

# Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Meeting of Board of Directors Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM on Zoom

## Agenda

Apologies: Sandra Jackman; Marnie Quilter; Isabella ; Anthony Danda; Jay

- Call to Order – 7:05
  
- Enquiry for additional agenda items – Meeting in a Box Toolkit
- Minutes of April 10 – Dave motioned to approve
  
- Councillor's Report –
  - OCP – Rockland doesn't have an LAP
  - - open houses May 11 Atrium
  - - Moss Market pop-up May 18
  - Many changes in Council working to apply Bill 44
  - City will be using Missing Middle planning rather than provincial bill
  - - this is to our benefit
  - - more rules about set-back etc. More liveable in the future.
  - The city is well ahead of others on provincial targets
  - - there are different ways of counting: things that have already passed planning? Will they be finished before the target date is reached (3 years)?           Some developments already in the works are huge           and will house a thousand people. The result is that different numbers will appear in the press.
  - AH – is there any measurement for how much housing there'll be for people who are struggling to afford housing?
  - - MG – no. Lots of stories, but no hard data. Very hard to calculate
  - There are not going to be any more density bonuses. There's an amenity charge (ACC). When there are new buildings, and housing is increased, there will be an amenity charge. Not sure about administration. The current thought is that it will be put in a big kittie. The city is going to create an amenity list for new amenities. If RNA is thinking of an amenity (park land); a community centre (enlargement necessary because of the population increase.) now is the time to put it on a SHORT list. The catch is that they're trying to gather information about desired amenities during the OCP surveys. **Make a very careful list for presentation through the OCP process.**
  - she's been busy working on getting rid of anti-semitic tagging, especially on private property (commercial building)
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- Neighbourhood update

- Have your say page – time to take part of community safety and well-being – end May 12<sup>th</sup>
- VicAlert – the ability to subscribe for updates and warnings in the event of an emergency
- Sign up through the app – free
- -sign up for phone; email; text
- -will come for emergencies like earthquake; chemical spills; evacuation
- Notices; doesn't cover amber alerts
- -sign up for newsletters online
- Grants for money – about \$40-45,000 left. Send your ideas.
- Gary will forward an email about training for neighbourhood emergency volunteers at SFU (Vancouver)
- TC emergency guideline should be made available on our website

- Calendar Review - June

- 04 CRA filing deadline for T2 short Public Body GST rebate
- 12 Board Meeting
- July and August break from meetings

#### VCAN Update

- Carollyne: community mapping project; she and Dave Clark are getting together to plan procedure for the mapping of the neighbourhood
- Scheduling a tour with the friends of Uplands Park to see the camas
- Rockland is **not mentioned** in the OCP changes because we don't have a community centre. Just know that we're part of the Fort Street Corridor
- We need to put out a survey through PK (me) about the OCP
- Invitation to the June 1<sup>st</sup> event at Central School

#### Report of Committees

- Land Use

- 522 St. Charles has been approved
- Purcell – the developer has been told no. He's going straight to mayor and council rather than dealing with recommendations from city staff (because they have a reputation for approving everything.)
- 1742 Rockland heritage designation has been approved.

- Social – Langham Court
- Membership – ten people have joined as a result of the theatre offer. We're at nearly 200
  - garden tours of GH?
  - AH – we should do something through Craigdarroch
- Environment and Woodland Garden
  - a successful event distributing soil and woodchips.
  - 6 volunteers weeded and cleared the garden. Wednesday 10 – 12 – the 15<sup>th</sup> is the next work committee
  - the tree on the Amarelli's place. A coast redwood – a related tree. It isn't cold hardy. It suffers from frost damage. The tree has recovered before.
  - CY asked DC to give a tour of the garry oak meadow at GH for VCAN. Any time in May.
  - AH – concern about shedding laurels. DC – any evergreen tree (like laurels) took a real hit as a result of the sudden cold after the sudden warmth. It won't affect them long-term.
- Treasurer
- Communications
  - CY will send me info for newsletter by Sunday
- Traffic

- Unfinished Business
  - - AH – Jay is going to start a letter about a community centre at St. Matthias
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- New business
  - - what to do about Isabella.
  - CY – we should no longer make attempts to get in touch.
  - DC – historically - 3 months of unacknowledged absence meant removal from the board.
    - - send her another notice that after another month she'll be removed.
    - - AH will do this.
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- Adjournment – 8:07