



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Attendance: 17 people

Agenda

1) Welcome and introduction of Executive – Catherine Cartwright

2) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine

- Catherine announced that the March 19 meeting and annual general meeting will be moved to March 26. No objections were voiced. Upcoming meeting dates are available on the MSRA website.
- Executive elections will be held at the March 26 meeting. All attendees were encouraged to consider forwarding their names for a position on the Executive.
- One new resident asked about the function of the MSRA and was told the MSRA acts as a liaison between the residents of the McBride-Sapperton area and the City of New Westminster. All attendees were encouraged to bring forward their issues to upcoming meetings.

3) Brewery District Update – Deanna Grinnell

- Deanna Grinnell (Director, Land Development for Wesgroup Properties) and Bob Nicholson (Director of Leasing) presented an update on the Brewery District development site
- Update highlights: There will be a total of 4 tall structures with a maximum of 30 storeys, minimum 12 storeys being built. They are planning to include an iconic structure. Buildings **may** include a hotel, commercial and residential space.

- Total parking spots: 1650 (1:1.2 ratio).
- Traffic issues were discussed at length. Deanna assured residents that traffic congestion is a big part of Wesgroup's discussions with City officials.
- The emphasis is on a "green" footprint.
- The first tall building's completion ETA is 2017/18.
- The corner building (#3) currently under construction is being custom-built for the Health Sciences Union.
- Ross raised a question about the proposed incineration project and the Brewery's district energy requirements. Deanna's response is that they will have very minimal to no requirements for energy generated by the incinerator project. The buildings are being constructed and will be constructed as energy self-sufficient; or at least with very minimal requirements for energy.
- Babar asked if Wesgroup can help intervene with the Thrifty Foods sale. Deanna and Bob's response seemed to indicate that the decision has already been made and that the new tenant should be announced in the near future. Wesgroup appears to be happy with the new tenant (they consider it to be at par with Thrifty Foods).

4) MSRA Website Update/Changes Update – Jerry

- The site is up and running. All material has been moved from the old to new site with the exception of the "Zoning/Planning" section as it requires updating.
- The website hosting is free for now.
- Increased traffic to the website may result in commercial pop-ups on site.
- If commercial pop-ups become annoying, we may want to opt for a paid site at a cost of approx. \$30 per year.
- Attendees were encouraged to visit the website and provide feedback.

5) Police Report – Dee Beattie

- Little to report; very few media releases from NRPD recently.
- Dee will attend the Committee meeting tomorrow night.
- General discussion re: number of crimes (attempted robberies) on Keary St.

6) Traffic – Catherine/Babar

- Items from Catherine:

- she received an email from President of the Queens Park RA requesting support from all New Westminster RAs for his recent letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting an immediate 24-hour truck ban on Royal Ave.
 - a suggestion was made that we should write our own letter expressing support in principal for the QPRA, but also expressing concerns noticed by Sapperton residents: increased truck traffic in our area and increased traffic in general on all routes in our area since the Port Mann tolls were increased.
 - Catherine attended a meeting last weekend organized by the Massey-Victory Heights RA President for all the RA presidents. It was a brainstorming session of ideas on traffic solutions – things that can happen soon rather than waiting for the outcome of the Master Transportation Plan. The plan is to come up with a consensus and send a letter to the City voicing the concerns in a unified way from all the RAs.
- Babar – Translink is planning more public open houses this year to discuss the 6 options for the Pattullo Bridge. Dates have not been made available yet.

7) Follow-up Issues - Catherine

- **Sapperton District Energy Proposal:** Catherine has been receiving emails from concerned residents about this issue; there seems to be mistrust in the community about this issue. She is looking for someone to be a neighbourhood watchdog on this issue, someone who can keep the RA informed on this issue. Wilf offered to keep an eye on this situation.

8) New Business

- Suggestion to have a discussion in a future meeting on the MSRA's position on laneway housing. Catherine suggested that we should have a City Rep. present to explain the City's plans around the issue.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 pm.

Next meeting: AGM - Wednesday, March 26, 2014 (changed from March 19).