



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

Public Meeting Minutes

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2013 7:00PM

Chair: Geoff Pinkerton

Attendance: 35 people present

1. Email List

Kevin Little

- Kevin updated the Association's email list over Christmas
- **Question:** Would people like community information notices, such as police updates, sent out from the Association via group email?
 - Consensus among group was yes.
- **Question:** Do people feel comfortable with the Association sending out the occasional email that puts in recommendations for new businesses in the neighbourhood?
 - Consensus among group was yes.

2. Traffic

Babar Khalid

- Babar introduced himself
- Has contacted City, but hasn't heard back re: when meetings are held; therefore, hasn't yet attended a meeting of the Traffic Committee
- Discussed the following items that Babar will bring to the next Traffic Committee meeting:
 - light @ 6th and McBride – advanced left turn light doesn't always activate, causing massive backlogs of traffic extending along E. 6th, backing up to Cumberland
 - 18-wheeler trucks traveling along Richmond Street
 - an increase was noted in the amount of truck traffic and traffic in general on Patullo due to the tolled Port Mann Bridge

- A proposal was made to draft a letter to City Hall regarding the noted recent increase in traffic – especially truck traffic. Agreed.

3. Crime Prevention

Dee Beattie

- Dee has attended 2 meetings, the most recent being last week
- Information from these meetings includes the following: crime is at its lowest level in many years; most prevalent crime in New Westminster currently is theft from auto (mostly in the West End). Police recommend that people avoid leaving purses, remotes, and any valuables in cars.
- Feb. 5 – Business Improvement Association is holding a Raising the Roof event to provide support to the homeless
- Discussion re: recent garage break-ins in Sapperton
- Discussion re: Blockwatch. Kevin suggested that anyone wishing to start a Blockwatch on their block should contact Shelly Cole @ NRPD

4. Open Discussion Regarding Sapperton Issues

All

- Patullo Bridge replacement – need to keep an eye on this
- Development @ Braid and Brunette – have not heard anything about this recently
- Reminder that the NW recycling depot now takes Styrofoam
- Kevin reported the Association's bank balance: \$4,400+; Geoff envisions the money being used for something to stay in Sapperton (eg. Decorative lighting, banners, etc.).
- Sapperton Days – usually the 2nd or 3rd weekend in June; driven by the Sapperton Business Association; Geoff suggests the MSRA should take a more active role in it this year
- Smart Meter issue: should be cognizant of this issue; at some point in near future, NW Electric will need to decide if they will be following Hydro's lead on this. RA should consider what its position is on this.

5. A.G.M. and Election of Directors

Geoff

- Geoff stepped down as President; Dave Mullane and Peter Van Garderen have also stepped down from their Executive positions
- As per rules of the Election of Directors, the current executive stepped down
- Nomination of new Directors:

- Catherine nominated as President; accepted. Kevin Little and Jerry Somers nominated; both respectfully declined. Catherine elected by acclamation.
- Ross nominated as Vice-President; accepted. Elected by acclamation.
- Monica nominated as Secretary; accepted. Elected by acclamation.
- Kevin nominated as Treasurer/Membership; accepted. Elected by acclamation.
- Member at Large for Traffic: Babar nominated; accepted. Elected by acclamation.
- Member at Large for Crime Prevention: Dee nominated; accepted. Elected by acclamation.
- The following members were nominated as Directors at Large, accepted, and were elected by acclamation:
 - Jerry Somers
 - Lutz Holfield
 - Anita Riddell
 - Dana Hings
 - Geoff Pinkerton

- Discussion over website updating/maintenance. Lutz/Jerry will work on this with help from Dee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting: 1st Thursday of March, 2013.