

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 8, 2025

Present: Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Jay Jennings, Marnie Coulter, Dave Clark, Patricia Kidd, Carollyne Yardley
Gary Pemberton (city liaison)

Absent: Marg Gardiner (city councillor), Anthony Danda, Asal Poinen,

Meeting called to order at 7:04

Dec 11 Minutes - Motion to approve by Jay - Minutes accepted with one edit under traffic.

Councillor's Report (Marg Gardiner)
None

Neighbourhood Report (Gary Pemberton)

Crystal Pool Referendum - Voters will have the chance to weigh in on the loan required to build a new facility plus a preferred site option, at the referendum on February 8, 2025. Advance voting will be held Jan 29, Feb 3, and Feb 5th at Crystal Gardens. General Voting is Feb 8th at 10 different locations. You can also vote by mail if you request to do so.

There are several information sessions and pop ups scheduled, with the first one being January 11th at Hillside Mall.

Budget deliberations are under way.

My Great Neighbourhood Grants open on February 1st.

Gary shared that the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood has a Facebook site promoting connections within the neighbourhood, and provided a link for us to check it out.

St Matthias property - it was suggested that the RNA write to the city to see about the potential of a community space within the new development that we could use. Art will ask Phil to draft a letter.

Calendar Review

Art working on year end financial statements with Anthony's help.

We will not be applying for the Community Garden Coordinator grant. We are getting by on volunteer help.

VCAN Update (Carollyne)

Carollyne is preparing the final Victoria Community Association Network Mapping Project report. It will be posted on the GMOP, and RNA and websites, and a link will be included in the RNA newsletter. Board members will receive a copy of the final report soon.

Land Use (Carollyne)

Despard Ave and Montgomery have projects coming up.

We received a registered letter for the heritage registration of 522 St Charles St. There is a public hearing tomorrow. They are requesting to build another house on the property and designating 522 as heritage is part of the proposal.

770 Pemberton - there is a meeting next week about a proposed development to add another house to the property.

852 Pemberton - waiting to hear from Patrick on this one.

Social (Asal)

Our grant money is set to expire on March 30th but Gary advised that we can extend it. Patricia will talk to Langham Court about a RNA hosting a play in February. A pancake breakfast was suggested for the spring.

Membership (Art)

Currently 214 members. The membership form will be going out in the next week or so. Patricia will add this to the newsletter.

Traffic (Jay)

No update

Emergency Preparedness (Marnie)

It was suggested that we have an institutional level meeting with local school districts, Government House, Art Gallery, and Langham Court Theatre to plan for emergency response. We need to consider Emergency containers, helicopter landing and general coordination of efforts.

Environment /Woodland Garden (Dave)

No update

Communications (Patricia)

Patricia is starting to work on the January newsletter. Please send submissions.

Treasurer (Art)

We have approximately \$76,500 in the bank of which \$20,000 is for the coordinator.

Coordinator Position

Gary will read our coordinator posting and share it with potential prospects.

AGM Planning

AGM is currently scheduled for March 11th at Grace Lutheran. Patricia is looking at changing this to March 13th or the following week, so Sandra can be there to take minutes. Marnie will ask Doug Clarke to present Emergency Preparedness at our AGM.

Also, Dave and Carollyne can present on the Mapping project.

We need a new Finance director, plus 2 more directors

Quickbooks

Jay advised that Quickbooks is available online for \$16 per month. They also have a non-profit version. Jay has experience setting this up and volunteered to do this for us.

A discussion was held and we decided to wait until we have a Finance Director in place. Once established, all entries from January 1st will be entered into quickbooks, so we will have the full year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44

