

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
1010 Moss Street
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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

Guests: LUC Members Bob June and Phil Calvert

Absent: Patricia Kidd, Anthony Danda,

Meeting called to order at 7:05

May 8th Minutes - Dave motioned to approve. Minutes were adopted as presented.

Councillor's Report (Marg Gardiner)

Marg proposed a new Q&A session with councillors and mayor, but this was rejected.

Missing middle housing apps are not yet easily accessible online.

City Hall Sequoia Tree- where is the 3rd party assessment?

Schedule G House Conversions will be amended to allow owners to stay in their house after the conversion.

Budgets are coming up first week of October. Property tax increases are reported as averages, but some properties are tax exempt or pay less, resulting in much higher increases for the rest.

Social Centres - There was a comment in the media there are current applications to the provincial government for social centres in Victoria. No information is available.

Marg confirmed that applications for new social centres has been delegated to city staff, so will not come to council.

Neighbourhood Report (Gary Pemberton)

Have Your Say surveys:

Pemberton Park Survey is open until Sept 26th. Upgrades include a playground.

Climate Action Plan survey is open until Oct 11th.

529 Garage -

Sept 24 Noon to 2pm - People can bring their bikes to get them registered for free. This program has been successful in returning stolen bikes to owners in other cities.

Upcoming Free Events:

Gardening Workshop - Sept 13

Artist in ResidenceTalk - Sept 24

Auto Correct Dance performance - Sept 28th

Get Growing - Sept 12 - 27. Free mulch and soil is available at the Rockland Woodland Garden, free while supplies last.

2024 MGNeighbourhood grants are closed.

Calendar Review

No update

VCAN Update (Carollyne)

No update

HERITAGE TOUR REVISION PROJECT (Dave)

The heritage Victoria society wants to redo Rockland's heritage tours. If anyone is interested in being part of this, please see Dave. Marg suggested looking at the south jubilee installation on Leighton street. They have beautiful signage about the historical nature of the area.

VCAN MAPPING PROJECT (Carollyne)

The garry oak mapping project is going well. Residents can go to website and add their garry oak tree inventory to the map. Caroline provided an update on what the mapping project has accomplished over the last few months. The project members are looking for indigenous input.

Nov 16th is the launch date for the project, at the neighbourhood space by Crystal Gardens. Data is complete for all neighbourhoods except Fairfield, which is likely coming on board soon.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A rockland resident would like to have a meeting at the firehall to discuss Emergency Preparedness in Rockland. Marnie will look into proposed dates.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The board had preliminary discussions for updating constitution, strategic plan and SWOT. Board members will review these documents and make suggestions for next meeting. Sandra will contact neighbourhood associations with coordinators and make enquiries to gather info for discussion of hiring an RNA coordinator.

meeting adjourned - 9:15 ???