

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Volunteers' Cottage, Government House, 1401 A Rockland Avenue
Wednesday, February 12th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Dave Clark, Anthony Danda, Bob June, Dave McWalter, Chantal Meagher, Danielle McQueen, Geoff Young (council liaison) Gary Pemberton (neighbourhood liaison)

Guests: Tony James and Wil Wiens (KPL James Architecture Inc), and Omar Lalani (Trillium Communities)

Absent: Lawrence Bortoluzzi,

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Proposed Trillium Expansion and Renovation

1006 St Charles rezoning application

Plan is to retain the front half of the original heritage house facing St Charles, add an extension to the rear, create a new central entrance/lobby, add underground parking and renovate the interior. All units are rentals. 95% of existing residents came from Rockland. A single drive isle at the rear of the property is planned to keep the existing trees. Direction from city planner is a rezoning application should conform to the current zoning on the existing manor.

Dave M enquired about number of parking spots. Answer: Existing 16, 25 after. Parking is for mainly for staff. Parking currently in the front yard can be reverted back to landscaping.

Chantal enquired as to number of residents. Answer: Current 53, adding 37 for a total of 90.

Mark enquired about potential impacts residents might have on the neighbourhood. Answer: minimal. The building is secure. Trillium is 80% private care.

Bob enquired about driveway being almost right on the property line, and also about the flat roof. A discussion ensued.

KPL will present plans at the next land use committee (the first Wednesday of March)

Agenda

Motion to approve - Art, seconded by Dave, approved unanimously

January 8th 2020 minutes

Motion to approve - Bob, seconded Dave, adopted with minor changes

Councillor's Report (Geoff)

1475 Fort Street - It has been questioned if residents of adjacent building were properly notified of setback changes.

Richardson Bike Path - many comments have come in to the city of which 85 % have been unsupportive (concerns about safety and traffic flow) - but no alternatives have been suggested. There was discussion about alternatives and traffic impacts of traffic diversion.

Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

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

Seniors Action Plan - there was an open house, town hall meeting.

Topaz Park Improvements - \$8M improvements going ahead including artificial turf and bike park. No construction start date yet.

Tree planting - Goal is to plant 5,000 trees. city is looking for tree champions - workshops on pruning coming up Feb 22nd at Fernwood Orchard. Ideas/comments can be sent to Alex Harned or Geoff.

Gary is running the city's neighbourhood champions course

April 4th is the bi-election.

March 1st is the next opening for My Great Neighbourhood grant applications. The application window is 6 weeks.

RNA to provide comments to Traffic calming staff at city.

The City Engineering director is leaving - the position has not yet been filled.

Engagement summit in the works, date TBD. Half day session open to the public to be held in the community. Up to 200 people can attend.

Calendar Review

March 11th Board Meeting

March 25 AGM Meeting

PO Box rental has been paid.

VCAN Update (Chantal)

Chantal was unable to attend the last meeting.

There was a discussion about Insurance. We have director liability insurance but not activity liability. Fairfield used to coordinate this for all neighbourhood associations. Anthony will investigate.

Deer management - Dave to pull together resources on urban deer for our website.

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Dave)

1224/26 Richardson has gone to design advisory panel. Minimal changes were requested.

1475 Fort development - neighbour upset about lack of notification of setbacks. RNA is not involved as this is not a rezoning. The neighbour will come to the next LUC meeting to gain an understanding of city processes.

1737 Rockland - 4 of the trees that were removed were bi-law affected. Project is in design phase.

1617 Rockland - has gone dormant for now

Membership (Art)

48 have been paid for and mailed out to date.

Social

The Langham Court Company event was went well, but attendance was lower than anticipated due to the snowstorm. A block party is planned for the Spring.

Welcoming

11 new neighbours were welcomed last month.

Woodland Garden

A new path will be constructed soon (with grant funds)

Environment (Dave C) - no updates

Unfinished Business:

Children's Garden: Unlikely to proceed at this time, due to provincial government fiscal restraint

2020 AGM Planning:

Speakers - City to Present on Go Victoria (20 minute presentation and 15 minutes for questions)
Chantal to send Sandra last year's booklet (40 copies approximately to be available at the meeting)

Dave - nominations committee and membership (Anthony and Dave, Heather to be there)

Food - Cookies, coffee and tea

Director Changes - The board discussed the potential director changes for 2020.

Nominating Committee - Art trying to find a candidate to fill this role.

New Business:

The Art Gallery is making minor modifications to its expansion proposal to mitigate cost increases. The city vote is tomorrow, and it is likely to go ahead.

Art: St Matthias is available as a meeting location. The Art Gallery and St Matthias have both requested items be posted on our website. Danielle to train Art and Sandra.

The board discussed how to deal with a potential conflict of interest. It was decided that when a project affects members personally, they can provide valuable information to the board, so should be part of the discussion. They would however, recuse themselves from a vote.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 7 PM at the Volunteer's Cottage, Government House, 1401A Rockland Ave. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.