

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 9th, 2021

Present: Art Hamilton, Bob June, Dave Clarke, Dave McWalter, Chantal Meagher, Carollyne Yardley, Charlayne Thornton-Joe (council liaison), Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Absent: Sandra Jackman, Brittany Calder, Patricia Kidd, Pearl Arden

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

June 9th minutes

Accepted as presented. Motioned by Art

Councilor's Report (Charlayne)

Referenced Gary's staff report about work on graffiti, which has increased throughout the entire city. There are only a few who are responsible for graffiti - photos may help identify. In Rockland, Bill Bernie has stepped up to organize the clean-up effort. On Wednesday the 15th the City will host an online meeting re graffiti. The initiative is starting to work.

Garbage pick-up / green bins. From September 13, people need to leave their bins on the curb. For anyone who finds this difficult, there is Helping Hand Program that can assist. From now on garden waste may be included in our green bins.

Next year's budget and strategic plan is being discussed by council.

The neighbourhood boundary survey is now finished. C hasn't seen it yet. No decisions have been made.

1475 Fort Street: Mayor used position to bring this development back to the table. Charlayne was not supportive of bringing it back.

Police report: Crime increasing. As part of its response, the City will work with the Province (Island Health) to create a complex care facility. Location is to be determined, but likely not in town.

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

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

September 23rd is date for boundary report.

Place making toolkit: The Planning department is reviewing this program. Feedback may be

given online before Wednesday September 15th ([link](#)). The program covers place making projects from large to small (e.g., little libraries).

VCAN Update

The VCAN wants to have one rep from each association on the mailing list. Dave McWalter will take over for next two meetings (Carollyne will assist if needed).

AGM Discussion:

It was decided we should hold a virtual AGM. We need someone to manage the Zoom screen. The City uses Microsoft teams – it's not licensed to use Zoom. Bob volunteered to work on a Zoom system for our AGM - the LUC has Zoom that can accommodate up to 100 people. An AGM package from Sandra is underway.

Date motion: Motion from Bob to hold the AGM on November 17th, accepted by Art. This date is subject to confirmation.

Q: Will we have a guest speaker? Suggestion: Trevor Hancock

Post meeting update: the AGM will be held on or before 1 November

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Bob)

1475 Fort. The developers reduced the underground parking to save some trees, but the buildings are still very high. The setbacks are unchanged.

1535/37 Despard – coming before council to remove strata designation on two large homes that were permitted to be built as a strata.

1737 Rockland – goes to committee as a whole in the fall. Plans tweaked but not modified. Developer still plans two-story homes on a pan handle lot.

Fort and Oak Bay Ave (Verrinder) – heard nothing further in last 3-4 months. The developer has put the three properties on the market for someone to take over the development.

Richmond property long lot, close the Lyman Duff. Review of the development plans for this lot is underway. Dave M made a strong case for the development to be consistent with a similar lot nearby.

Social (Pearl) - No Update

Membership (Art and Brittany) - We currently have 142 members

Welcoming (Dave) - No update

Environment and Woodland Garden (Dave C)

Two City arborists going back to school, so bit of a wait if you want tree permit.

Woodland Garden – No Report.

Communications (Patricia) - No update

Treasurer (Art)

RNA currently has \$39,750 in the bank, of which \$10k is funding for the Woodland Garden. New members paid membership fees this year.

Unfinished Business:

Honorary Citizen Award: No further input is possible regarding submissions - the vote has been taken. Only the winning recipients will be notified.

Hallmark Society – continue membership there.

Domain name renewal – by October must renew domain name – this is in process

General Liability Insurance – Directors insurance in place. Art still investigating liability insurance for locations/events such as the Woodland Garden, a movie night, or in-person AGM, in case someone gets hurt. Fairfield is no longer organizing this on behalf of associations.

New Business:

Little Libraries: Only a few households expressed interest so far. Link for map of regional little libraries (appears to be about 7-8 listed in Rockland): <https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/little-free-libraries/>

Discussion about traffic numbers. Charlayne indicated plan for data collection on Rockland prior to Richardson development (24-hour vehicle numbers at two locations between Cook/Linden and west of St. Charles). If Rockland wants data, email: eng@victoria.ca and CC Charlayne so she knows what the question is.

Regarding speed reader: there was discussion about the location of the recently installed speed reader. Expectation was it should be installed near Royal Terrace at Rockland.

Recruiting for the board, AGM Planning, and confirmation of who is staying on the board.

8:39 pm meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13th, 7 PM by Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.