



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

Public Meeting Minutes

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church

Date of Meeting: Thursday, Sept 8, 2011 7:00PM

In attendance: 22 including MSRA Directors

1. Elizabeth Fry Update

All

- Application to amend the OCP has been rescinded
- They have been reviewing what they could do with their own building
- They have not come back to the City
- It looks like it has been fixed up a bit
 - Someone saw some people going in

2. School at Sapperton Pensioners Hall

Lynda Fletcher-Gordon

- Purpose Society located in New West on Begbie St
- Have 11 sites with over 100 people employed
 - 4 day cares, after school care
 - Drug and alcohol services for youth
- Conductive Education program – cerebral palsy children
 - Helps the children's motor skills
- Approached by parents to start up a new school
 - There are many steps to follow
 - Need specific property
 - Sapperton Hall works on numerous levels
 - Good access
 - Good price
 - 4.5 days a week – 9 to 3

- Starting with 3 children – 10 within a couple of months
- Ages 5 to 12
- Need 10 children to receive provincial funding
- Different than the other school that they run
- No vote was taken on whether to support this application or not, but the general feeling in the group was quite positive about the project

3. Harvest Bell

Chris Bell

- Mike Fournier who presented at the last meeting has been fired
- Has brought up issues of trespassing – It is being denied and not getting any information
- Worried that company is trying to claim land that is not theirs
- They have been paving areas that are not theirs
- It looks like others are using this access as well
- Thinks the MSRA to be represented in any further meetings
 - Wants the MSRA to be aware of these issues

Motion:

Let the City know that we are concerned with the use of the Brunette River Foreshore Park at Harvest Power and would be like to be involved in future discussions on this land use with all the third parties involved.

- 13 for zero against
- Eric Westberg (City)
 - Will bring Chris's request of having an MSRA rep
 - Road seems to be on Crown Land – The Province would have to be the ones to challenge the land access.
 - City is concerned about this as well
 - This is considered to be the Central Valley Greenway
 - Different levels of Government have met to discuss getting Harvest Power in compliance.
 - No date for report to Council as of yet
 - No timeline for turning the land into Parkland. Could be 6 months
- The new representative has contacted the Residents Association and will meet next week.

- Residents Association can use the fall election to have an all candidates meeting and bring this topic up.
- How many Bylaw infractions does Harvest Power have on them right now?
 - City has met with new Representatives from Harvest Power
 - City expects full compliance to the bylaws
 - Consultants have been hired to assess their bylaw infractions
 - City has asked for Monthly updates

4. Discussion on Restrictive Covenant for Chevron-496 E Columbia Geoff Pinkerton

- Put in affect by the previous Sapperton Business Association to help affect future development
 - Larger store could directly affect neighbourhood
- Letter is read
- New development has been put in since then – Mac's /Quiznos
 - Neighbours may have an issue with expansion
 - Noise issues
- Gord Hobbis was not completely aware of the covenant and will poll Sapperton Business Association
- Would like more information on how big a new building would be
- Would need noise mitigation
- Would the covenant allow them to completely redevelop the property?
- Would like a copy of the original Covenant?
- Geoff will write to company to ask for more information on this.

5. Traffic

Neil Powell

- Buchanon and 8th crosswalk. Improvement have been made
- Will be hiring a traffic consultant and will be looking at all City Pedestrian crossing
- Set some time next meeting to bring forward to consultant.
- Large trucks are going up Simpson and Alberta St.
 - Neil Powell to contact WesGroup
- Speed limit signs in Sapperton
 - 30 km signs along Columbia seem to be missing

- Have not gone back up
- Geoff to send note to City
- Crosswalk by Starbucks has been re-considered. Report was presented to council
 - Went to Council Aug 29
 - Are not going to put one back at Starbucks
 - No additional crosswalks will be added
- Parking on Cumberland has increased since Miner added permit parking
 - Hospital workers are parking all around area.

6. Sapperton Day Review

- Traffic on Kelly St was terrible.
- Cars are unable to pass each other
- Suggest the lower streets are made one way
 - Geoff to take to Sapperton Day committee

7. Other Business

- When is OCP review coming up
 - No specific date. Starting within the next year and a half
- Lights along the hospital alley are not on.
 - Geoff to contact Hospital

Post meeting notes

- The original city-owned and RCH-maintained lights that were in the RCH-owned lane were removed at the City's request and replaced by the Copperstone developer with lighting that is supposed to be supplied and maintained by Copperstone
- The MSRA contacted the City and they have confirmed that the lighting will be addressed as part of the Copperstone off-site improvement work. Substantial completion of this work is planned for Dec 2011."
- Eric W from City
 - Sept 19-Centre block being demolished at 1pm
 - Parcel J at Vic Hill to Council
 - Town homes now 3 stories instead of 4
 - More 2 & 3 bedrooms

- Visitor Parking at Vic Hill – Monday
- Ward St – Demo of 3 house – Issued but conditions need to be met
 - Heritage plaque was done
 - Drawing of buildings there
 - Trying to keep tree on Property
- Copperstone Landscaping
 - Going out for tender tomorrow or early next week for offsite improvement
 - 3 week bid period
- Traffic on Garrett St. at rush hour
 - Would like to see a speed bump between Major and Braid

Next meeting first week in November