

Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

1401A Rockland Avenue

January 10, 2018

Present: Bob June (BJ), Sue Simpson (SS), Marc Hunter (MH), Art Hamilton (AH), Janet Simpson (JS), Vanessa Dingley (VD), Dave Clark (DC), John Edwards (JE), Pamela Madoff (PM)

Absent: Lawrence Bortoluzzi (LB), Stephen Roughley (SR), Gary Pemberton (GP), Dave McWalter (DM), Susan Wynne-Hughes (SW-H)

Meeting called to order at 19:05

- Agenda
 - Motion to approve(BJ/DC)
 - Tenants for Survey added to the agenda
 - Approved unanimously as amended
- Minutes of December 13, 2017
 - Motion to approve(VD/AH)
 - Approved unanimously
- Councillor's Report
 - The three most active issues in Councillor Madoff's e mail are the proposed bike lanes on Dallas Road, horse drawn carriages and the process around cannabis retailers/approval
 - The budget has received a great deal of focus recently
 - Six new officers for the police force have been approved
 - Discussion about regionalization of the police force are on-going
 - A second heritage planner has been approved (Councillor Madoff's motion)
 - This was received with great enthusiasm by the RNA Board
 - A position to support natural areas has been added to the Parks Department as well as \$200K to clean up the parks after overnight camping
 - The budget also provides for archeological support for Pioneer Square as well as investment in additional speed reader boards
 - MH brought up the traffic issues caused by the bike lanes on Fort
 - PM will follow-up
 - The deadline for the UVic report on the success of the police/social worker teams has been extended
- Calendar Review
 - AGM-all director bios and committee reports are due January 22
- Business Arising
 - LAP

- LUC is going through the current plan for Rockland and aligning it with goals that reflect today
 - Police Board Meeting
 - MH will send out information dealing with how to file a police report on 1/11
 - Walking Tours
 - RNA pays for printing and retains control of content
 - Suggested that SR determine how we have the walking tour brochures at City hall
 - National Historic Site
 - AH will look into the requirements for being designated a national Historic Site and report back at next meeting
 - Rockland Expectations
 - Jen Kyffin, UVic community liaison, will attend next LUC meeting on January 17
 - AGM
 - Date will be February 28
 - Featured topic will be “Rockland’s Protected Grazers”
 - Panelists who have been approached are Jeff Weightman representing the CRD; Sean Pendergast, Regional Wildlife Biologist and Bryan Gates, past president of the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society
 - Bios of the panelists have been requested
 - \$100 due for down payment on venue
 - Species at Risk
 - JS will be discussing on 1/11
 - VCAN
 - Follow-up with DM at the next meeting
 - Seniors in the Neighbourhood
 - Follow-up with SW-H at the next meeting
- New Business
 - Tenants Survey
 - There is no way to reach the tenants in Rockland; we do not know if the city is reaching the tenants in Rockland
 - Miscellaneous
 - DC and MH reported suspicious e mails coming in via the website as well as a strange message on the website itself
 - MH will contact Melissa to check on security
- Meeting was adjourned at 20:03 (VR/AH)

Note: There will not be a regular board meeting in February. The next meeting will be the AGM on February 28.