



City of New Westminster
McBride-Sapperton
Residents' Association

Public Meeting Minutes

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 6, 2006 7:00PM
In attendance: 23

1. Students Active for the Environment (Safe)

Mike Doucet, Jillian Kelly, Suzanne Cliff

Representatives from SAFE were present to discuss their petition to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides.

They will be petitioning the City to ban pesticides and brought brochures to outline alternatives to these toxins. In March 2004 City Council unanimously voted to prepare a bylaw to restrict the use of cosmetic pesticides, and to date there has been no action. Many other cities have enacted this ban. They include: Vancouver, West Vancouver, Port Moody, Gibsons, Toronto, Montreal, Hudson, QC.

A petition was left with Neil Powell to collect signatures.

Extra brochures are available through Secretary Dave Mullane or go to their Web site <http://safe.ca.googlepages.com>

2. Sapperton Historical Signage Program

Peter Van Garderen

- Mock up of sign was made available for viewing.
- Currently waiting approval for the sign locations. Approximately 80% done but the city engineer will on holidays for the next 2 weeks. Will finish off the approvals when he returns.
- When the approval phase is completed the City sign shop will put out an order to have the signs cut and then they will print out.

3. E. Columbia St Historical Mural

Peter Van Garderen

- Graffiti has been removed from wall
- Concept of mural is of a historical map of sites over a timeline. A mock up version was brought for everyone to view.
- This concept includes 6 major images (Stolo First Nations, Sappers Camp, Woodlands, The Pen, Royal Columbian Hospital and the Interurban) as well as other minor mages.
- We must decide whether to paint the mural directly on the wall or put up plywood panelling so that the mural could be removed if the building was ever torn down.
- The New Westminster Community Policing Group has pledged to help cover the cost of Graffiti proofing the mural.
- Still looking for volunteers and ideas for the mural. Contact Caralyn McLaughlin at cmclaugh55@shaw.ca with any ideas.
- Next step is to create a more specific sketch and look for any grants and donations.

4. Graffiti Issues

Neil Powell

- An increase in graffiti in the Sapperton area has been noticed.
- Contact Neil Powell, Geoff Pinkerton or bylaw enforcement (604-527-4622) if you see any graffiti.

5. Speed Humps & Traffic Issues

Dana Hings

Speed Hump Program

- The Princess St. prototype speed hump program has failed
- Only 11 residents were in favour.
- Kelly St. was once again denied speed humps.
- They will try to set up a delegation to go to City Hall to present their case.

Truck Traffic on 8th/Braid

- The City is seriously looking into removing truck traffic off of 8th/Braid St.
- They are currently looking for alternatives so that truck traffic can be banned.
- This corridor is not classified as a major road therefore the City does not have to go through the Province to make changes. They however must consult with Translink.
- The City has hired a consultant to look at this as well when a new traffic engineer is hired this will be a top priority for them.

6. Sapperton Days Feedback

Geoff Pinkerton

- Another successful Sapperton Day
- We raised \$1100 to go to the royal Columbian Hospital and approximately \$4000 with the Sapperton Street Festival.
- Congratulations were in order for head organizer Geoff Pinkerton

7. Other Business

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- Brian Coates from the City was present and asked for residents to contact him if they had an interesting backyard to photograph. Next years City calendar will highlight New Westminster resident's back yards.

Sapperton Plaza

- There was concern from a resident about having input into Sapperton Plaza which is currently under construction.
- The bricks have been saved.
- City Parks is consulting with the developer of the property; as well Knox Presbyterian Church has some input.

326 Hospital St.

- Home was previously boarded up as it had people squatting in it.
- Currently contractors are working on home to fix up.
- House is also up for sale.
- A local resident is concerned as she has seen the same people hanging around the area that had previously squatted in home.
- Neil Powell to follow up.