



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association AGM and Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Knox Presbyterian Church
Meeting Chair: Catherine Cartwright, MSRA President

Attendance: 14 members + 3 presenters
Rupinder Basi, City Staff Representative (Senior Planner)

Executive Members Present: Catherine, Babar, Lutz, Ross, Anita,
Geoff, Monica, Jerry

Regrets: Kevin

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introduction of Executive – Catherine**

- 2) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - Catherine and Executive**

- 3) 26 E. Royal Avenue (Victoria Hill) Building – Jason Newton (Onni Group), Taizo Yamamoto (Yamamoto Architecture), Florian Fisch (Durente Kreuk Landscape Architects)**
 - The presenters provided details of the new building:
 - 1.5 FSR density
 - rezoned in 2012 to lowrise density requirement
 - the rezoning came with strict guidelines which Onni has worked hard to adhere to
 - it is on a steep site which slopes down

- rezoning guidelines require access to underground parking from the lowest part of the site
- pedestrian space through the centre of the building effectively creates two buildings; this creates a connection to the park and green space and creates view corridors
- there will be 3000 sq. ft. of retail included; retail will be on southwest corner and have outdoor patios
- there will be 64 units, the majority of which will be 2 bedroom; a few 1 bedroom; some 3 bedroom; it will include 6 townhouse units
- because of the sloped site, entryways to units will be at different levels
- quite a bit of brick will be included in the design, which emphasizes horizontal lines; units will have large balconies
- Florian Fisch spoke about landscape design features
- Onni encourages people to contact them with any questions/concerns
- Process: they hope to start construction at the end of the year/beginning of next, with an 18-month construction period
- This is the last building to be completed on the site

4) NWTAC Traffic Update – Babar

- Alberta Street : temporary diverter has gone in. Once traffic settles down, the City will do another set of traffic counts
- There is a plan in place to do a study of traffic (perhaps in the Fall) throughout all of Sapperton
- Babar noted that a Sapperton parking study is being conducted. There will be an Open House on May 28th. Babar encouraged all residents to come and give their input.
- Catherine noted that she and others have tried several times to contact Jerry Behl to get answers to questions asked at the January meeting, but have received no response. She asked Rupinder to tell Jerry that we are waiting for a response.
- Wilf noted his concern over the effectiveness of the Alberta Street diverter.
- Apart from these issues, Babar said there has been no NWTAC meeting, so there is no news.

5) NCPD Police Report – Lutz

- Lutz raised the issue of the Shoppers Drug Mart robbery with the police. They said they are in close contact with the Transit Police and are monitoring the area.
- Lutz also noted that the NCPD meeting will be held on Thursday.
- He will send out the minutes of the meeting to the RA.

6) Old Business

A. OCP

- The process is ongoing. The mandate of the advisory committee has been extended and the next meeting will be in June.

B. Sapperton Green

- Catherine sent an email to Brook Pooni, but their response is that there are no new developments. They are currently working their way through the list of questions and information requests from the City, and hope to get to a public hearing for an OCP amendment before the summer.

7) New Business

A. Open House re: Parking Management in Sapperton

- An Open House will be held on Thursday, May 28 at Sapperton Pensioners' Hall, held by Bundt and Associates. The City is development options for parking management and is seeking public input.

B. Sapperton Garage Sale

- Catherine was contacted by Steve Kasper, who asked if Sapperton residents are interested in a Sapperton-wide garage sale like the ones held by the Queens Park and Massey Heights neighbourhoods.
- Interest was expressed around the table. The date proposed is Saturday, June 27th.
- Catherine requested that Rupinder ask the City if they can avoid sending parking enforcement officials around on that day.

C. Sapperton Day

- Guy Ciprian has asked if any “regular” helpers and new people who are interested in helping out on Sapperton Day could contact him.

D. Some History - Geoff

- In 2008, the MSRA decided to become a Not for Profit Society. In order to meet the requirements for this, we needed to file financial reports, but the person in charge moved out of Sapperton, so since then, we have not done so. He can only assume we are no longer considered a Not for Profit Society.
- The idea at that time was that we would buy low energy lights to put up along the shopping district on E. Columbia at Christmastime. Lutz said he looked into this, but the problem is that we have no place to store the lights in the off-season. He has received ideas from local residents to put up banners instead, as these are easier to store.
- There was also a discussion about the missing letters on the “Historic Sapperton” sign at the corner of 8th and E. Columbia. Geoff explained what has been happening: apparently the owner of the property has the letters on order and should be installing them when he receives them.
- There was a question about the RA presence at Sapperton Day. Geoff went over the history of the RA involvement in Sapperton Day. Rnold is interested in doing a survey at Sapperton Day. Catherine stated that he should speak to Guy about this.
- Attendees at the meeting were made aware of an app called Clickcityfix; this is an app available through the City. When people see things that need repair or fixing around the City, they can go on this app.
- A resident in attendance also brought up Place Speak, which is a forum for people in the neighbourhood to discuss local issues. It authenticates individuals by location. A discussion ensued about local interest in this forum.

8) Report from Treasurer – Kevin (not present)

- Kevin is not here tonight due to work commitments. Also, he did not have time to prepare the Treasurer’s Report.
- Catherine stated that as of the last bank statement that she has received, which was from December, 2014, the MSRA account has \$4,226.03.
- Some money has been set aside for a plaque on the Woodlands site (money donated by past residents) and a tree, which ended up being planted up on 2nd Avenue by Queens Park.

- Last year's membership was 32 members; this year's is 25 members.
- Catherine encouraged everyone to consider something meaningful that we can spend some of the RA funds on.

9) AGM and Executive Elections – Geoff Pinkerton

- All executive members resigned; thanks were expressed to all members of the past executive.
- All current members, except Ross, are interested in remaining in their current positions.
- Geoff called for nominations, and the following members were nominated and elected:
 - Catherine Cartwright – President
 - Rnold Smith – Vice-President
 - Monica Hardjowasito – Secretary
 - Kevin Little – Treasurer/Membership
 - Babar Khalid, Gerry Sommers, Lutz Holfield, Geoff Pinkerton, Anita Riddell and Ross Eichendorf – Members at Large

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 @ 7 pm