

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Volunteers' Cottage, Government House, 1401 A Rockland Avenue
Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Dave Clark, Anthony Danda, Bob June, Lawrence Bortoluzzi, Dave McWalter

Guests - Pamela Madoff, Phil Calvert (LUC), Don Cal (LUC), Marc Cittone (City of Victoria)

Absent: Chantal Meagher, Danielle McQueen, Geoff Young (council liaison) Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Local Area Planning Process Update:

Presentation by Marc Cittone, Senior Planner, City of Victoria

Foundations:

1. Sustainable mobility (transit network, connection to land use, new technologies, safe active transportation network)
2. Housing Choice and Affordability (improve affordability, - half of housing needs are for low to moderate income)
3. Climate Mitigation and Adaption (low carbon buildings, mobility, waste management, municipal operations) Target 80% GHG reduction by 2050

Plan is to create vibrant villages, housing choices and affordability, safe and sustainable mobility, welcoming public spaces.

Strategic focus on Villages and Corridors

City is planning on accommodating 20% of the projected CRD population growth (projecting a Victoria population of 110,000 by 2041)

Official Community Plan (OCP) Review:

OCP is part of the broader regional strategy.

Plan is to accommodate 50% of growth in the downtown core and 40% of new growth within 5 km of core in villages, and 10% outside of that area. Emphasis on vibrant walkable communities, diverse and affordable housing, employment growth, downtown remains heart of region, transit, parks, multi-generational neighbourhoods, resilience, strategically focused local area plans.

The local area plans will be used to update the OCP. The land use map is still the governing policy.

Outside of villages and corridors, the city is initiating a city wide "missing middle" housing project (anything between a single detached home and an apartment building). Must meet a list of principals (heritage, rental, affordability, etc)

There was discussion about interpretation of plans and requirements to stick to the plan, and also pre-zoning, re-zoning and model zonings.

There are three phases of corridor planning, which will begin in the fall.

1. Quadra Village, North Park, Fernwood,
2. Oak Bay Village, Fort Street and Stadacona Village
3. Oaklands

Land use planning is connected to transportation and sustainable mobility, urban design and public space design.

Discussion on Growth Management Framework and Future Land Use Designations within 400 metres of urban villages.

OCP is a bylaw, but does not include detailed zoning or regulation. OCP will be used with the Policy Toolbox (includes OCP land use map, zoning, design guidelines, bonus density and amenities, development charges etc.)

Neighbourhood plans are advisory.

Discussion about development and affordable housing.

RNA is eligible for \$10,000 for community led pre-planning. Goal is to increase the diversity of voices and build diversity. Must be relevant to scope and timing of LAP process and must support diverse engagement. A letter of intent is required. Flexible range of activities may apply.

Agenda

Motion to approve - Bob, seconded Dave, approved unanimously

December 11th 2019 minutes

Motion to approve - Art, seconded Lawrence, adopted, no changes

Councillor's Report (None)

Neighbourhood Update (None)

The City's In Your Neighbourhood report was distributed before the meeting.

Calendar Review

Jan 13th RNA/ Langham Court Company event
Anthony is working on the year-end financial statements.
The annual membership to Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is paid.

Feb12 Board Meeting

Prepare for Annual General Meeting

Send to all members
1) a notice of the meeting,
2) an agenda,
3) supporting material
Arrange scrutineers

VCAN Update (None)

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Bob)

1224/26 Richardson - Rezoning sign was recently put up - Bob contacted Planning Dept and is awaiting a response.

City Housing Conversion Bylaw Updating (for houses up to 1984) - We have until Feb 10th? to respond. Bob requested we read and provide comments to him by Friday, Jan 10th.

Missing Middle Housing Initiative is still in the early stages. Bob recommended we read and expressed concern about 3 story apartment blocks being allowed anywhere.

All Ages Accessibility Biking/Mobility on Richardson - Bob tried to get updated diagram, but its not available. This is going to council soon, but no date has been set. The Gonzales Neighbourhood Association is opposed to taking busses off Richardson.

Bob has received responses from a dozen people who will be meeting to form the Citizen Led Heritage Conservation for Rockland. The first meeting is on Jan 17th at Craigdarroch Castle.

MOTION: Bob motioned to allocate up to \$500 for printing and meeting room costs for this group. Seconded by Dave. Discussion ensued. We have the funds and support this. Approved unanimously. Bob will request quarterly updates from the group.

Dave M:

1617 Rockland - in the process of consulting with neighbours

1737 Rockland - trees were removed mid December along driveway. Proposing adding 2 houses and accessory building.

Membership (Art) - No report as we are just starting the count for 2020. The RNA website needs updating. Since Danielle is unavailable, Art will contact Melissa Mills, who has worked on this before. Sandra to work with Melissa to learn and be Danielle's back up in the future.

Environment (Dave C) - Dave referenced Lisa Helps statement about planting additional trees, and suggested we co-operate with Govt House to raise saplings. Also suggested a UVIC student should analyze data for the Tree protection bylaw.

Social

Sandra advised that printing Costs for the Langham Court event leaflets was approximately \$150. An increase is needed to the \$200 previously allocated for the event to ensure we have enough to fund snacks.

MOTION: Sandra motioned we increase the allocation to \$300. Seconded by Dave, discussed and approved unanimously.

Dave C advised that we received a \$1,000 grant for the Arts Precinct block party. (lead by Langham Court and the Art Gallery)

Marc is exploring having another movie night at Craigdarroch Castle.

Welcoming (no updates)

Woodland Garden (no updates)

Unfinished Business: (None)

New Business:

AGM

Sandra suggested a presentation from the city on Go Victoria, with a focus on the Richardson Corridor. It was advised that this will depend on timing as they want to present to council before the public.

Bob suggested a presentation on how the Missing Middle Housing objective would effect Rockland.

Bob to explore both of these options.

We need to explore presentation capacity of Langham Court Theatre for our AGM speakers.

Art advised that Janet declined the nominating committee job, so we need to seek another candidate.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th, 2019 7 PM at the Volunteer's Cottage, Government House, 1401A Rockland Ave. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.