



City of New Westminster McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association

Public Meeting and AGM Minutes

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 7:15 PM

Attendance: 9 residents

Executive: Catherine, Jerry, Kevin, Babar, Geoff, Rnold (left early), and Monica (arrived late)

Regrets: Anita, Ross, and Lutz

Presenters: 5

City Representative: Rupinder Basi

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive

Catherine

- Catherine noted reasons for absences of missing Executive members, and congratulated Rnold on the birth of his baby daughter. She bumped Rnold's agenda item earlier in the meeting so that he could leave early. She reminded residents to pay their \$5.00 annual fee.

2. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 19, 2016 Meeting

Catherine

3. Branding New Westminister's Waterfront

Rnold

- Rnold attended the Rebranding New Westminister's Waterfront meeting. He brought a printout from the City. He mentioned that anyone can Google "New Westminister Waterfront Rebranding" and get a comprehensive list of features planned and participate in the interactive webpage.
- He noted that connecting the parts of the waterfront are priorities. Access is a major priority, and New Westminister residents have indicated they want space for eating, family gatherings, and event hosting. New West businesses point out that the river is an important economic driver.
- In response to question regarding the timeline for the Sapperton Landing to Quay access, he said that the City is looking at temporary and permanent solutions for connectivity in that area.

- Rupinder indicated that a bicycle/pedestrian bridge by the river is complicated by the river being a working river with marine traffic.

4. RCH Redevelopment – Update on Temporary Heliport and Parking

Presenters: Leslie-Ann Drumond, Senior Consultant, Communications

Larry Harder, Director, Capital Projects

Geoff Roberts, Director of Parking, Access and Commuter Services

Sam Collins, Architectural Consultant, MMM Group

- The main entrance parking lot work will be starting now and continuing until September. The Braid Street vacant lot is proposed for temporary staff and construction parking (with a shuttle bus commuting people to and from the hospital). The Heliport location will be changing.
- Phase 1 involves an Interim Heliport (this has been approved, and the preparations to start construction are underway); Phase 2 involves building a Permanent new Heliport; Phase 3 involves the hospital renovations. Phase 1 and 2 require a Business Plan and approval of that plan. The plan is due Fall, 2016.
- The parking lot near the main entrance will be temporarily expanded. The grass and approx. 40 trees will be removed (and will be replaced later). Over 25 trees have been spared for now.
- The Braid Street parking area is not for the public, but only for hospital staff and construction vehicles. They will be keeping rates low as an incentive to get parking off the streets. The late shift hospital staff will be located at the Sherbrooke temporary lot for safety reasons.
- The heliport must be moved. Landings wouldn't be safe when construction starts. It will no longer be relocated to Keary Street but will be on the Columbia Tower, as it is closer to the emergency, is at the highest point, allows for safer flight paths, is further from the construction site, meets Transport Canada Regulations, has elevator access, and so on.
- The long term plan is for the helipad to be atop the new Acute Care Tower.
- The public can go to fraserhealth.ca/royalcolumbian to sign up for updates.
- The discussion following the presentation focussed on concerns over sufficiency of parking being built, whether it will be able to accommodate future growth, and so on. Leslie Drumond said that a public traffic engagement will be held in June, that it will be advertised and sent to the MSRA.

5. Decluttering Workshop

Marnie Kurylo, Savvy Space Solutions

- Marnie presented many helpful suggestions for decluttering one's home and preparing for a garage or yard sale. She is willing to provide a summary of her ideas to Catherine for circulation to the membership as many people who were interested in her presentation were not present at today's meeting.

6. NTAC Traffic Report/Update

Babar

- No updates at this time.

7. Old Business

A. OCP Process

Catherine

- A meeting of the OCP Advisory Committee will be held May 19th. Catherine will attend and will bring back any information she gleans from the meeting.
- Catherine shared her concerns over the weight given to the opinions of people from outside the neighbourhood in contrast to people who live in affected areas. She is also concerned with the way laneway housing is being lumped in together with other forms of "low infill" housing. Catherine showed the petition result board that she created, and which she shared with City Council at a recent Council meeting.
- Discussed a letter that Monica wrote in draft form to Council. It was decided that Monica will email this letter to Catherine, who will send it out to the membership with a deadline to respond whether they endorse it as an RA-sponsored letter or not.
- There will be public consultation on the draft OCP in the Fall.

B . 2nd Annual Sapperton Garage Sale – June 25th

- Catherine will put together an email list of people who want to participate. She encouraged people to spread the word about this upcoming event.
- It will take place from 10 am to 3 pm.
- Steve Kasper will take out an ad in the newspaper the week of the garage sale. He will need a list of participating addresses one week beforehand.

C. 100 Braid Street/Urban Academy Proposal

- The public hearing will be held May 30. This is the last opportunity to have your voice heard.
- A brief discussion was held about this proposal with concerned noted about neighbours' opinions not being valued, the loss of industrial taxes at this site, safety issues, parking and traffic issues, and so on.

D. Brewery District – Upzoning

- The public hearing for this will also be held May 30.

8. New Business

A. Possible Summer Meeting re: OCP Process

- Catherine will keep members informed in case of any developments.

B. Sapperton Day – Sunday, June 12th

- Residents are encouraged to contact Guy Ciprian if they want to volunteer.

AGM and Election of Executive

- A question was asked about what we can spend our money on. Catherine mentioned that we have discussed this at a previous meeting. She plans to canvas members in the Fall to find out their preferences about how to spend the RA's money.
- Kevin reported that we have a healthy account balance of approximately \$4,500. The money has come from membership dues, past 50/50 draws at Sapperton Day, pancake breakfasts at Sapperton Day, and so on. Originally, the plan was to use this money to purchase Christmas lights, but that plan didn't work out due to storage issues. Therefore, we will need to "peg" the funds to a new project.
- The Executive resigned after Catherine thanked everyone for their service. Geoff then took over the meeting and ran the elections of the new Executive.
- Jerry and Lyna nominated Catherine for President. She was elected.
- Babar and Kevin nominated Rnold for Vice-President. He was elected.
- Wilf nominated Kevin for Treasurer and Membership. He was elected.
- Lyna and Diane nominated Monica for Secretary. She was elected.
- The following people were nominated and elected as Directors-at-Large: Babar, Jerry, Anita, Lutz, and Geoff.
- Babar indicated a desire to give up the Traffic Rep. position at some point.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 @ 7:15 pm