

**Rockland Neighbourhood Association**  
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, June 8th, 2022

Present: Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Dave Clarke, Patricia Kidd, Chantal Meagher, Bob June, Carollyne Yardley, Susan Evans, Asal Poinen, Dave McWalter, Charlayne Thornton-Joe (council liaison), Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

May 11th minutes

Accepted as presented, Motioned by Patricia

Councillor's Report (Charlayne)

Missing Middle is coming back to council tomorrow.

Neighbourhood Plans: Quadra, Hillside, Fernwood and North Park all want more discussions, so all other neighbourhoods are delayed.

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

The My Great Neighbourhood Report was handed out prior to the meeting.

Canada Day festivities are back. Reconciliation dialogues are ongoing. The next one is about looking at heritage buildings in the lens of reconciliation.

Free guided bike lanes are being offered on the new bike lanes. Sign up on [www.victoria.ca/waytogo](http://www.victoria.ca/waytogo).

The city is seeking its next artists in residence.

Island Health Community Wellness grants deadline is June 24th. Max grant is \$12k for the development of new initiatives and programs.

Neighbourhood boundaries report goes to Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

Calendar Review

Moss St Paint In July 16th:

MOTION: Bob moved that we price fridge magnets to give out at the Paint In. Art Seconded, and the motion passed. Chantal suggested a sign up sheet for volunteers to man the booth. Cookies and brochures were suggested also. The plan is to print 500 brochures for distribution. Chantal will contact Vanessa to see if she has the digital version. If not available, Susan volunteered to recreate one.

Art will make the upcoming insurance payments.

Rockland Yard Sale - Aug 20th. Dave is creating a new poster for our digital communications. The Art Gallery has confirmed that we can use their lawn and tables again this year.

### VCAN Update (Chantal Meagher)

Last meeting was a Missing Middle presentation by city staff that focussed on what a great success the consultation process was. Issue: only 800 people responded to the survey. Concerns were expressed about lack of proper family housing (not enough 3 bedrooms). Bob: This is being promoted as affordable family housing but there is no emphasis on providing true family housing. There is concern that most buildings will be 1 -2 bedroom units, not suitable for families. Initial missing middle discussion was for 8M height mid block and 10M on corners. Suddenly this is 10.5 M height across the board (current zoning is 7.5 M). There has been no discussion at the civic level and the benchmark has moved substantially.

### **Committees Reports:**

#### Land Use (Bob and Dave)

1737 Rockland - developer has resubmitted plans with changes to address concerns of height and setbacks - will go to Committee of the Whole next.

1535 / 1537 Despard - proposal to separate the strata - LUC does not support this as it paves the way for others to sub-divide, and get around the zoning. These houses have reduced side yard setbacks.

1562 Despard - enquired about LUC's position on a large lot subdivision.

852 Pemberton - proposal to build a duplex and single family home on the property beside the existing heritage house. They are proposing a significantly reduced rear setback.

#### Social

No updates

#### Membership (Art)

We currently have 434 members due to free memberships for people on our mailing list.

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

Woodland Garden: School kids weeded the garden. A windstorm took down the broad leaf maple tree, which was cleaned up by the city.

#### Communications (Patricia)

The next newsletter (in a few weeks) will be the last before the fall. Art will contact Ian about website posting.

#### Treasurer (Art)

RNA currently has \$46,190 in the bank.

#### Traffic (Carollyne)

Carolyn sent email to Michael Hill asking if the paint on the street art is environmental friendly. She will be compiling info on neighbours traffic complaints and sending monthly reports to Fred Billingham at the city.

Traffic calming lunch and learn was held. It was a city demo on tools with a short bit of time to express concerns.

Maddison area around GNS has been overwhelmed due to the Richardson St changes.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

AGM planning: Fred Billingham is our guest speaker. Pat has agreed be the MC.

On Friday, Carolyn and Patricia will go to the venue for training.

We will send out link to the AGM report on the website on the 14th. Board members are to have their reports to Sandra by the 12th. Pat will send out a short notice board on the same day.

#### **New Business:**

None.

8:22 meeting adjourned.

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