

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, April 21st, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Sandra Jackman, Dave Clark, Chantal Meagher, David McWalter, Bob June, Geoff Young (council liaison) Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Guests: none

Absent: Art Hamilton

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Agenda

Motion to approve - Dave C, seconded by Dave M, approved unanimously

March 11th 2020 minutes

Motion to approve - Dave C, seconded by Dave M, adopted with no edits

Councillor's Report (Geoff)

Council is meeting remotely almost daily, then weekly in person. CRD is meeting remotely. Council's attention has been mainly focussed on the tent camps - enormous problems in the Topaz neighbourhood from theft etc. Pandora camp has less impact. Camps are growing and likely include an influx of people from other cities. There are difficulties with enforcement and issues with fires. City has been trying to persuade the province to provide indoor accommodation. City is also looking into of how to hold public hearings. CALUCs will need to figure out how to meet and provide comments.

Marc: There have been increased break-ins, including government sites, and assaults on city workers (threat of spreading Covid19).

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

Local Champions Program is continuing with Zoom Meetings. My Great Neighbourhood Grants process has been postponed until the fall. The city has set aside \$65k for special neighbourhood Covid19 grants (\$5k each) for items such as food, community garden or socialization initiatives. The projects are to be outside of the scope of the Rapid Relief Fund. Once a case has been put together and approved, it is expected that funds will flow quickly.

A discussion ensued about boulevard gardens. Gary suggested having Janet educate folks on best practices.

Dave Clark asked if pedestrian safety has come up as an issue, due to the need to walk on the road for social distancing on sidewalks. Gary informed that James Bay is closing a few streets to allow for pedestrian traffic.

The city website has one resource source for residents, Click on “Residents” then “Neighbours helping neighbours”. (SJ NOTE: I could not find this link on the City’s website)

Calendar Review

No items for May except our monthly meeting.

VCAN Update (Bob)

Last meeting was Land Use Chairs meeting, not VCAN. Urban Development Institute thought we could proceed without meetings. Bob has drafted a letter to Rob Bateman, Senior Process Planner at the City of Victoria stating the the RNA would support a move to CALUC e-meetings during the Covid crisis.

MOTION: Chantal motioned to send the letter to Robert Bateman. Seconded by Dave Clark, and approved unanimously.

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Bob)

Pam Madoff wants some design adjustments to improve the character of the Trillium Care Home renovation.

Environment (Dave C) - no updates, but will follow up with Janet on community garden initiatives.

Membership

No updates

Dave C to discuss potential new board members with Art. Also web updates.

Social

Nothing to report. A joint block party is being planned. Originally Spring, then Fall - may or may not happen. Meeting to be held with AGGV (Julie) and Langham court Theatre (Michelle)

The summer Rockland wide yard sale is uncertain at this time.

Welcoming (Dave)

No new neighbours were welcomed last month.

Woodland Garden

The path is in and looks great.

Unfinished Business:

2020 AGM Planning: No updates at this time.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:21 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 7 PM via Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.