

Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

1010 Moss Street

November 8, 2017

Present: Janet Simpson (JS), Marc Hunter (MH), Vanessa Dingley (VD), Lawrence Bortoluzzi (LB), Dave Clark (DC), Art Hamilton (AH), Stephen Roughley (SR), Susan Wynne-Hughes (SW-H),

Guests: John Lore, Christine Fagan of Live Edge Design

Absent: Bob June (BJ), John Edwards (JE), Dave McWalter (DM), Sue Simpson (SS), Pamela Madoff (PM), Gary Pemberton (GP)

Meeting called to order at 19:04

- Agenda
 - Motion to approve (LB/AH)

- Presentation on One Tree 2017 by John Lore, Christine Fagan of Live Edge Design
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7CRMTvH0FO>
 - One Tree 2017 features the work of 53 artists and craftspeople, each rendering wood from a single 111- year-old walnut tree salvaged from Saint Charles Manor in Rockland (because it was rotten in the centre).
 - The works will be exhibited at the Robert Bateman Centre from November 16th through January 31st.
 - Live Edge Design based in Duncan, seeks to realize added value from west coast hardwoods, principally through custom furniture manufacture.
 - In 2015, they partnered with the Robert Bateman Centre to display the work of 42 artists.
 - Each chose their own cuts of wood from a single Big-leaf Maple that had shaded the yard of a Duncan farmhouse for generations. Art, furniture, musical instruments - a wide variety of finished products.

 - Discussion: If the Art Galley's renovation goes forward, the large Atlas Cedar will be removed and it was proposed to celebrate with a "One Tree" project to produce benches for the neighbourhood.

 - The RNA offers to publicize the One Tree 2017 project through the NEIGHBOURS' list serve.

 - Live Edge is offering a "One Tree for amateurs" workshop in Duncan April 21 and 22, 2018.

- Number of directors to achieve a quorum at regular meetings
 - Motion to set the number of Directors required to achieve a quorum at five (DC/MH)
 - Approved unanimously

- Minutes of September 13, 2017
 - Motion to approve (MH/AH)
 - Approved unanimously

- Minutes of October 11, 2017
 - Motion to approve (DC/AH)

- Approved unanimously
- Calendar Review
 - o Deadline to renew Government House Garden Society membership is December - remind John Edwards
 - o Preparation for AGM - (see under New Business below)
- Business arising (GP)
 - o Presentation on the City's Budget Process deferred until the December Board meeting.
 - o Membership:
 - IM submitted changes to the membership form for 2018 and the cover letter/receipt.
 - Motion to approve (LB/DC)
 - Approved unanimously
 - IM would like to mentor a successor over the coming calendar year. Art Hamilton volunteers, and the board members present approved his appointment beginning in 2019.
 - Discussion: IM could add a "splash" to the web page to publicize this year's membership drive.
 - o Pacifica Housing (Matthew Cook) request to address the Board on their initiative to support landlords who rent to hard-to-house clients. There is a related article in the current issue of the Fairfield-Gonzales "Currents" newsletter. Landlords as a group are under-represented in the RNA and on the list serve.
 - VD will follow up to see if there is an audience for this information.
 - o Surveys and workshops leading to the Rockland Local Area Plan
 - DC met with Lee Herrin, executive director of the Fernwood Resource Group, who was formerly the head of BC Stats.
 - Stats Canada 2016 census data is available online. Most of Rockland falls within "census tract 9350005.00" and can be compared to the Greater Victoria "census metropolitan area"

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/details/page.cfm?Lang=E&Geo1=CT&Code1=9350005.00&Geo2=CMACA&Code2=935&Data=Count&SearchText=9350005.00&SearchType=Begins&SearchPR=01&B1=All&TABID=3>

 - Look at Fairfield newsletter/handout.
 - Interviews and focus groups are useful to identify a set of issues, concerns, breadth of opinion.
 - If you want to know what proportion of people hold a particular view, then you need a well- designed random sample survey. The voters list can be used as the basis for a random sample.
 - We may be able to use "Great Neighbourhood" grant to help with getting at local opinion.
 - DC will develop an approach and present it to the December board meeting.
 - o As a follow up to the meeting with Carole James, AH drafted a letter to her outlining a vision that would see the Province, City and Developer work to swap lands and put a new Art Gallery on the existing Truth Centre footprint.
- New Business

- o Rockland Greenway Signage Project.
 - We have a grant of \$14,000. DC seeks assistance in moving this forward. Will approach DM for guidance in project management.
 - o AGM Preparation
 - Proposed dates February 21 or 28. MH will determine availability of Grace Lutheran.
 - Chair of nomination committee - JS will talk to Lloyd Ollila
 - Suggestions for guest speaker - perhaps on the topic of deer? Please send suggestions to Janet. It was also suggested that we might have a 30-minute open forum with planning staff and Pam Madoff.
 - o BJ and AH will meet with senior heritage planner Marinda Conley on November 9th.
 - o Request for an interview by Radio Canada came through the Facebook page and was missed.
 - SR will explore options for various social media.
 - o Neighbour group forming on Richardson to look at potential townhouse zoning on Richardson. JS and SW-H will assist.
 - o Heritage Champions are organizing to explore the idea of a Heritage Conservation Area over portions of Rockland.
-
- Meeting was adjourned at 20:53 (BJ/VD)
 - Next Board Meeting-December 13th, 2017 @ 1401A Rockland.