

**Rockland Neighbourhood Association**  
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday June 10th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Sandra Jackman, Chantal Meagher, Bob June, Art Hamilton, Dave Clark, Dave McWalter, Geoff Young (council liaison), Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)  
Guests: none

Absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Agenda

Motion to approve - Bob, seconded by Chantal - approved unanimously.

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Motion to approve with amendment to those present - Chantal, seconded by Art, approved unanimously.

Councillor's Report (Geoff)

Policing is currently a focus. The city is conscious of the large amount of time police spend on mental health and addiction issues.

The city has a funding envelope for Strategic Recovery Grants. RNA to think what kind of program or project might qualify for neighbourhood recovery. Not much specific discussion at council as to what types of programs might find favour. Perhaps events that would bring people back together in a safe way. Rockland is at a disadvantage as we have no community centre or professional staff. Some projects under neighbourhood grants may have fallen through due to close spaces. There was discussion about a block party with social distancing, and about holding the annual garage sale.

Marc enquired about the Govt street closure. Geoff advised that officially it is temporary, but some counsellors may like to see this become permanent. The city is waiting for feedback. Marc enquired about the hotel purchases and how that has impacted the city. Geoff replied that the results have been pretty disastrous for Burnside Gorge. Province is talking about redeveloping sites, but that is a multi year process. Concerns were expressed about lack of expectation and accountability.

The Bike lanes for Haultain and Richardson don't have a final approved design yet, but it's slated for end of June. The city would like to take advantage of federal funding if possible. Chantal enquired if there is funding for the arts AGGV and LCT? Geoff indicated that funding for the arts is separate, but we could likely have an RNA project that would involve them.

Bob enquired about making the COVID19 CALUC meetings more interactive. Discussion ensued about potential for active screen of commentary, interaction and communication to show how the developer takes actions on comments. There is currently no indication that there will be changes made to plans based on feedback from CALUC. Geoff is open to ideas on how to make the meeting more interactive. It is clear that the city does not want to get involved in running the CALUC meetings. There was discussion about video being allowed.

#### Neighbourhood Update

The city has funding for grants for up to \$5,000 for Resilience and Recovery. Applications are open now (for one year) and will be fast tracked as only city manager approval is needed, not council. It is expected that funding would be received in one month. Applications are meant to come from residents and the RNA. If resident is awarded a grant, funding flows through the RNA to manage. Gary provided project examples including mutual aid, food security, gardening, kindness hampers, meal preparation, neighbourhood security (beyond block watch - newsletter, supplies, functions, ensuring neighbourhood is safe and walkable).

Marc suggested CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) - how to make your house safer and less attractive to crime. Art suggested providing assistance to seniors. Gary thought both ideas were fantastic and recommended we follow up - a workshop in CPTED would be valuable.

#### Calendar Review

June 04 - CRA filing deadline for T2 short - Public Body GST rebate - Art spoke to Anthony, who provided the link to filing. He advised we have up to 3 years to file.

July - Renew general liability insurance through Fairfield Community Association. Art to get check signed and submit. It was noted that we should review RNA cheque signatories and add Art.

July 30 - Deadline for payment of Directors and Officers liability insurance  
- Art to submit request to City for premium reimbursement.

August 15 - Garage Sale. Dave Clark to review closer to the date to see what provincial direction is. Chantal noted that the Rotary is holding a garage sale this week. Art enquired about the boundaries - Dave advised he envisions Rockland residents only. Marc suggested maybe could we use grant funding to make garage sale Covid safe.

#### VCAN Update (Chantal)

No VCAN meeting as City Hall is closed.

## **Committees Reports:**

### Land Use (Bob)

1475 Fort St apartment - city will notify everyone within 50 m and have some form of electronic meeting. Committee of the whole will discuss how to accomplish this tomorrow morning.

1737 (743?) Rockland LUC meeting tomorrow morning - city leveled fines for trees taken down without licence - proposal is for a 2 storey and 1 story house

St Charles Trillium Care centre - no updates. The house next door was just listed for sale.

### Environment (Dave C)

Nothing to report, but will think about grant projects - perhaps phase 2 Greenways.

### Membership

Covid19 has negatively impacted membership - Currently only in the 70s.

### Social

All social actives are on hold. We do have a \$1k grant for the block party - suggestion of perhaps an Art Walk instead.

### Welcoming (Dave)

No welcoming happening at this time. Dave is wondering if we make the welcome package virtual.

### Woodland Garden

Dave Clark spoke with Alex, the Parks Branch coordinator. City will send a contract template to help up structure the agreement with Janet. Janet is saving receipts and tracking hours. Receipts to be paid up to \$2500 and Janet will be compensated at \$25 per hour for coordinating volunteers. Dave is working with Janet to come up with a work plan with deliverables. Focus initially is on the Woodland Garden, but potential exists for other community garden projects. Janet is currently working on a virtual garden tour for the website. Chantal proposed handouts to spread the word and promote the RNA.

## **Unfinished Business:**

The members discussed the date for the next AGM meeting initially planned for October, but could be held as late as March 2021. It was decided that an October meeting is unlikely - the board to discuss another date as more information is known.

The board decided to hold meetings in July and August, aiming for one hour each.

Chantal suggested having an Art Walk if LCT and AGGV are interested. Could be a leaflet for this and COVID recovery projects.

Art suggested a few notice boards for the neighbourhood (could be similar the the Moss and Fairfield kiosk). Suggestion to apply for a city grant for this.

Dave Clark to look into city's vegetables available for planting.

MOTION: Dave motioned that we spend up to \$1,000 on leafletting (Chantal to develop leaflet). Bob seconded. Approved unanimously.

LG staff moving out of the building temporarily due to renovations.

#### Website tech support update

Art spoke with Melissa and suggested the RNA hire her for IT support in addition to web support. She knows the folks that put together and host our website. Art also suggested setting up an Google page to track IT stuff such as who's email is linked to info@Rockland email. He would also like to get a more technical based membership system. Melissa is willing to work on all these things. She doesn't require a contract, and charges out at \$85 per hour, which will be pro-rated for partial hours worked. She will invoice by PDF and accepts E transfer for payment.

Dave Clark to send Chantal the Communications Director information, so she can make a decision about taking on this position.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sandra to file change in directors with Societies Online (removing Anthony, Lawrence, and Danielle)

#### **MOTION**

Bob motioned the RNA submit a letter to the City, supporting the Fernwood Community Association Land Use Committee in asking the city to consider other options than the Traditional Residential and Victoria High School lands for up to 5 story multi-unit development. Discussion ensued about demolition of existing town houses, consultative process and integrity. Motioned Art, Seconded Dave McWalter. Approved, with DC voting against.

8:52 meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 7 PM via Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.