

Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

1401A Rockland Avenue

July 12, 2017

Present: Janet Simpson (JS), Marc Hunter (MH), John Edwards (JE), Bob June (BJ), Vanessa Dingley (VD), Lawrence Bortoluzzi (LB), Dave Clark (DC), Susan Wynne-Hughes (SW-H), Art Hamilton (AH), Pamela Madoff (PM), Gary Pemberton (GP)

Guests: Sean Leitenberg, Brian Thorne

Absent: Dave McWalter (DM), Sue Simpson (SS), Stephen Roughley (SR)

Meeting called to order at 19:02

- Agenda
 - Motion to approve (JE/DC)
 - Approved unanimously
- Minutes of May 10, 2017
 - Motion to approve (DC/AH)
 - Approved unanimously
- Councillor's Report
 - In addition to the May 2017 Update for Rockland
 - GP: New rack card Victoria Together Against Graffiti (VTAG) with unified contact information
 - Art Gallery Paint-in is this Saturday.
 - Ship Point, new round of discussion on development proposals. Open Houses on July 22 and July 24. Background documents may be found on the City's web pages.
 - Council will consider "Visual Victoria" on Thursday morning
 - Also on Thursday, a workshop on the Gonzales Neighbourhood Local Area Plan (LAP). High level, overarching principles mixed with very specific direction. May be of interest to RNA land Use Committee members as heads up for our own LAP process.
 - Discussion concerning the source of some of the specific directions. PM: based on surveys, workshops, but ultimately shaped by those who participated in the process. When people make choices, do they understand the impacts of those choices?
- Calendar Review
 - Treasurer to file T-2; resubmit GST rebate as forms have changed.
 - Summer newsletter deadline is July 15
 - Government House Soiree notice August 25th
 - Rockland-wide Yard Sales event August 19th
 - VTAG notice
 - RNA Website introduction.
- Business Arising
 - LAP
 - Propose a workshop for LUC members September 19th
 - Website Training
 - Those interested send SR notice of your availability in August

- o Soirée at Government House
 - Arrive 5 pm (receiving line) for 5:30 start. Dress is business casual.
 - Special invites to Cst. Sean Hand, Police Chief Del Manak, PM, GP. RNA will cover costs for those invitees.
 - Motion - (MH/BJ) to increase the budget for this event to \$3000. Carried unanimously
 - JS will get early notice out over NEIGHBOURS list serve
 - VD will act as RSVP contact. One week prior to event, get confirmed numbers to Heidi at Government House

- New Business
 - o RNA Credit Card may be required to obtain “Kismet” security to cover costs that may be associated with restoring functionality if the RNA web pages are hacked.
 - o IM: how do we action suggestions and comments that are provided on membership application forms. Discussion.
 - o Canada 150 BBQ at Grace Lutheran Church on July 23rd. Is notice of this event suitable for NEIGHBOURS List Serve?
 - Motion (JS/LB) to post notice of this event to the NEIGHBOURS List Serve.
 - Discussion. Current guidelines on suitability of notices does not deal specifically with church activities. On one hand our strategic Plan states that we will support religious institutions within our neighbourhood. On the other hand there were several who were uncomfortable with publicizing an event that may be focused on recruitment. It was proposed that this be a topic for our winter strategy workshop.
 - 6 votes against, 2 in favour, motion defeated.
 - o Kasapi Construction may be moving ahead with development off Oak Shade Lane. Six linked lots and Alley paralleling Richmond Street.
 - SWH with follow up with Chris Butterworth for more information.
 - o Guest Sean Leitenberg talked of a heritage salvage / restoration process kitty corner to Sir James Douglas Elementary school that resulted in an 1870’s home moved to a new foundation and repurposed as a 7-unit strata. SL now owns a home on Richardson, east of St. Charles, and wants to explore the possibility of developing some lower cost housing, e.g., 2000 square foot homes on 3000 square foot lots. Three lots in a row are currently on the market. Townhouses are currently proposed for properties immediately across Richardson (in Fairfield - Gonzales Neighbourhood). What is the RNA vision? Discussion, with the conclusion that this will be a topic of discussion in the upcoming LAP consultations.

- Meeting was adjourned at 20:48 (BJ/VD)

- Next Board Meeting-September 13, 2017 @ 1401A Rockland