



# **City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association**

## **Public Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, January 7, 2010 7:00PM

In attendance: 13 including MSRA Director including councilor Betty McIntosh

### **1. Variance Application or 315 Devoy**

**Greg Dunn**

- Replaced existing garage on property. Old garage was closer to property line. Mistake was made when the foundation was poured. Was directed to make application before the residents association. 4' 11" instead of 5 ft from property line.
- No windows on that side
- Have support from all surrounding neighbours
- Renovations will benefit the neighbourhood. Compliments the house. Has 10 letters of support

#### CONCERNS:

- How is this different than previous variance request?
  - Is just a few inches off the requirement.
  - Not on property line like that request.
- Concerned about variances being granted.
- In the past the residents association has not wrote letters of support but wrote a letter not denying it.

#### Motion

That we write a letter that we are not opposed to the variance

For: 5 against: 0

### **2. Ward Street Development**

**Donald Andrew**

- Had opportunity to buy 3 lots that represent the single family homes on the street

- Zoning allows apt building.
- Has not been to the advisory council yet
- 4 floors. Wood frame construction. Flat tiered roofs. Hardi Plank siding
- Will have one floor of underground parking with entrance from rear lane. 37 spaces for residents and visitors
- All 2 bedrooms suites

### Questions & Concerns

- Cannot have enough parking due to hospital and skytrain stations in area.
- Concerns over design not completely fitting into area
- Concerns over too many rentals in area. Suites are built as: for sale quality. Strata will decide on rental rules.
- What is timeline?
  - Design panel at the end of January.
  - Will be back before the residents association again.
  - Will be notifying neighbours around the development (300 ft around)

### **3. Traffic**

**Dana Hings**

- Richmond Street traffic calming. No parking on one side and shift the centre line over. Street is narrow.
- City is working with railways in regards to whistle cessation. Studying each crossing to see what is necessary to make safe for railway. Do not know how long.
- Discussion about the loss of crosswalk at Knox Street by Starbucks.

### Motion:

To have the association write a letter to the city asking them to retain the crosswalk at Knox St.

For: 7 Against: 0

- Buchanon and 8<sup>th</sup> St crosswalk to be upgraded
- Work along Columbia St. has started.
- Need to set up committee to deal with mosaics in sidewalk once work starts. Neil Powell and Dana Hings volunteered. Need to get businesses on board.

### **4. Other Business**