



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: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 @ 7:30 pm **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 5 residents

Executive: Jacob (Chair), Sandy, Jerry, Dee, Eileen, Wilf, Monica (minutes)

Regrets: Anita, Sandra

City Representative: Amanda Mackaay (Planning Dept.)

Presenters: Gregg Cernes and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Jacob
- 2. Adoption of Agenda** – one item added: Special Election Jacob
- 3. Approval of November, 2022 Minutes** - moved; seconded; carried Jacob
- 4. RCH Redevelopment Project Update** - Gregg Cernes – Interim Chief Project Officer
 - Acknowledged the donation of \$30 million by Jim Pattison to the RCH redevelopment project; the Acute Care Tower will be called the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower.
 - Gregg noted that there has been lots of progress on the construction site. Some floors of the building are now getting enclosed. Construction is up to the top floor and the building still start to look more finished on the outside this year.
 - The demolition of the former laundry and maintenance building is underway, and he expects minimal impact on neighbours.
 - EllisDon has moved its offices into the P1 level of the Acute Care Tower parking area.
 - City of New Westminster has approved exemption extensions to the noise by-law for Saturday mornings (can start at 7 am) until May, 2024. There will also be extended hours for concrete finishing (between 8-11 pm) for an average of 3 days per month until October 31, 2023. The projected dates are: February 13, 15, 17; March 8, 27; September 19. These dates are subject to change.
 - The erection of the heliport will take place in spring. The completion of the steel superstructure, installation of the final penthouse beam, and removal of the cranes will take place in the summer.
 - Parking issues – EllisDon reminds all workers not to park in the neighbourhood and does regular checks. Workers who disobey can be removed from the project. There are 350 spots on the Braid Street lot for workers to park. Residents are encouraged/reminded to contact the City by-law enforcement when they see construction workers parking in the neighbourhood.

- Laser scanning technology is being used to scan the interior of the building for the Phase 3 renovation. Work on this is expected to be completed in February.

5. Update on Ongoing Projects in Sapperton – Amanda Mackaay (CNW Rep.)

- 337/339 Keary Street project – it has been approved and the Development Permit has been issued, so that project will move into the construction phase.
- Question from Dee re: lane paving – the alleyway between Garrett and Wilson Streets never got speed humps (blocks between Braid and Sherbrooke Streets). Another resident asked about paving of the lanes between Rousseau and Wilson Streets. Action: Amanda will follow-up and get back to us on this.
- Question re: status of rowhouse development at Cumberland and E. 8th Avenue and about a property on Cumberland between E. 6th and 8th Avenue (a heritage house). Action: Amanda will follow-up and get back to us on this.
- A resident noted that a land assembly has taken place on the other side of Braid Street along lower Garrett and Wilson Streets. It might be for a Seniors' facility. Amanda indicated that the City hasn't received any applications for such a project yet.
- Concern was expressed about traffic management in the McBride area related to the Patullo Bridge construction. Can the City provide more notice when road projects are taking place?

6. Membership and Treasurer Report - Anita absent tonight so no report was given.

7. Old Business - Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Initiative Update - Monica

- Monica provided a brief update: Erica Tiffany from CNW contacted her to advise that a traffic consultant has been hired by CNW to work with the Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming group on its proposal. A meeting will be held in early March and Monica will report out on this at the next meeting.

8. New Business

A. Climate Action Plan

Jacob

- A 5-week Climate Action Plan Course will be held Tuesdays starting March 7 at the New Westminster Public Library
- The course is free but please register at askus@nwpl.ca
- Send any questions to librarian Caitlin Macrae
- Question: Can we ask the City to come speak to the RA about recyclables? Action: Sandy to reach out to CNW to ask about this.

B. Member Marketing Strategy

- Discussion about ideas to drum up new membership. Perhaps a sign at Braid and E. Columbia Street?
- Note: Steve Kasper has been told by CNW that he can't put up his annual sign advertising the Sapperton Garage Sale at the corner of Braid and E. Columbia because it's City property. He is looking for a new location for his Garage Sale signs. Someone suggested that he can contact the Active Living contact at the City (James Doan?). He is wondering if the RA can send an email to the City asking if he can put up signs.

C. Zoom Cooking Session – Jacob has an idea to do a Zoom cooking event and is looking for people to volunteer.

D. PACT Program – Sandy/Jacob will try to get the Peer Assisted Crisis Team to present at the next meeting. Councillor Nakagawa may come to speak about this at the April meeting.

9. Special Election – Wilf was unable to attend the last meeting and AGM due to illness so was unable to be nominated along with other members of the Executive. Wilf was nominated, seconded, and elected as a Director at Large. Welcome back, Wilf! 😊

10. Meeting Location – discussion over the possibility of booking a meeting at Skwo:wech Elementary School. This could include a tour of the school.

Prior to wrapping up the meeting, one resident noted that February is fundraising month for the Hospice Society.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Public Meeting - Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm – via Zoom