



City of New Westminster  
McBride-Sapperton  
Residents' Association

## Public Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, 17 Jan 2008 7:00PM

In attendance: 20.

Executive in attendance: Geoff, Ken, Dana

### 1. Introduction and welcome

**Geoff Pinkerton**

- Geoff welcomed those in attendance. There were 20 people there including representatives from Elizabeth Fry and the Lookout Emergency Aid Society.
- No City Councillors attended.

### 2. Elizabeth Fry Society

**Shawn Bayes**

- Shawn talked about the plans for expansion of the facility.
- In Sep 2006, they want to add another floor for residential housing and the MSRA has lodged opposition to it, so they re-looked at the building and are now wishing to add another floor to the building. BC Housing will apparently provide some funding.
- They would be looking at special rezoning for the one property and it is actually the City that is making the application to rezone it.
- The current zoning is C2 and the renovation could be done under C2, but the City wants to have a consistent process for all social housing zoning.
- Their current plan is to renovate the fourth floor and have a total of 33 beds.
- Shawn did a short presentation on what Elizabeth Fry is and what they do.
- There is an open house on 29 Jan 2008.

### 3. Lookout Emergency Aid Society

**Karen O'Shannacery**

- Karen did a presentation on what the Lookout Emergency Aid Society is and what they do.
- There is another homeless count being done on 1 Mar 2008.
- She talked about the changed to social housing that are currently happening in the City including their success with the Cliff Block whci was an SRO with lots of problems. Lookout bought it 7 years ago, renovated it and has 23 units.
- The Garfield currently is a 29 emergency bed shelter run by the Salvation Army. Lookout will be taking it over and it will have 24 units. This rezoning went through in 2007.
- The College Place Hotel has 59 units of affordable housing. It will be renovated into 40 suites. This rezoning will go through in 2008.

#### **4. Sapperton Plaza**

**Geoff Pinkerton**

- Geoff presented the plans that the City has for the plaza and a short discussion followed. They want to incorporate the Labatt gates. There will be a plaza on the extension of Knox Street and a greenspace near the Knox Church.
- The original park was put in place in 1979 with an agreement by the City to maintain it for 40 years.

#### **5. Traffic Update**

**Dana Hings**

- Dana did a quick talk about the Bailey bridge situation.