Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Sandra Jackman, Art Hamilton, Bob June, Dave Clark, Brittany Calder, Dave McWalter, Patricia Kidd, Chantal Meagher, Pearl Arden,

Absent: Geoff Young (council liaison), Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

Agenda

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

November 18th, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve: Art seconded by Dave, approved unanimously.

Councillor's Report (Geoff)

None: Geoff emailed the RNA advising that his replacement has not yet been selected.

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

None

Calendar Review

Art will renew the Friends of Govt House Garden Society and Art Gallery memberships.

VCAN Update (Chantal)

VCAN is looking for Neighbourhood Associations support for its letter regarding the Oak Bay Lodge.

MOTION: Chantal moved that the RNA sign the VCAN letter to CRHD and BC Housing proposing the Oak Bay Lodge be used to house certain components of the homeless community. The motion was seconded and a lengthy discussion ensued. This motion was denied

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Dave)

1475 Fort St apartment - goes to Committee of the Whole on January 7th

852 Pemberton - Meeting was held with LUC last Wednesday, but plans have not really changed since the first proposal. Another meeting will be held once developer has made updates.

1737 Rockland - Application has been submitted and city staff review is underway.

Environment (Dave C)

Garden crew is pulling bluebells and planting camas. Govt house opened up again today.

Membership (Art)

Currently we have 90 members.

Social

Chantal would like to start "My Little Libraries" in Rockland, to facilitate helping people build them. The libraries can go on private property or boulevards, and the RNA would not be responsible for maintenance. Dave advised that there is an organization in Victoria at Victoriaplacemaking.ca. that promotes and organizes the libraries.

MOTION: Chantal moved that the RNA sponsor the grant process for a "My Little Library" initiative in Rockland. Motion seconded by Art, and carried unanimously.

Welcoming (Dave)

No welcoming happening at this time.

Treasurer

RNA currently has \$26, 075 in the bank, and now has a bank card for deposits. Art is looking into setting up interact banking and e-transfer capacity. Friends of Govt House and Art Gallery of Greater Victoria membership payments are pending.

Unfinished Business:

Board Member Roles:

As discussed at previous Board meetings, Marc Hunter has now officially stepped down as President of the RNA due to a heavy career workload and competing priorities. In the interim until a new President is elected, Art Hamilton will handle key tasks on behalf of the RNA. Marc expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Board over the years and the successes of the Association during his tenures as President, Vice-President and Director. Marc noted that Board members have always been thoughtful and deliberate in representing the important work of the neighbourhood association.

In addition to President, the Membership Director, Social Director and Welcoming role are available.

New Business:

Bob advised that RNA has not received our requested speed reader boards. Two on Rockland would be useful, especially when Richardson changes divert traffic.

8:25 meeting adjourned.

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