



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 07, 2013 @ 7 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Agenda

1) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine Cartwright

2) New MSRA Meeting Schedule - Catherine Cartwright

- Because Knox Church needs the meeting space on Thursdays, meetings will be moved to Wednesdays – the 3rd week every second month
- The meeting schedule for this year is: May 15, September 18, November 20, January 22/2014
- At the Nov. 20 meeting, upcoming dates for 2014 will be reviewed
- No summer meetings will be held unless there's an emergency item

3) MSRA Website – Jerry Sommers

- Jerry got the editing rights for website on March 06
- He is currently learning what to do with website
- He will be getting help with website from Dee Beattie
- Note: Check with Geoff to see who contact at City Hall is to let him/her know to attend MSRA meetings

4) NIMBE Community Clean-up – Anita Riddell

- Joshua from NIMBE was in attendance and spoke about February clean-up in Sapperton

- 1 ½ hours was spent by small group of volunteers picking up litter around Sapperton
- Results: 15 lbs. of garbage including 1,300 cigarette butts
- Would like to see it become an annual event, but Joshua would like to pass on the responsibility to another person from the neighbourhood
- He stressed the need for the active involvement of the RA, including through financial sponsorship and seeking sponsorship from other sources; the City is unable to give grant money to Joshua because he's an individual
- The event this year was supported by donations and grants, including generous support from Tim Horton's and Thrifty Foods
- Anita is willing to take on organizing a bi-annual event under the sponsorship of the RA; she suggested we encourage the involvement of local youth
- Anita suggested the next clean-up could be held the weekend after the RA meeting in September
- She will apply for a grant from the Vancouver Foundation and she will also stay in contact with Joshua for guidance and support
- Gord Hobbis stated he would take a message back to the Sapperton Business Association about the cigarette butts outside many of the businesses in the area (he also came up with the phrase "Trash Mob" to name our neighbourhood clean-up group)

5) Sapperton Day – Gord Hobbis

- The 11th annual Sapperton Day will be held this year on Sunday, June 9 and is sponsored by Sapperton Business Association; money raised goes to RCH Foundation
- Event brings approx. 10-12,000 people onto the street during the day
- Coordinators are looking for volunteers to set up tables, chairs and fencing, run the 50/50 draw, help with pancake breakfast and clean-up. Gord will send volunteer information to the RA email and it will be forwarded to the general membership. Also, anyone can come see him personally at Cap's to offer their volunteering services.
- Issue of traffic congestion in Lower Sapperton on the day itself was discussed. Particularly affects Kelly and Fader Streets where streets become jammed, sometimes by trucks who get stuck (ie. last year when truck was stuck on Fader roundabout). Suggestion that trucks and general traffic need to be diverted earlier at Brunette so they don't try to come through Lower Sapperton.

6) Community Policing Issues – Dee Beattie

- Due to illness, Dee was absent. No report given.

7) Traffic – Babar Khalid

- Babar brought the following information back from the New West Traffic Committee meeting:
 - a. **Re: issue on big wheel trucks in the area** – the City wants data for this. The RA will send out an email to the membership to send any observations of trucks coming through local streets to the RA gmail. This will be forwarded to the City.
 - b. **Light @ E. 6th and McBride** – the City does not want to actively use the left-turn signal light as it wants to discourage people from going to that intersection. They are trying to push people towards E. 8th.
 - c. City will be putting a controlled light @ Richmond and E. 8th Ave.
 - d. General traffic issues in New West – New Westminster is dealing with Surrey Council on the Pattullo Bridge issue; it seems no one plans to do anything until after the May provincial election to see what the new government plans to do with Translink
 - e. Babar suggested that we need to have proactive rather than reactive approach to approaching the City with traffic issues. He suggests getting a forum of the Ras together to discuss a common approach to talking to the City.
 - f. In the meantime, the City wants our thoughts on:
 1. tolling the Pattullo Bridge
 2. the bailey bridge at Braid/United Blvd
 3. parkade property downtown
 4. Please send all thoughts on these issues to Babar and he will take them to the next Traffic Committee meeting.
- Diane raised concerns over Buchanan Street: residents cannot get onto E. 8th Avenue to turn left, and even right, safely due to cars parked along E. 8th up to Richmond Street. She would like to lobby for a 2 hour only parking zone in that area. She will take up a petition in her neighbourhood and contact the City.
- She also suggests that the overhead crosswalk on E. 8th @ Buchanan should be one with flashing lights.

8) New Business - Everyone

- No one is attending the Sapperton Merchants' Association meetings re: Sapperton Days. It is difficult to attend because the meetings are at 9 am on weekdays.
- Railroad issues – discussion re: article in local paper recently about a committee that is forming to deal with rail issues, especially noise.
- Modo Car – purchased by E. Fry and donated back to (?); concerns that it is parking on Kelly Street, taking up a residential parking space on the street. E. Fry assured the neighbours during the recent public hearing that its operations would not impact local parking. Suggestion was made that this car should have designated parking on Sherbrooke Street, not Kelly Street. Babar will speak with the City about this.
- Ken Grekul – made a motion: to send out a letter to the other Residents' Associations in the City to get together for occasional meetings to discuss issues of common concern. Motion carried.
- Ken was also nominated for and accepted as a Director at Large for the MSRA.

Meeting adjourned: 9 pm.