

**Rockland Neighbourhood Association**  
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Volunteers' Cottage, Government House, 1401 A Rockland Avenue  
Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Art Hamilton, Sandra Jackman, Dave Clark, Bob June, Geoff Young (council liaison). Gary Pemberton arrived at 7:40 (neighbourhood liaison)  
Guests: none

Absent: Lawrence Bortoluzzi, Danielle McQueen, Chantal Meagher, David McWalter, Anthony Danda,

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Agenda

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

February 12th 2020 minutes

Motion to approve - Dave, seconded by Art, adopted with no edits

Councillor's Report (Geoff)

Geoff enquired if RNA had liability insurance coverage - Bob advised we have this through VCAN

My Great Neighbourhood Grants applications close April 15th

Dave suggested the following ideas:

- Salvaging wood to make benches from cut trees.
- AGGV banners for Rockland Ave
- Gary Oak Seeding Program - working in collaboration with Friends of Govt House to raise saplings (Geoff advised these trees are highly allergenic, so not the best choice) Gary advised that the city has a list of eligible trees.
- Information projects (ie historical conversions, mine tree lidar data, etc.)

A \$10,000 grant is available for a community garden co-ordinator. RNA is applying for this for Janet Simpson to manage the Rockland Woodland Garden and co-ordinate volunteers.

The Richmond Bike path is going to council soon and is expected to be approved

1475 Fort Street - Neighbours upset over consultation process

The city is making it easier to convert heritage buildings to multi-units. Art enquired about "air space" Geoff explained that it relates to multi-story buildings with a split commercial component, so likely not relevant for Rockland.

### Neighbourhood Update (Gary)

The City's In Your Neighbourhood report was distributed before the meeting  
2020 My Great Neighbourhood Grant process is open. Grants (up to (\$5k) can be used to plant trees, emergency preparedness activities, etc.

The by-election will be held April 4th. There are approximately 10 candidates for the vacant councillor position- write ups are available on line.

Neighbour Day - 1st Sunday in May (3rd) - \$500 can be given to neighbourhood associations to manage this event.

A mural roster and tool kit is now available from the city. Dave asked if we could use this for banners - he and Gary to discuss.

Bob suggested the city post a list of previous grant projects on the website to jump-start ideas.  
Webpage: <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/Neighbourhoods/my-great-neighbourhood-grant-program/2016-grant-recipients.html>

### Calendar Review

March 25 AGM meeting  
April 8th board meeting

### VCAN Update (Bob)

Lisa Helps will attend the next VCAN meeting to discuss the future of CALUCs. It is anticipated that she wants them discontinued.

There is a continuing rumour that the city wants to reduce the number of neighbourhood associations from 13 to 8.

### **Committees Reports:**

#### Land Use (Dave)

Linden and Fort - 2 houses at the corner have an old contract with the city for their property usage. They are currently going through a rezoning process with will result in regular zoning.

1475 Fort Street - Proposal is for a tall 4 story apartment. Zoned for height of 40 feet, the request is for 50 feet. Setback request is 7 feet on east side, 9 feet on west, 12 on back. This is a development permit with variances, not a rezoning, so goes directly from planning to council. This will require some significant tree removal.

St Charles Manor (Trillium Care Home) is entering rezoning process.

1675 Rockland (Patly Place) no updates

1224-26 Richardson to go to Committee of the Whole shortly likely with no changes

Environment (Dave C) - no updates

Membership (Art)

63 have been paid for, and 10 more in process.

Social

A joint block party is being planned. Meeting to be held in late March with AGGV (Julie) and Langham court Theatre (Michelle)

Welcoming

No new neighbours were welcomed last month.

Woodland Garden

No updates

### **Unfinished Business:**

2020 AGM Planning:

Speaker: City of Victoria speaker cancelled.

A discussion was held about whether to delay the meeting. Discussion ensued about difficulty in getting directors, lack of depth in the committees, availability reschedule Langham Court theatre.

### **MOTION:**

Bob motioned that we postpone our AGM until October with deliverables including appointing 4 new directors to allow time to get messaging out, and decide how we want to move forward.

Marc seconded. Discussion included actions to be taken between now and October - recruitment, business as usual, communications (fliers by end of May), survey. Bob Suggested a flyer with one side about predicament and other side with a questionnaire asking what people want to see.

Deliverables:

1. Appointing 4 new directors - Art offered to phone every person that indicated they would be interested in being involved.
2. Deliver a flyer by the end of May with identifying our predicament, and a short survey asking what they want to see

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Fernwood Civic Election All Candidates Meeting**

Meeting is Saturday, March 21st at 1 PM - can anyone help with set up or take down? Art volunteered, and will post info on our website. Marc to check his availability.

Bob suggested we explore hiring someone to maintain our website. Art to contact Melissa, who provided training in the past.

**MOTION:**

Dave motioned that the RNA board be allowed to use video meetings technology on an ad hoc basis and that attendance by video counts as part of the quorum. The priority would continue to be on attendance in person.

Motion seconded by Art, a discussion ensued, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 7 PM at the Volunteer's Cottage, Government House, 1401A Rockland Ave. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.