

# **Victoria West Community Association Board Meeting**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**7:00pm – 9:30pm**

**Present:** Audrey Whittall, Patti Parkhouse, Grant Keddie, Jody Watson, Michael Hawkins, Charlene Simon, Jane Baigent, Diane Carr, Bernie Gaudet and Jo-Ann Youmans

**Regrets:** Louise Wood, Nan Judd, Mike Medland

**Call to order:** 7:01pm

**Approval of Minutes – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Moved by Patti Parkhouse, seconded by Grant Keddie. Carried**

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition under New Business – CRD Initiative.

**Moved by Patti Parkhouse, seconded by Audrey Whittall. Carried**

**Presentation: Peter Justo – Esquimalt Residents Association – Re: Graffiti Clean-up**

- Graffiti is identified as a problem, it can't be eliminated, but it can be controlled
- Comment that graffiti is not art. "Graffiti is any inscription or drawing placed on property without the property owner's permission." "Graffiti is vandalism, officially "mischief under \$5,000." It's a criminal offence.
- Need to get rid of it quickly. Rely on volunteers to expedite the removal. Removing quickly sends the message that the graffiti is not welcomed. Removing graffiti does not take long
- Volunteers can be block watch captains, neighbours people who are available
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 volunteers will be cleaning up Craigflower and Dominion Streets and the Da Vinci Centre, finishing up with a barbeque at the Da Vinci Centre (from 9am-12:00pm)
- Cleanup is in preparation for 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> TAGS event. Information can be accessed from the City's website – representatives from other jurisdictions will be in attendance

Concluded at 7:21pm

**Business from the Floor/New Business –**

- CRD Initiative to re-zone land going out toward Port Renfrew
- Jane Baigent provided information about a meeting tomorrow night (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) at UVic regarding the proposed re-zoning

## Old Business

- *Committee Terms of Reference* – will be taken up at the October Community Association meeting
- *Visions Map* – Grant anticipates having issue resolved tomorrow.

## President's Report

- *Community Association Network CAN Status* – Meeting in November will be held to determine the future of the Network meetings
  - Comment made that as long as the City attends, value is limited
  - Should be structured similar to the previous CALUC – where the chairs of each Land Use Committee met on a regular basis
  - Useful to exchange information, if not a political voice
  - Jo-Ann will vote in favour, of CAN continuing
- *Needle Exchange*
  - Site on Princess Street put forward as a possible site
  - Landlord will accept the exchange at the site
  - House is functional
  - Downside is that it is a small residential street with some concerned businesses
  - Aids Vancouver Island will be developing a good neighbour agreement, wherever the Exchange is placed. Lessons learned from the Cormorant Street location
- *New Members*
  - Dan Pollock; Michelle Goos; Rebecca Kennel; Karen Belling; Lana Gray; Ian and Kim Pilkington; Shane Calder; Kim Toombs; Vincent Gornall; Danielle MacKenzie; Catherine and Justin Border; Kathy Yercha; Wayne Norton; Gillian Calder; Robin Rombs; Todd Levins; Daphne Dolhaine.

**Diane Carr moved to accept the applicants, Charlene Simon seconded. Carried**

## ◆ *Gaming Report*

- The raffle at the corn roast raised \$470 for the musicians. The donated prizes amounted to \$422. The report will be submitted to the Gaming Commission

**Diane Carr moved to accept Gaming Report, Grant Keddie seconded. Carried**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jo-Ann Youmans circulated the report on behalf of Mike Medland.

#### Discussion

- Community Enhancement Grant is for the utility boxes – pending resolution of Visions Map issue related to First Nations burial sites
- Community Enhancement Grant for Gorge Waterway cleanup may have been on earlier minutes.

#### **Jo-Ann Youmans to check with Mike Medland**

- Funds were provided for the Triangle Park near Parc Residence. Community Association got paid for rental of site. Jody has confirmed (from conversation with Gary Darrah that those funds are available to be used for parks.

**Jody Watson moved to accept report, Grant Keddie seconded. Carried**

### **Report from City Hall**

- Councillor John Luton not in attendance – Therefore no report

### **Transportation Report - Jane Baigent**

- Jane to write a letter to City re-iterating the community's interest in participating in the process of determining any changes to the Johnson street bridge approaches
- Jane encouraged others to write letters to Mike Lai if they are also interested in supporting community interest
- Comment from a member that in future any surveys undertaken as the one at the meeting on Sept should be unbiased
- Comment made that community input is being overlooked – trust level for City consequently very low.

### **Communications Report – Jo-Ann Youmans for Louise Wood**

- If sending info for the website please indicate to Louise that it is for posting and note if it is to be posted to a specific area. Please send information both as a word document & pdf if possible.
- Suggestion that a specific consent form should be filled out to post photo's identifying people. Jane to send an example to Louise for her information

### **Harbour Report – Audrey Whittall**

- Question about response to presentation – ILMB and Minister of Tourism were very interested in report
- Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society was incorrectly identified as supporting the Marina development, are not on record of having done so.
- New designs from the proponent have not been filed or posted on the website

### **Land Use Committee – Bernie Gaudet**

- A number of applications and discussions have been held, including:
  - Bayview Properties seniors residence
  - Dockside temporary re-zoning
  - Re-zoning for Red Fish Blue Fish location
  - Website update
  - Community survey under development
  - Neighbourhood planning process
- Bernie to follow-up with parking issues re: Upper Harbour Place 1 and 2
- Restaurants were identified as highly desirable in the area
- Bernie to provide Land Use Committee Reports to the Board

### **Community Gardens Report – Patti Parkhouse**

- Corn roast
  - More corn for next year
  - Special mention to the sponsors
  - Prizes were awarded, fun was had by all
  - Cob bench in Banfield Commons was rewaxed
- Special presentation at Fairfield Community Association on community gardens – was well received
- Banfield Commons – lots of vegetables from the garden currently available

### **Parks and Environment Report – Jody Watson**

- Through the Community Grants initiative, two signs, one providing information about migratory birds, and another regarding the working harbour have been developed and are ready for installation
- Vic West Master plan under consideration. Parks Master Plan under development – now being completed by consultant and expected to be presented to Council within the next couple of months
- Suggestion to establish a Parks Committee to oversee the implementation of the Parks Plan – preferably a local resident who is intimately familiar with parks characteristics
- City is looking for input on how to spend monies that are available should be spent – possibly via a community meeting
- Urban Forest Stewardship Committee information provided
- Jody will provide Boulevard Plan information
- New school playground at Vic West Elementary School now open
- Many of the parks are not owned by the City – they are owned by the Province (including Banfield Park). Initiative under way to inventory parks and attempt to transfer lands to the City
- Request for information re: Arm Street park

### **Announcements**

Halloween Function at Haliburton Community Farm, Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – will be posted on website

Forum hosted by Harm Reduction Victoria – on Thursday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, First Metropolitan Church (932 Balmoral Rd)

Adjourned at 9:05 pm