



Sapperton Residents' Association

The purpose of the association is to preserve and enhance the livability and quality of the Sapperton neighborhood.

Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 05, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Location: Knox Presbyterian Church

Attendance: 4 residents

Executive: Dee, Anita, Wilf, Jerry, Ross, Monica (minutes) **Regrets:** Geoff, Leslie, Keven

Presenters: Karen Hearn, Project Manager with NW School District; Sharat Chandra, Interim Project Officer, RCH Redevelopment Project

City Representatives: Dilys Huang

1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive **Dee**

2. Approval of Minutes from June 6th, 2019 Meeting **Dee**

3. Continuation as a Society **Dee**

- At the last meeting, we voted to decertify as a Society. After Wilf attended the RA forum and further research was done, it seems that for legal and liability reasons, we should remain a Society.
- **Motion (proposed by Dee):** To rescind the prior motion made on June 06, 2019, to decertify as a society. **Motion seconded by Wilf. Vote: Carried.**
- At the next RA forum, changes to RA boundaries will be discussed, so we will leave the RA's name as the MSRA on Society paperwork until then.

4. Richard McBride Rebuild Project **Karen Hearn, Project Mgr. with NWSD**

- Lynn from the City was present as well.
- Karen gave context on the evolution of this project, including the layout of the site.
- Pick ups and drop offs will be taken off School Street and moved onto the site.
- There will be a childcare facility for 37 children on site.
- Currently, the school cannot accommodate students with accessibility issues, but the new school will be fully accessible.
- The school will be 3 storeys, but the actual height will be ameliorated by the grade of the site so residents on Devoy Street won't lose their views.
- The school will be built for 430 students.
- There is room on site to allow for future expansion if necessary.
- Once the old school is demolished, it will be replaced by a crushed gravel field.
- There will be an outdoor learning area.

- The existing school will be operational during construction.
- The top gravel field will be used for contractor parking, delivery of materials, etc.
- Recess and lunch will be staggered so kids can still get out to play during construction.
- Currently the project is out for prequalification for a potential General Contractor; this will include a requirement for a “robust construction safety plan” to ensure the safety of all on site.
- Deliveries will be done outside active school times and traffic flaggers will be in place.
- Any questions and concerns can be directed to Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects at New Westminster School District. d.crowe@sd40.bc.ca.
- Wilf expressed concern over the sufficiency of space for pick-up after school.
- Timeline: the project will start early in the new year of 2020 and is scheduled to open in Fall, 2021. It is being built for a 75 year lifespan.

5. RCH Redevelopment Project

Sharat Chandra, Interim Project Officer

- The construction of the Mental Health Facility is almost complete, and is still scheduled to open in April, 2020.
- The Open House for the Transportation Plan has been delayed. They will reach out to us about a possible Open House date later this Fall.
- The Design for Phase 2 will start later this year.
- Leslie-Anne will be leaving the project team tomorrow, so Sharat will be the key contact person.
- Sharat will call Dee next week regarding providing assistance with the upcoming Trash Mob.
- RCH will not be able to provide parking for parents on the leased lot at Braid Street.
- When Phase 1 is done, the lane behind the hospital will re-open, but may need to close again when Phase 2 starts (RCH needs to speak to the City about this).
- There will be an improved sidewalk along Brunette Street in order to improve pedestrian safety.

6. City Updates

Dilys Huang, City of NW

- **Urban Academy:** The text amendment application is going through the review process. Public consultation dates will be provided once that is done.
- **East Columbia empty lot site:** The permits are approved with conditions, and the developer is currently addressing those.
- **Building 8 – Wesgroup:** The review process is underway and the Advisory Group Meeting will be next.
- **Sapperton Green:** The developer is working to meet City expectations.
- **Sapperton Transportation Plan Implementation:** Dilys listed several completed parts of the plan, mentioned some that are underway (for example, traffic circle at Kelly and Major, the removal of the meridian at Sherbrooke, etc.).

A discussion developed over the lack of more frequent by-law officer patrols. Dee suggested that we can go as a delegation to City Council to speak about the need for more patrols.

7. New Westminster Police Committee

- Leslie Malcom, our new Police Committee representative, was not in attendance tonight. We have not heard from her recently.

8. New Westminster Traffic Committee

Wilf

- The meeting will be held next week.
- Wilf will bring up the issue of parking enforcement by by-law officers.

9. New Business

A. Wreath for Remembrance Day Ceremony

Dee

- Dee was approached by the Poppy Fund regarding the RA purchasing a wreath to be laid at the cenotaph at the November 11 ceremony.

Motion: (Dee) To spend \$70.00 on a wreath to present at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. **Seconded (Wilf). Vote: Motion carried.**

B. Sapperton Trash Mob Update

Dee

- The District Pub will cook lunch for participants.
- The Taco Factory is providing ice cream.
- Greens and Beans Café is providing coffee.
- Lots of prizes have been donated by local businesses.
- 17 participants have signed up so far.
- The City will deliver garbage and recycling bins to Cap's parking lot. Dilys will follow up on that.
- Meet at Cap's parking lot at 10:30 am on Sept. 21.
- A press release for the event will be placed in Tuesday's *Record*.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 07, 2019 at 7:00 pm – Knox Presbyterian Church.