



# 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, February 06, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

**Location:** Knox Presbyterian Church

**Attendance:** 15 residents

**Executive:** Wilf (Chair), Anita, Jerry, Ross, Monica (minutes after 7:15 pm) Regrets: Dee, Geoff, Kevin, Sandra

**Presenters:** Const. Camille Oliviera, Wendy Boyer and Jobar of NWPD; Mr. and Mrs. Eyers of Capital City Arcade

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** **Wilf**

**3. Approval of Minutes from November, 2019 Meeting** **Wilf**

**4. Presentation by NWPD** **Const. Oliviera, Boyer and Jobar**

- Constables Oliviera and Boyer gave a presentation and introduced Const. Jobar, our new NWPD liaison; today is his first day in the position. He does regular patrol duties, but will also attend RA meetings (to the best of his ability given his regular duties as his patrol duties always take priority over this position). His role is still developing, and he came tonight to listen. His liaison role is another channel of communication and an opportunity for network-building between the police and our community.
- They stressed this is an “experimental position” that comes from the Mayor’s 50 Ideas initiative. NWPD is starting with two members in such positions and the program may grow as time goes on.
- The Constables stressed the importance of communication between the community and the police.
- Question from resident: How do the police handle challenging interactions between residents of local mental health facilities and businesses/residents? They responded that RCH has its own mental health liaison officer. One idea floated was for residents to have conversations with the Business Association and NWPD said they can help with these conversations. One resident pointed out that we should look at this not as a policing issue, but as a wider conversation about making people feel included in the community. Wilf suggested that this could be a focus topic for a future RA meeting.
- It was also suggested that the police could walk down E. Columbia Street and into business to establish a presence and connections with local residents and business owners. The Constables indicated they were open to this idea.

## 5. Update on Ongoing Projects

Janet Zazubek, City of NW Planning Dep

- Janet will be here at regular RA meetings as our City rep
- Wilf read out the highlights of updates from Rupinder's email to Dee re: ongoing projects
- Rousseau Street resident expressed concerns about Urban Academy traffic

## 6. New Business

Wilf

### A. Capital City Arcade – Rezoning Application

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Eyers, Owners

- The owners of the business gave a brief presentation to explain their rezoning application
- Their temporary use permit expires March 1 and they are looking to have rezoning approved to ensure that this will remain their permanent location.
- This rezoning application involves getting a liquor primary license. The focus of the business is to remain a family friendly location, not to become a bar. They are hopeful that when parents come in with their children, or when adults come in, they can enjoy a beer with their food as they play the video games.
- With the rezoning, some current restrictions will be removed.
- The business has been open since July 4, 2019, and it has since become a popular destination for families and birthday parties.
- The owners would like to start new initiatives like Sapperton Date Nights.
- There will be an Open House on February 13, 2020, between 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Sapperton Pensioners' Hall for anyone who would like to provide feedback on their rezoning application.
- The feedback from the residents in attendance towards the business and its application was positive and supportive.

### B. 522 Fader Street – Delegation

- A small delegation of Fader Street residents (close to Hume Park) came to seek clarification about the property that has been purchased by the NW School District at 522 Fader Street for a future school.
- They indicated that their immediate neighbourhood has lots of questions about what is happening at this site.
- A meeting was held recently regarding the future of Hume Park. Councilor Das spoke to this. She said the meeting focused on the future uses and accessibility of the park. She said that plans for a new school are very preliminary at this point and that even City Council does not know much about it as it is something anticipated for quite a few years in the future. She applauded the local residents for being proactive in asking questions.
- **Motion:** That the RA write a letter to the NW School District asking what the plans are for the 522 Fader Street site, that the NWSD provide an update to residents, and that residents be involved in the process and discussions. **Moved; seconded; vote: Carried.**

### C. Dog Murals in Sapperton

Monica

- Monica was speaking with Margaret Halsey, a local artist who created all the dog and pet murals on fences throughout Massey-Victory Heights. Margaret is looking for fences to develop new projects and expressed interest in Sapperton. If anyone is interested in having their fence painted with murals by Margaret, please contact her. A suggestion was made to put this on the RA Facebook page.

#### **D. Recycling Depot Closure**

- Councilor Das encouraged residents to participate in the currently ongoing feedback sessions. There are a few remaining in-person sessions, and city staff will be walking along E. Columbia Street on Sat., Feb. 8, to get direct feedback from residents.
- There is also an online survey that residents are encouraged to take. The RA will send the link to this survey to all RA members.
- Coun. Das acknowledged that public consultation could have been better in the lead-up to the decision to close the depot. She said the current outreach is a way to get ideas on how to make recycling more convenient and accessible given the public's concerns. The decision to be part of the Metro Vancouver recycling facility is a done deal.

#### **7. Other Business**

##### **A. New Business**

- A new poke bar has moved into the area at the Brewery District. Jerry handed out coupons to those in attendance for free samples.

##### **B. Reminder to see Anita to pay \$5.00 for annual membership.**

##### **C. 3-way Stop at Hospital and Richmond Streets**

**Tanya B., resident**

- Tanya attended the police meeting as the City was unresponsive to her ongoing concerns about people speeding through this 3-way stop.
- Const. Rick Smith was her contact.
- The police said they attended the site and saw only 3 people run the stop signs, and he has since not taken any action.
- One resident in attendance who sits on the Richard McBride PAC said this intersection is a standing item on their agenda, and she will bring it up again.
- Idea was raised to bring this issue up with Const. Jobar.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:36 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 02, 2020, at 7:00 pm – Knox Presbyterian Church. AGM to be held.