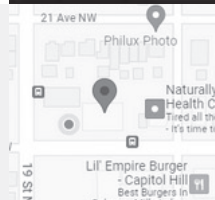
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Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association

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Walt Disney

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Let's Talk

December 12, 2023

Doors open at 1:30 pm

Presentation at 2:00 pm

Jim Dewald and Geoff Dyer: The new urbanism

Jim Dewald, Dean Emeritus, Haskayne School of Business brings his interests in the evolving landscape of our cities that redefine our sense of community to our Let's talk presentation for December 12. He brings his colleague, Geoff Dyer, to talk further about the new urbanism and how intentional planning can promote community cohesion by emphasising pedestrian friendly spaces, mixed-use areas, local commerce, and a strong sense of place.

Jim brings decades of first-hand experience in community planning that foster 'togetherness' and breathes life into neighbourhoods. He was the senior lead in directing a multi-disciplinary team for the development of McKenzie Town community. Thirty years on, Jim reflects on lessons learned in creating communities that we might adopt/adapt as our own community undergoes significant transformation and redevelopment.

VISION AND MISSION



Vision

A peaceful, central, residential community with friendly neighbours connected through vibrant public space and activities.

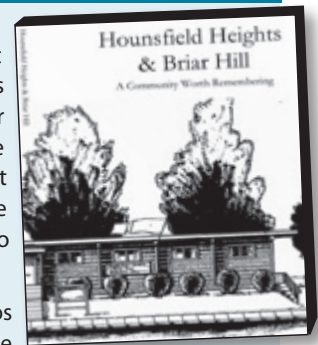


Mission

Inspire and support residents to build our community together through volunteering, social and recreational activities, and partnerships.

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill History Book

A beautiful book about our neighborhood is available to purchase for \$40 from the admin office at the gym. Please contact admin@hh-bh.ca to make arrangements. You can also call 403-282-6634.



The book contains photos and stories written by the families that first moved into the area in the early-'50s. Their stories of building homes, starting the school, and establishing this vibrant community are worth the read.

A big thank you to Mary Stapleton and her group of volunteers for taking on the task of putting this together.

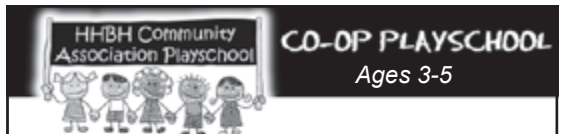


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Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill LAP Phase 3

The city is developing a new Riley Local Area Plan (LAP) for our community. This will replace the Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which has guided the redevelopment of our neighbourhood since the 1980's. The draft Riley Local Area Plan proposes fundamental changes to our community!

The city has recently circulated the Phase 3 consultation booklet (<https://engage.calgary.ca/Riley/REFINE> - their comment period will have ended by newsletter publication date, hopefully their information will still be available). If you can't find information, or have questions, please email land.use@hh-bh.ca. The following maps outline their vision of where they see our community evolving.

The first map illustrates the proposed 'Building Scales'. Note the permitted six storeys (apartments/condos) on the north side of 13 Ave, and four storeys (apartments/condos) on south side of 13 Ave. and north side of 12 Ave. in Hounsfield Heights, as well as four storeys on 19 St. and 14 St., and six storeys at the base of the escarpment that many of us overlook. This is in addition to six and twelve storeys on the 19 Street plazas, and over 27 storeys on the mall site. This represents about 37% of Hounsfield single-family, plus some of east Briar Hill, changed to permitting apartments/condos covering most of the lot, creating shadowing, privacy and parking issues and leaving little room for nature.



The second map outlines the 'Urban Forms' – the two maps are meant to be read together. We'd expect 'Neighbourhood Local' (pale yellow) over most of existing single-family communities, except for collector streets. Neighbourhood Local typically allows all 'small scale homes', including semi-detached/duplexes, narrow infills, triplexes and fourplexes, and up to eleven-metre-tall row houses (R-CG), unless modified by 'limited scale policies' (which haven't been applied in the Riley LAP). Thus, up to eleven-metre-tall row houses will be permitted anywhere in Briar Hill and Hounsfield Heights. The city has a separate proposal to make this R-CG the default lowest density zoning throughout the city, as part of the affordability recommendations.

'Neighbourhood Connector' (gold/deep yellow) should be different types of homes along higher-activity streets. It typically allows apartments/condos and H-GO (extra tall and dense row houses, up to twelve-metre-tall), and includes 'small local-serving commercial'. Yet it applied to about 44% of Hounsfield Heights and about 8% of Briar Hill single-family areas, including many quiet residential roads. 'Neighbourhood Flex' (orange) is a residential/commercial mix, and as the name suggests, allows a wide variety of uses.



