Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Wednesday, October 12th, 2022

Present: Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Patricia Kidd, Bob June, Carollyne Yardley, Susan Evans, Dave McWalter, Asal Poinen, Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Absent: Chantal Meagher, Dave Clarke Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

<u>September 14th minutes</u> Accepted as presented, Motioned by Patricia.

<u>Councillor's Report (Charlayne)</u> None:

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

The My Great Neighbourhood Report was handed out prior to the meeting. Leaf collection is starting up again. Rockland collection begins Oct 17th and again on Dec 12th. Small business info sessions are back - the first one is Dec 2nd at City Hall. My Great Neighbourhood Grants for 2022 are closing this month. 2023 Grants begin in March. An open house was held for the city's space at 711 Douglas. This space is free for Neighbourhood Associations to use for meetings. October 15th is Voting Day.

Calendar Review

The invoice for website hosting has been received.

Feb 8th was suggested for our 2023 Board Meeting. Patricia will contact Grace Lutheran to check availability. Bob suggested using our social media to invite prospective board members, with a special emphasis on attracting renters.

Patricia and Sandra volunteered to participate in organizing the AGM. AGM Speaker: Bob suggested someone from the city as hopefully by then they will have ideas on the Rockland Neighbourhood Plan, Corridor Plan, etc. Perhaps Andrea Hudson. Also suggested a speaker to discuss parks.

Art will renew Govt House and Art Gallery memberships.

VCAN Update (Chantal Meagher) None.

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Bob, Dave, Carollyne)

1320 Purcell St. - Proposed subdivision - Developer is hosting a meeting at 1023 Joan Cres, November 2nd at 7 pm. Initial plans have been adjusted based on neighbours feedback.

852 Pemberton - little happening other than neighbours have written to the city about concerns (mainly regarding the greatly reduced setbacks).

1737 Rockland - no updates.

<u>Social</u>

Asal has lined up John Adams to speak - aiming for November 15th. She is investigating the Fairfield Community Centre, Art Gallery and Langham Court Theatre. We could also look at Grace Lutheran Church. This would be a free event for the neighbourhood, hosted by the RNA. The Art Gallery requires use of their caterers.

There was discussion about other events to engage community and include families, such as outdoor summer event. We will ask neighbours for suggestions on social media.

Membership (Art)

We currently have over 434 members due to free memberships for people on our mailing list. Art is working on the form for next year and will send out an email invitation for 2023. We will be reverting back to charging \$10 per person for annual membership.

Environment and Woodland Garden (Dave C) None

Communications

Patricia expressed her gratitude to Carolyn for her help in keeping the website up to date. Susan: We currently have 165 followers on Facebook Asal: Instagram is going well. She is thinking of doing a series on the dogs of Rockland.

<u>Treasurer (Art)</u> RNA currently has \$49,600 in the bank, including funds owing to the city for the garden grant.

<u>Traffic (Carollyne)</u> None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Face to Face Meetings: The board decided to have face to face meetings twice per year (in addition to the AGM). Susan volunteered to host our December meeting/potluck at her house, December 14th at 6pm.

8:32 meeting adjourned. Next Meeting: September 14th, 7 PM by Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.