

City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

Location: Neil Powell's house

Date of Meeting: Monday, 26 Apr 2004, 7:00PM

Attendees:

Name:	Position:
Neil Powell	President
Ken McIntosh	Traffic and Parking representative
Kevin Little	Membership, Treasurer
Geoff Pinkerton	Vice President, Secretary

1. Emergency Preparedness.

Kevin will speak to this at the public meeting.

There was a writeup in The Record regarding Emergency Preparedness Week.

Neil will follow up and see if Cindy Pulvermacher is coming as a guest.

2. Financial and membership update.

Kevin will speak to this at the public meeting.

Those present agreed that we are uncomfortable with having funds in separate accounts and will strongly encourage Emma to put the heritage tree funds in the MSRA account.

3. Heritage and Signage.

Emma was not at the meeting, so there was no update.

Issues of note include:

- Status of street signs.
- Wording for sign in new building at 8th/Braid and East Columbia.
- Interpretive signage in Hume Park (in conjunction with Evergreen).
- Status of Woodlands plaque.

Archie Miller has apparently drafted an extensive document of heritage sites and points of interest in New Westminster with reference to the proposed

Walking Tour of New Westminster. Geoff will follow up with Brian to see if we can get a copy.

Geoff presented a suggestion for a street sign that was positively received. He will sketch up and present again.

4. Elizabeth Fry Society.

Neil advised that someone from the Elizabeth Fry Society will attend our next public meeting to inform us of the work that they do and just what goes on in the facility in our community. It would be good to open up some dialogue between us.

They apparently bought the vacant lot on the south side of East Columbia St. in the 400 block.

They are also having a barbeque in the park on 6 May 2004.

5. Traffic Update.

Kevin attended the last meeting as Ken was on vacation.

- He received some city wide traffic counts from Mark Allison.
- The City is trying to get the Sapperton Skytrain walkway covered as part of the Keary St. development.
- A light will be installed on the Bailey bridge in June (United Boulevard).
- There was much discussion regarding the format, alignment and layout of the proposed tee intersection of the United Boulevard connector and Brunette Ave.

Ken agreed to review and revise the "Traffic issues in Sapperton" page for the website.

Ken will pursue the issue of the East Columbia St. crosswalk at Hospital Street.

Ken will bring up the issue of truck traffic and the jake brakes on the 8th Ave. hill with the TAC once again. Neil will discuss this with Susan Wandell of the Massey-Victory Heights Residents' Association.

We discussed the greening of the traffic circles in lower Sapperton. Neil will follow up with Mark Allison again.

6. Sapperton Day and Sapperton Bike Festival update

Geoff advised that the organization has been going very well. We need to start approaching businesses and asking for sponsorship.

Ken and Neil both offered to help.

Neil advised he will make a list of businesses in the area. We can then split up the list and approach them. Amanda Kenny is still working on the flyer.

Ken advised that Knox church will be hosting a Tea.

Ken suggested that we invite the May Day Queen and the Hyack Ambassadors.

7. Future meetings

Meetings have been booked for the rest of the year. Dates will be posted on the website.

8. Other items

Neil attended the Skytrain Station Area Planning presentation. They are willing to bring their display board to Sapperton Day.

The development at East Columbia St. & 8th/Braid is held up at City Hall.