

## **Rockland Neighbourhood Association**

Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Present: Art Hamilton, Marnie Coulter, Patricia Kidd, Carollyne Yardley  
Asal Poinen, Dave Clark,

Guests: Marg Gardiner (city councillor), Gary Pemberton (city liaison).

Absent: Sandra Jackman, Jay Jennings, Anthony Danda,

Dave Clark, recorder

Agenda: add Pot luck December Board meeting?

Update to Coordinator position

Meeting called to order at 7:07

October 9th Minutes - Art motioned to approve. Minutes were adopted as presented.

### **Councillor's Report** (Marg Gardiner)

Council directed staff to prepare alternate budgets at several levels of funding.

Proposal to change the business to residential tax ratio from 3.67 : 1, to 3.0 : 1. Public will be able to comment.

Propose to extend budget comments to December 1st, so that Police budget can be considered.

1320 Purcell Place - DC: Is the easement for potential Pemberton trail access through the property still part of the developer's proposal? CY will ask City staff. Acknowledge that there may be residents' concerns.

Organisations receiving more than \$20k from the City were invited to address Council. Opportunity has passed (oversubscribed).

The Legislative department may be operating off a different email list. AH will write Curt to get Rockland such notices by email.

(MG left the meeting)

(GP joined the meeting)

### **Neighbourhood Report** (Gary Pemberton)

Upcoming workshop: Saturday 1:30 to 2:45 at Neighbour space, reps from each neighbourhood show and tell their part of the VCAN mapping project.

New program for strata councils to get free energy upgrade evaluations from an approved climate advisor.

Crystal pool replacement project information sessions Nov. 23 at Westcoast Winter Market; Nov. 28th at the Crystal Pool, and at Mayfair Mall on Nov. 30th.

Saturday morning Yard and garden waste drop off at Garbally Road has some cancelled dates in the coming months, so check before heading out.

The next round of curbside Leaf Pickup for Rockland starts December 9th

Crystal Pool closed for maintenance Dec. 2 through 29th.

Calendar Review - Renew memberships in FOGH, AGGV, and Hallmark Heritage.

### AGM Preparation

Propose March 11th, the Tuesday before Spring break, at Grace Lutheran.

AT and PK will start planning in January.

### VCAN Update

Mapping project show-and-tell with all 13 neighbourhoods participating, at the Neighbourhood Space on Douglas Street, Saturday, Nov 16th, 1 to 4.

### LUC

Met with the Contractor for Pemberton St. Heritage infill. Currently a site-specific zoning, and developer would like to revert to previous zoning, so that they can pursue a Missing Middle / Heritage infill.

### Social:

Emergency Preparedness Session with Doug Clarke of the Fire Department. Monday, Nov. 25th, 6:30 to 8 at Grace Lutheran. There is a sign-up sheet so that organizers can gauge expected attendees.

Approve \$150 for refreshments.

Plan for neighbourhood block party next spring.

(AP left the meeting)

How can we engage those in multi-unit buildings? (discussion)

Traffic, no report

Communications - Newsletter will go out within two days.

Membership - Currently 213 members

Treasurer: - currently \$78k

We have a Healthy bank account. We will explore possibility of contracting a Neighbourhood Coordinator for which we have a dedicated \$20k in the bank.

Environment and Garden

A neighbour complaint about prunings from the Woodland Garden accumulated on the boulevard led us to hire a tree Service to remove it.

Through our membership in the Friends of Government House, we used to be able to use their drop-off, but they have cancelled this benefit.

HERITAGE TOUR REVISION PROJECT (Dave)

Meeting set for October 24th with Tara Parks was postponed. Any other board or committee members like to participate?

VCAN MAPPING PROJECT (Carollyne)

The Garry oak mapping project is going well. We have done some preliminary photo interpretation for Fairfield in addition to Rockland. Nov 16th is the launch date for the project, at the neighbourhood space by Crystal Gardens. Data is being gathered for all neighbourhoods.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Doug Clarke would like to have a meeting October 23rd. at 6:30 pm. at the firehall to discuss Emergency preparedness. May change this date to the 24th to increase participation. Looking for a few RNA members to help Doug Clarke develop the plan. Possible attendees include AH, CM, JJ, Marnie

## New Business

### Neighbourhood Coordinator

We are proceeding with our description of required services, (comments to Art by Nov. 18th) and may be able to recruit a woman who has had a similar role with another neighbourhood. Other candidates include recent graduates of the City's "Local Champions" course.

If we are unable to expend funds in the allotted time, AH will talk directly to City staff to see if the balance can be able to be carried forward to 2025.

GP sent us an example job description from North Park Neighbourhood.

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meeting adjourned - 8:59