



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, June 14, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 7 residents

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

Regrets: Sandra

Presenters: Michelle and Carol (RCH); Karen, Jennifer and Cheryl (RegenerateBC); Jade Liu

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Jacob
- 2. Adoption of Agenda** Jacob
- 3. Approval of April 12, 2023 Minutes** - moved; seconded; carried Jacob
- 4. RCH Redevelopment Project Update** - Michelle Blake, Chief Project Officer, RCH Redev.
 - Michelle Blake is the new Chief Project Officer for the RCH Redevelopment project. She introduced herself and explained she is three weeks into the job.
 - Gregg Cernes is the Assistant Project Officer.
 - The last major concrete pour for the top floor of the Acute Care Tower took place on May 5. The roof is underway, and the new heliport is currently being installed. All HVAC air handling units have been installed and there is a passenger elevator that goes up to the 10th floor. The exterior vapour cladding is finished.
 - EllisDon will be doing exterior work on electrical vaults. There will be minimal impact to the neighbourhood during this process.
 - The construction cranes will be coming down in July and August. RCH will notify residents if there will be any impacts to the neighbourhood.
 - ED is still reminding workers about parking restrictions and they reinstalled a designated smoking area in April. A cleaner checks Kelly Street daily for garbage and cigarette butts. Monica asked Michelle if the cleaners can do a sweep of Fader Street as well since many workers are taking breaks and smoking there during the day.
 - Eileen noted that people who are carpooling or being picked up often park at Kelly and Sherbrooke around 3 pm; she noted that they need to be cautious of children in the “walking school bus” and traffic in the area at that time. There are also workers walking down the middle of Sherbrooke Street, which is a safety issue.
 - Anita noted that the ED banner may block views of workers who are getting off their shift around 3pm. She also asked whether ED/CNW can get picnic tables at Sapperton Park

for the workers to sit during their breaks. Carol thinks that CNW wasn't too happy with the idea so this plan may be on pause.

5. RegenerateBC/Climate Action Presentation - Karen, Cheryl, and Jennifer-RegenerateBC

- The presenters explained that their organization is a Non-Profit set up to inspire people to provide solutions to the ongoing climate crisis.
- They conducted a multi-day workshop that Jacob, Sandy, and Anita attended earlier this spring.
- Jacob is now one of the facilitators.
- Today, they spoke about District Energy, which is one central area that creates energy and pipes it to local areas.
- BC Hydro says we may be short of renewable energy by 2026.
- Vancouver has one of the oldest District Energy supplies.
- There is a District Energy plant planned for Sapperton, and it will be powered by sewers.
- It is a cost-effective system.
- The more we can generate energy where it's used, the less work we need to do to upgrade the province-wide electric grid.
- There will be a workshop at UBC on June 22 on District Energy and anyone is invited to participate.
- Cheryl would like to come back in the Fall to talk to the SRA about District Energy and any other climate initiatives residents may be interested in.
- Jennifer Nathan spoke about multi-modal transportation.
- They would love to work with the SRA on any areas in which we may be interested, such as solar energy.

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

- Monica provided a very brief update: The traffic counts for the area were conducted in May by McIlhenny & Associates. Monica will reach out to Erica Tiffany at CNW to find out updates on the status of this initiative.

7. #145-209 E. Columbia Street - Sandy

- An application for demolition is under review by CNW for the existing building.
- There is a proposal for a 6-storey building on the site with retail at the bottom, office space on Level 2, and market rental for the top floors. The development application was submitted to CNW in March.
- Residents discussed: the necessity of office space being included when it isn't being rented at the Brewery District and the building at 408 E. Columbia; concern over bland design of the building and a suggestion that we should have design guidelines for new Sapperton buildings so there's character and cohesiveness in neighbourhood design; shading and new view obstructions.

8. Trash Mob - Jacob

- Jacob suggested that we move the Trash Mob date from September to November so it's after Hallowe'en and we can clean up the post-Hallowe'en debris and garbage.

9. Pollinator Garden -

Jade Liu

- Jade presented last year about the Sapperton Park pollinator garden.
- She did not get the grant she applied for this year. However, she is continuing to work on the garden in Sapperton Park.
- She is looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the garden over the summer, specifically with weeding and watering. She has 2-3 dedicated, consistent volunteers at the moment, but more are always welcome.
- She has sent this information to Dee to send out in the newsletter.
- There is a volunteer sign-up list. Jade is happy to come out and help orient volunteers at the garden.
- Currently, there is no automated watering system, so volunteers need to hand water using the hose that is on site.
- Her contact information is: Email – Jadeliu25@gmail.com; Phone: 778-889-4558. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer and need some orientation with the garden.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31 pm.

Upcoming Dates: Next Public Meeting - September 13, 2023, at 7:30 pm – via Zoom