



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Attendance: 12 people

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introduction of Executive – Catherine Cartwright**
- 2) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine**
- 3) Presentation by Owner of 709 Cumberland Street - Scott Whalen**
 - Proposal to rezone from RS-1 to RS-1/Heritage Agreement
 - 103 year old Edwardian style house on site. Lot size: 101' x 79' (8000 sq. ft)
 - applying to City for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement
 - wants to move house 20 feet and subdivide lot to build a second house
 - plans to completely restore original house to period; new house on lot would be built in Edwardian style
 - presented 3 renderings by architect, including samples of materials and colours
 - landscape plan was done by David Rose
 - plans are making their way through City Planning Dept.
 - this is first public presentation; he has about 3 more; open house will be held June 10

- has gone to Council and now needs to go to Advisory Planning Council and Heritage Commission; then would go to Heritage Revitalization Agreement before going back to Council for the 1st and 2nd readings
- Council has the final say
- He will be reducing the original house size by removing a 1940 addition which wasn't part of the original Edwardian design
- Anyone with concerns can express them to the City
- General feeling among those in attendance was that people were satisfied with the project

4) Presentation by Owner of 411 Rousseau Street – Mark Skryp

- Application for development variance for retaining wall
- Retaining wall has been there for 9 years
- Needs to get a variance to allow him to get a building permit for retaining wall; he will need to retroactively get approval because there was never a building permit for it as it is over 4' (1.2 m)
- Needs to satisfy Building Code and city by-law

5) NWCPD Police Report/Update – Lutz

- Update from the April 17 meeting (Lutz was unable to attend the May 15 meeting)
- Chip a Bike Program – bike owners are encouraged to put a chip in their bike to prevent thefts by enabling owners to track their bike's location
- Re: traffic – Lutz brought forward concerns about traffic to the NWCPD meeting. He was told 2 Special Constables will be brought in, specializing in truck safety monitoring; they will stop trucks coming through Sapperton for safety inspections, which will make movement through New Westminster less desirable for truck operators.
- Inadmissible Patrons policy – will be implemented in New Westminster to disallow known gang members from patronizing local bars, eg. Browns
- Homeless problem – there is a member of the police force who specializes working with people with mental health issues

- Chief Constable David Jones will be available to come speak to the RA in the future if we would like him to

6) Traffic Update – Babar not here to present

○ Road Network Classification – Catherine

- Catherine became aware that Richmond St., Cumberland St., and 4th Ave were going to be designated “neighbourhood collector roads”; she and the President of the Massey/Victory Heights RA wrote to the City to protest this plan.
- Jerry Behl, Transportation Engineer, wrote back to say that these roads will remain designated as ‘local roads’

○ East 8th and Richmond Intersection Update

- Council was going to vote at May 12 Council meeting for full signalization of this intersection
- Catherine wrote to Council saying that the MSRA expressed opposition to this last year
- Council took note of this and other opposition from members of the MSRA and the Massey/Victory Heights RA, and voted instead for a pedestrian-activated light and improvements to the tunnel under E.8th

○ City Report: ‘A Reasonable Approach’ re: Pattullo Bridge

- Catherine commented on the report. She feels we shouldn’t generate a response to this report as she has concerns that the ideas expressed within it are being given to appease New Westminster residents during an election year
- General discussion followed: what do we want to do?
- Around the room, people seemed to want to push for a regional plan
- Question: Do we write a letter saying this is our position and send this to the other RAs?
- Suggestion was given that we should draw attention to traffic issues citywide by doing things like having Citywide street hockey games
- Consensus was to come back in September with ideas on writing a letter to the Ministry of Transportation, the media, and surrounding City Councils regarding our position on the Pattullo Bridge debate

7) City-wide RA Forum – 05/14/14 - Catherine

- Catherine reported back on meeting held 05/14/14
- **Laneway Housing** – nothing to report yet; too preliminary. Catherine expressed concern that any policy should be consistent throughout the city and not exclude certain neighbourhoods, eg. Queen's Park
- **OCP Update** – it is a lengthy process and starts in June. There will be a meeting in Sapperton on June 18th, and it is really important that Sapperton residents attend and express our vision of our community
- Catherine strongly encourages us to attend and participate in this process.

8) Follow-up Issues

- **Sapperton Green** – nothing new to report. The developer is planning a community input meeting in the summer, but if it does not happen, it will be held in the Fall.
- **Harvest Power** – no updates; still in process

9) New Business

- OCP Community Open House – June 18, 5 – 8 pm @ Sapperton Pensioners' Hall

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 @ 7 pm