

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors
Outdoors, 1010 Moss St.
Wednesday September 9th, 2020

Present: Marc Hunter, Art Hamilton, Chantal Meagher, Bob June, Dave Clark,
Guests: none

Regrets: Sandra Jackman, Dave McWalter, Geoff Young (council liaison), Gary Pemberton
(neighbourhood liaison)

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda

Motion to approve - Bob, seconded by Chantal - approved unanimously.

July 8th 2020 minutes

Motion to approve – Dave C, seconded by Marc - approved unanimously.

Councillor's Report (none)

Neighbourhood Update (to come)

Grant programs are still open.

The city has funding for grants for up to \$5,000 for Resilience and Recovery. Project examples including mutual aid, food security, gardening, kindness hampers, meal preparation, neighbourhood security (beyond block watch - newsletter, supplies, functions, ensuring neighbourhood is safe and walkable).

Calendar Review

September – Heritage Society membership

- Annual Domain maintenance fee. Will they send us a renewal notification?

Business Arising from the minutes

Signing Authority update. - Need to meet at the bank to change signatures.

Try next Monday am. BJ, CM, AH, DC.

VCAN Update (Chantal)

3 current issues:

- Group Liability Insurance, requires letter to the city. Different risk, cost structure for community associations with facilities and programs.

- United front from VCAN re homeless camping.

MH: sympathy for those who need help; the associated predators are a police problem. No need for NA to poll their residents.

CM: because was a seniors' facility, why not use it for homeless seniors?

Temporary land use issue?

BJ: Nothing in our constitution that would suggest that we should weigh in.

MH: stepping outside our lane. We support City's general intent to distribute the solution across the CRD.

Letter that we saw was drawn up by one of the other Neighbourhood Associations. Flawed because it was site specific.

Do neighbourhoods have representation on the homelessness task force?

- Third VCAN issue is fundamental - what is the use and purpose of VCAN?

RNA Board supports Best Practices sharing, work towards unified approach to development proposals.

Disharmonious, some voices heard far too often,

City is less enchanted with their actions.

Evolved from a council of Association presidents, morphed into Land Use Chairs, and has swung back to general representation of community activists.

A constructive approach would be to determine VCANs mandate. Are there guiding principles or documents?

Committees Reports:

Land Use (Bob)

1475 Fort St apartment – Webinar meeting later today. Issue with the proposed process that would have parties submit questions through the Development Tracker for answer. Eliminates the opportunity for discussion, follow-up questions, ...

Benefits of a zoom-type meeting can be seen.

Motion: Dave C, seconded by Art, to authorize subscription to zoom

1737 (743?) Rockland LUC meeting tomorrow morning - city levied fines for trees taken down without license - proposal is for one 2 storey and one 1 story house.

New issue: covenants. It would be useful to determine if there are any encumbrances on properties proposed for development, before a lot of time is spent analyzing proposals. E.g., 1530 Despard property. 852 Pemberton. 1004 Terrace.

Moved Art, seconded by Dave that LUC be given a budget to search covenants on development properties. Carried unanimously.

Discussion: \$10 for brief scan, more for actual wording of covenants.

Underwoods on Craigdarroch are looking for a demolition permit. Three contiguous lots.

Environment (Dave C)

Nothing to report, but will think about grant projects - perhaps phase 2 Greenways.

Membership

Covid19 has negatively impacted membership - Currently only in the 70s. Suggested to email all recent members with a message that it is more important than ever to join the Association. Have a say in how the neighbourhood evolves.

Recruitment to the Board. Suggested to recruit to committees, and from there to the board.

Social

All social actives are on hold. We do have a \$1k grant for the block party - suggestion of perhaps an Art Walk instead.

Welcoming (Dave)

No welcoming happening at this time. Dave is wondering if we make the welcome package virtual. New owners at 1000 Craigdarroch, and at the corner of Manor and Rockland.

Woodland Garden

Positive feedback for the Jazz in the Garden event. About 40 people, physically distanced along the boulevards looked up to the jazz trio, high in the garden. Thanks, Janet, for organizing.

Unfinished Business:

Next AGM meeting initially planned for October, but new information suggests we don't need to hold the meeting before November 1, 2021. - the board to discuss another date as more information is known.

Motion by Bob, seconded by Dave, to put a message on webpage updating the status of the next Rockland AGM, delayed until we can do it safely.

Website tech support update

Art spoke with Melissa and suggested the RNA hire her for IT support in addition to web support.

Government House would like us to publicize their upcoming construction restrictions to access.

5:52 meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 7 PM via Zoom. Please advise Sandra if unable to attend.