

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Present: Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Jay Jennings, Carollyne Yardley, Patricia Kidd, Marnie Coulter, Marg Gardiner (city councillor), Gary Pemberton (city liaison).

Absent: Anthony Danda, Asal Poinen, Dave Clark

Meeting called to order at 7:06

Guest: Mary Doody Jones

Mary discussed the upcoming sale of St Mathias and the issues she sees with the way the Diocese is proceeding with this. On Feb 6th, a letter from Bishop stated they are putting the sale off until next year, as the current proposal was not the deal they wanted. The church is on the edge of Rockland and Gonzales and has potential to be a neighbourhood community centre with rental meeting space for the church and local groups. She would like us to spearhead asking the City of Victoria to purchase this property.

Marg advised that its unlikely that we would get money from the city now. The church owns two very large lots, totalling a couple of acres. Marg agreed this could be a good centre to share with Rockland, the Jubilees and Gonzales. We agreed to think this over and discuss next meeting.

Feb 14th Minutes - Jay motioned to approve. Minutes were adopted as presented.

Councillor's Report (Marg Gardiner)

Marg has been very busy with remuneration and tax.

Neighbourhood Report (Gary Pemberton)

There is quite a bit of consultation going on.

A Community safety and well being online survey is available on-line. A draft plan will go to city in September.

Budget Engagement: April 25 630 PM. This is an opportunity to provide input into the budget (can be done in person or email, video, phone, etc)

Go to the city's Have Your Say web page for more info on consultation.

10 year Official Community Plan (OCP) - online info session April 16th and 18th. There is an open house May 11, Moss St market May 18, Selkirk, May 25th.

Waste collection for multi family buildings - Online survey until April 28th. Will report back to council in summer. Marg advised that some buildings have not received the city's letter about this.

My Great Neighbourhood Grants - Two went out for Rockland - one for asset mapping and one for the art gallery print making on bags.

Calendar Review

Anthony will do the CRA filing.

VCAN Update (Carollyne)

VCAN agreed to a community mapping project for the Gary Oaks and got the My Great Neighbourhood Grant. The project starts in May.

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Carollyn)

LUC is reviewing Purcell place application - and may write a letter about its proximity to the existing heritage building.

St Charles is delayed as they are being reviewed by Heritage association as they are adding an addition.

Environment and Woodland Garden (Dave)

No update

Social (Asal)

No update. Patricia proposed we buy some seats for the May Langham Court Theatre production in early May and have a social night for the neighbours. We agreed, and Patricia will bring this idea up with Asal.

Membership (Art)

192 members

Communications

The next newsletter is in production. Please send publication ready documents.

Treasurer (Art)

We currently have about \$67,000 in the bank. Some funds are earmarked for the garden.

Traffic (Carollyne)

No update

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Archives: We agreed to consolidate documents that board members have into a central archive. Carollyne suggested on the internet, but not public facing. She suggested hiring someone to scan and post. Sandra volunteered to organize the documents first.

meeting adjourned - 8:43