

**Rockland Neighbourhood Association**  
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

Present: Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Bob June, Chantal Meagher, Dave Clarke, Dave McWalter, Pearl Arden, Patricia Kidd, Carollyn Yardley, Charlayne Thornton-Joe (council liaison), Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Absent: Brittany Calder,  
Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Welcome to our new board member, Carollyn Yardley who was voted in by email on February 19th

February 10th minutes

Approved as presented. Motioned by Pat

Councillor's Report

Charlayne emailed the board members information on the Missing Middle policy, in response to an enquiry at our February meeting. She is starting to follow Rockland Land Use items and boundary issues. City staff has been directed to engage Gonzales and Rockland to discuss if there is interest in unifying these associations.

Council is very busy with homelessness - housing people, policing and camping in parks.

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

The March My Great Neighbourhood staff report was distributed prior to the meeting.

The Rockland speed reader board is to be installed sometime this year. The planned location is in part of the S-curve, west of Royal Terrace, facing downhill westbound traffic, as originally proposed by the RNA a couple of years ago.

The city's next Community Virtual, Growing in the City, is March 17th at noon

Staff met this week on neighbourhood boundaries. Engagement is expected to start in May and will include on-line engagement and survey. There was discussion about how to connect with people on the issue of Rockland potentially merging with Gonzales.

The city has approved \$20,000 this year for a coordinator to help the RNA achieve goals for engaging residents, leading projects and organizational administration. We are to submit our initial plans for funding and also a report at the end of the year. Gary will forward the North Park coordinator job description and other information to Art to provide guidance on what the roles and responsibilities might be for the coordinator. There could be the potential to resource share with other organizations.

### Calendar Review

Art will provide Patricia will a back-up mail box key

### VCAN Update (Chantal)

Neighbourhood boundaries were discussed.

MOTION: Bob moved that RNA Board support the March 8th VCAN letter to Council regarding the Land Use pre-application community consultation notice. Seconded by Chantal and approved.

A board member enquired as to what weight a VCAN letter has with city. Charlayne advised that for her it depends on each issue and if VCAN support is unanimous, but she can't speak for the whole council as VCAN is not generally discussed at council meetings. Charlayne recommended that "VCAN Letter to Council" be written in the subject line of the email.

### **Committees Reports:**

#### Land Use (Bob)

1557-59 Oak Bay Ave:

45 - 50 units, 7 stories, townhouses behind and two heritage buildings to be moved and retained as rentals. Coffee shop and two business bays are also part of this plan. LUC has had meetings with proponents, is starting to discuss this project with the city planner and will be getting it on the development tracker. Difficult for LUC without current neighbourhood plan, but this seems to be a good project. Discussion ensued.

Rockland is pretty quiet with developments at this time as most projects in the neighbourhood are currently on hiatus

A board member enquired about the status of the Rockland Local Area Plan. Charlayne advised that the city is currently working on other neighbourhoods and staff have been focussed on affordable and modular housing. She will look into this and provide a status update. Bob to send Charlayne an email outlining the issues with our lack of current plan.

#### Environment and Woodland Garden (Dave C)

RNA spent \$5493.44 of the \$10,000 Community Garden grant funding to Jan 31st. The balance has been returned to the City.

Dave emailed board members the licence of occupation letter for the Woodland Garden. A discussion ensued about taxes and insurance coverage. Dave will look into this and will hold off signing letter until it is resolved.

Janet is preparing information sheets for plants in the garden that will be posted on the website as the plants grow and blossom. Board members suggested a sign at the garden referring to the website and a QR reader, and discussed website design layout.

#### Membership (Art and Brittany)

The new google system is pretty much up and running. An internet e-transfer option will be added for membership fees. This can be embedded into a Mail Chimp mass email to our membership list.

#### Social (Pearl)

Pearl will reach out to Government House about the potential for hosting the bi-annual reception for late in the fall. The neighbourhood yard sale may be on track for third Saturday in August. There will be no Moss Street Paint In this year.

A board member enquired about how to create a Heritage Conservation Area. Charlayne understands that support is needed from each house (unanimous or pretty close), and will send info to Art for distribution to the board.

#### Welcoming (Dave)

Chantal to reach out to Heather about Welcoming packages for Bellewood Park members.

#### Treasurer (Art)

The Neighbourhood Association grant has been received. RNA currently has \$24,939 in the bank. We are up to date on all payments.

#### Communications (Pat)

Pat is working on editing the Rockland tour brochures, then will have them printed. The board discussed documenting and promoting heritage features other than homes, including features such as rock walls, hitching posts and trees.

The Tree Protection bi-law is going to council on Thursday and will result in significantly increased tree protection.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Rockland/Gonzales: RNA members had a zoom meeting with 2 people from Gonzales - the discussion is ongoing. We will investigate opportunities for coordination and cooperation with them, as there are a lot of similarities. Gary will be sending an email on this topic.

#### **New Business:**

MOTION: Sandra moved that we approve the Board of Directors Meeting Procedures document, emailed out last month. Seconded by Patricia, discussed and approved.

Charlayne - Allowing garden waste in green bins is going to council tomorrow for approval. This will likely coincide with requiring residents to bring garbage cans to the curb.

8:50 meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 14th, 7 PM by Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.