The Community Association view

We understand that some density increase is needed and inevitable. We raised the idea of keeping the same footprint (45% lot coverage, same minimum lot width and setbacks) but allowing more units within it. There was no response. We asked for 'eyes on Lion's Park' for safety, in the form of grade-oriented row-houses on the north side of 13 Ave NW, and that idea was expanded far beyond our proposal, beyond the optimum effective grade-oriented options.

We expected R-CG (eleven-metre tall row housing) within 600 meters of the stations. As much as this option is disappointing, at least the grade orientation of this zoning still promotes friendly interaction with neighbours, has some space to maintain the tree canopy and other greenery to promote wildlife, and there are just moderate shadowing and privacy concerns. Other communities also had guidelines for areas further from the LRT ('Limited Scale Policies' map), restricting to single-detached and semi-detached, but this has not been applied in Riley LAP.



Instead, more density, including six storeys replacing single-family homes, has been proposed in our community, ignoring the mall site potential. Permitting apartments/condos changes the fundamental nature of the core of our community, and leaves little space for tree canopy, greenery, and wildlife. New development will shadow existing homes and effect privacy and degrade the tree-canopy view from above. Neighbourly interaction is reduced and the 'eyes on Lion's Park' that we asked for is limited by moving away from grade-oriented options. Changing a single-family neighbourhood to a mix with apartments/condos does not consider citizens who invested in their forever homes here. Further, new building/development proposals often push the limits in the plan.

Our concerns about the consultation process

The Phase 2 Consultation map did not outline most of these 'key growth' (four plus storey) ideas, even though the city admits these areas fit with city policy – this makes the Phase 2 consultation meaningless. When these new maps that contradicted Phase 2 were circulated, we asked to republish the Phase 2 maps for a proper long discussion at that higher level, and the city did not permit it. They claimed there would be lots of time to discuss it in Phase 3. Yet they distributed their Phase 3 booklets less than two weeks from their comment deadline. This is not lots of time or meaningful consultation. We deserved adequate time to inform, discuss and be heard.



What you can do

By the time of publication of this newsletter, the formal Phase 3 consultation will have closed. If you have comments and/or concerns about the Building Scales and Urban Forms mapped out for our community by the Riley Local Area Plan, you can still comment by emailing Riley.Plan@calgary.ca and cc'ing Ward07@Calgary.ca and land.use@hh-bh.ca. If you did not see these proposals until this article, please point this out, and feel free to fully elaborate on your views!

There will also be a public hearing to present this plan to council for approval. Citizens can express their views by written comment and in person at that time, but please don't wait until the end to comment. If this plan passes, most new developments that align with the plan will be approved. In the experience of other communities with LAP's, developers continue to push the limits set by the plans and proposals are frequently approved despite those limits. Many voices are needed to tell the city that we expect fair compromise, and respect for our established community.

Beth Atkinson, Director – Land Use

Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Grazers have played an important part in controlling taller, nuisance weeds such as thistle and common nettle. The first recorded land occupancy of Nose Hill was an 88,000-acre lease granted in 1882 and the activity continued in some form until 1989. By 1910, the City's expanded boundaries extended as far north as 48 Avenue. Residential development rapidly occurred north of 16 Avenue after the war. From 1945 to 1959 it began to approach Nose Hill. By 1959, development was as far north as Capri Avenue and east of 14 Street and as far north as 56 Avenue. When Nose Hill was still privately held land, more people were cutting fences and trespassing north of John Laurie Boulevard.

Aerial photos reveal various human uses and their effects on Hill activities. There were many old 1959 vehicle trails, with severe damage on slope crests and the top of hummocky areas. Although cultivation of Nose Hill was suspended in 1979, other uses led to an extensive trail network in almost all areas of the Hill. A six-foot high mesh fence was built along part of 14 Street and John Laurie Boulevard in the 1970s. There were vehicle impacts north and south of Porcupine Valley. The heavily scarred hillside due west of Berkley Gate parking lot was a challenge from dirt bikers and trucks, as were the ravine slopes and trails up the north face of the bluff that rises from the south side of the Valley. Although regeneration was slow, scarring of the Hill by vehicle traffic was reduced. Much of what is now the south portion of Nose Hill Park was owned by the City in 1982, when AGT developed a three-mile utility easement in the Park for a conduit and cable between MacEwan Glen and the new Edgemont development.

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