

Date: Aug 11, 2022      Time: 17:00-20:00 (PT)      Location: UBCO + Zoom  
Subject: Introduction to Consensus Decision Making via Design Charrette Workshop  
Facilitator: Laura Chatham      Note taker: Laura Chatham & Leigh Stutters  
In attendance: In-Person: Leigh, Gord, Renata, Dariusz (for ½), Agnieszka  
Zoom: Leigh, Gord, Renata, Dariusz, Eva, Gary, Nicola (missed start)

## Meeting Notes

Topic	Recorded Notes
<b>Part 1 (at UBCO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a few setbacks with access to the conference floor being locked &amp; late arrivals, so presentation was drawn out &amp; our time for the workshop was shortened – still a fun &amp; productive time!</li><li>• All present were interested in being part of the urban group, so they all worked together to solidify their community goals with using CDM (see Kelowna ‘Pizza’ Cohousing deliverables)</li><li>• Leigh is in process of talking to her father-in-law, Keith, about property he owns by the Capri centre in Kelowna (best suited for Pizza Cohousing). This lot is only 0.3ac, but there is another for sale beside it that is 0.7ac. Zoning is RU6 (multifamily, which would work well for cohousing). Keith is open to different possibilities of development &amp; Leigh will follow up with him.</li><li>• Agnieszka used to live in a cohousing community in Victoria called Banks Cohousing (no longer on <a href="http://cohousing.ca">cohousing.ca</a>?) that achieved greater affordability by support of a foundation getting financial support for Vancity Credit union. To buy in, she &amp; Jeff bought shares and then sold them back when they wanted to move out.</li></ul>
<b>Part 2 (Zoom)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CDM presentation at 6:45 for Eva &amp; Gary (thanks for coming early!)</li><li>• Leigh presented the ‘Kelowna (Pizza) cohousing’ goals made by CDM</li><li>• technical difficulties with audio &amp; breakout rooms set the workshop back, so everyone present worked though discussion together as one group:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ The decision problem was presented as ‘how to mitigate social isolation?’ Several ideas that came up were to have a common meeting space, gardens, and sharing meals. The latter was explored further through CDM: The general consensus was that having some shared meals with some degree of requirement was a good idea, but there needs to be a clearer and somewhat flexible definition for what ‘mandatory’ means. Gord suggested a model from a cohousing group in California, where everyone contributes \$ for mandatory meals and if you miss a meal that’s ok but \$ retained to cover costs. Also note that a community will need to</li></ul></li></ul>

host regular meetings which all members will be expected to contribute at for community affairs (cohousing has community participation as one of its core features), so may as well do this around food!

- Along with the shared community spaces, it is also important to design the community in such a way as to allow for people to have their own space and ability to introvert. This will be easier done on rural property with lots of space as opposed to a more 'urban' setting on <1ac.

- See Deliverable documents for details on consensus decisions made.

- Each community group is tasked to **set a meeting date for them to get together outside of the MCM**. These meetings must become regular & frequent in order to get a project off the ground.

To help ensure the groups are getting connected, I will follow up with them by the end of next week and, of course, I'm always here to help organize or facilitate in any way I can (while helping each group become independent)

### Looking Ahead

NEXT MCM Meeting will be Sept 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom 7-8pm. Instead of going to the next planned topics (building a budget & professional team), we will continue to work on CDM, community goals & visions, and possible community features (both physical and social).

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**THANK YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER GREAT MEETING!**

### Event Photos

(Coming soon to [Okanagan Cohousing](#))