

**Received Jan 19, 2015:**

A blog post about the Nanaimo Workshop sent your way: <http://wp.me/p0x8k-kU>

**Received Jan 23, 2015:**

Are you actually going to allow enough construction to house the people who want to live here, or am I going to hear more about the alternate plan to freeze the neighborhood in amber?

**Received Feb 18, 2015:**

Andrew Pask and Assembly Members:

As you are aware, the Broadway sub-area is one of the most contentious of the community plan. It seems everyone has strong opinions on the Safeway site and adjoining areas.

My concern with the upcoming meeting is that the subarea includes the stretch of Broadway, east of Victoria and west of Commercial. Each of these areas have specific issues which are very different from the ones around Safeway.

The Safeway site and proposed high rises overwhelmed the sub area workshop in summer 2013 and the two information meetings that followed. There was very little time devoted to the areas east of Victoria, or west of Commercial. I worry that the same will occur on Feb 21.

It's unfortunate that the stretch of Broadway from Victoria to Nanaimo could not have been included in the Jan 10 meeting as the issues facing that part of the neighbourhood mirror those concerning East 1st. From the meeting notes, it appears that many of the participants of the Jan 10 meeting focused on East 1st and were able to devote considerable time and thought in reaching their recommendations on building form and other matters. Similarly, the participants at the Jan 17 meeting were able devote their time to a much smaller range of issues than is on the agenda for Feb 21.

On Feb 21 we have three distinct zones to consider:

- A) Higher density/potential high rises at Safeway and adjoining areas
- B) Current lowrise rental and multifamily zones west of Commercial
- C) Proposed 4/6 story ribbon of development on Broadway between Victoria and Nanaimo.

My great concern is that B and C will be overlooked. Each of these would need their own meeting to get the attention they require. Yet they are included with A which would be difficult to fully address on its own at a one day session.

In the absence of separate meetings could you please ensure that:

Participants are made explicitly aware of the existence and differences of the three areas included in the this subarea, and

That each of these areas will be addressed separately and fully and that participants will be given the resources and time to consider matters important to them and the impact of the proposals on the immediate neighbourhood.

Given the time constraints it may be helpful to provide a summary of the East 1st recommendations as background for the Victoria to Nanaimo stretch of Broadway. Possibly there's similar background for the area west of Commercial that would be helpful.

I do thank you for all your hard work. I know it's a daunting task and it's difficult to satisfy everyone's needs. It's an encompassing project overall, and the Feb 21 meeting is particularly ambitious. (too ambitious in my view). I trust you will do your best to ensure we all get heard.

I'm looking forward to the meeting. Let's get this right.

Thank you.

**Received, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Hi Citizen's assembly people,

I am a resident of Grandview Woodlands and I have been looking over some of the proposals. Personally, I feel the proposed height allowances on Hastings Street go too far. Most of the rest of the city has 4 story limits and I think that is sufficient for our neighbourhood, too. There will be added density at the major intersections and I do see that could work. Why not allow more duplexes and laneway houses, so individuals can benefit from new density allowances? Right now, it seems only big developers will benefit and they will win big. I wanted to add my two cents, but I do realize it may get rounded down to nothing. Thanks for your hard work.