

Rockland Neighbourhood Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

1401A Rockland Avenue

October 11, 2017

Present: Bob June (BJ), Vanessa Dingley (VD), Lawrence Bortoluzzi (LB), Dave Clark (DC), Art Hamilton (AH), Gary Pemberton (GP)

Guests: Sean Leitenberg, Brian Thorne

Absent: Janet Simpson (JS), Marc Hunter (MH), John Edwards (JE), Dave McWalter (DM), Sue Simpson (SS), Stephen Roughley (SR), Susan Wynne-Hughes (SW-H), Pamela Madoff (PM),

Meeting called to order at 19:04

Secretary's note (DC): It may be that we did not have a quorum of directors for this meeting. Bylaw says that we may from time to time establish the required number of Directors to achieve a quorum, but absent that, a majority (i.e., 7) is required. I seem to recall that in the past we have set the threshold lower, but I don't have any documentation.

- Agenda
 - Motion to approve (LB/AH)
 - Add Business Arising - update by guests Sean Leitenberg, Brian Thorne
 - Approved unanimously
- Minutes of September 13, 2017
 - Motion to approve (LB/VD)
 - Approved unanimously
- Staff liaison Report (GP)
 - Fort Street bike lane construction is underway.
 - Fact sheet on short-term rental policy. Open house at City Hall on October 24th.
 - Festival (\$1000) and Investment (\$5000) Grants have an intake period that expires October 15th. Next intake will be mid-March.
 - Discussion: could be used to assist next year's version of the Outdoor Movie Night, or equivalent.
 - Could be used to assist in surveys or design charets to elicit neighbourhood values and opinions to guide our positions leading into the anticipated Local Area Planning (LAP)
 - Presentation for November Board Meeting - a ten-minute PowerPoint presentation on the City's budget process targeting community volunteers.
 - Question (BJ) - any update on timing to initiate Rockland LAP? - GP: at least 6 months away.
- Calendar Review
 - Autumn newsletter deadline is October 15
- Business Arising
 - Guests Sean Leitenberg and Brian Thorne shared an information package they have prepared that shows the potential for townhouse developments in the 1600 block of Richardson should proposed Gonzales Townhouse Zone be applied to the Rockland side of the street. Document is intended to stimulate constructive dialogue on appropriate density strategies in well-serviced areas.

- ACTION: BJ will distribute digital copy to all Directors, and add as agenda item for the next LUC meeting.
 - Website Training
 - SR proposes a second training session associated with the November 8th Board meeting
 - Discussion: How long? Could it be held prior to 7 pm board meeting? Is internet connectivity required? DC offers to host at his home if there is interest to schedule the training for a different date.
 - Member feedback from membership forms
 - Deer is one of the hot issues, along with maintaining the residential character of the neighbourhood.
 - Get speakers to educate residents on the issue and options for deer management, and a separate speaker for Heritage values.
 - AH met with IM, re: membership systems. May not need the technology that AH has used in another organisation. IM is happy running and maintaining the current membership system. Could add some new payment options e.g., “interac e transfer”.
- New Business
 - Kam Lidder, VD and AH met with MLA Carol James (CJ).
 - CJ meets regularly with her honour Mayor Lisa Helps
 - Discussion around proposed development at 1201 Fort Street. Other possible uses for properties like this such as parkland or performance space. Land swaps between the City and the Province are a possibility.
 - Discussed tax status of not-for-profit public institution landuse being sold to for-profit development.
 - Pacifica Housing would like to deliver a presentation on Affordable Housing to the AGM next winter.
 - DC would like to initiate a conversation with a Fernwood contact regarding the use of surveys and facilitated events to both gather and disseminate information that will help us form our positions as we enter the cycle of LAP. Too late for this grant uptake cycle?
 - Discussion: General agreement that DC should proceed to discuss the survey possibilities with Fernwood.
- Meeting was adjourned at 20:53 (BJ/VD)
- Next Board Meeting-November 8th, 2017 @ 1401A Rockland.