

Victoria West Community Association

General Meeting – April 27, 2010

Present: Bernie Gaudet, Diane Carr, Grant Keddie, Mike Medland, Michael Hawkins, Audrey Whittall, Nan Judd, Megan Parrish, Jo-Ann Youmans (Chair)

Regrets: Louise Wood, Carolyn Morris, Patti Parkhouse, Jody Watson

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

1. Approval of Agenda:

Additions:

Under new business:

- a) Traffic concerns along Springfield Rd
- b) Acceptance of petition for toy lending library
- c) OCP development
- d) Nomination for Secretary

Approval of agenda moved by Mike Medland. Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 30th

Motion to approve by Grant Keddie. Carried

3. New Business

- a) Traffic on Springfield Rd raised. Concern is in regards to rapid speed of vehicles. The concern will be drawn to John Luton's attention for address.
- b) Toy lending library: Paula C presented a petition, supported by Susan L, about value of keeping the library. Paula indicated the library provided an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and create connections. Paula indicated that the venture is sustainable, it draws families to interact, and provided a connection to the park. It would be an issue if the library were to be moved downtown because parking would be an issue. Parents pay \$60 / year. There are 4000 toys and a database of parent's contact information. Membership is \$2 drop in, or \$35 for 6 mos. Request to understand what conversations have happened with the Y. The Board indicated it has a concern about required resources to maintain the library. No definitive decision was made on keeping the library, but the Board indicated it would consider the matter carefully.

- c) Planning process: A nomination of two people who should participate in the OCP development process was conducted. Diane and Grant stepped up to be on the committee. Tyee Coop is planning to do a Community Circle to participate from the perspective of affordable housing.
- d) Nomination for Secretary – Joy Illington was nominated as Secretary of the Victoria West Community Association

Grant Keddie moved that Joy be appointed Secretary. Carried.

4. Presidents Report:

Meeting was set up for Thursday between Jo-Ann and the City to discuss the transfer of management of the community building. Jo-Ann has also had conversation with the program *Phoenix*, who are keen to continue using the facility. The Community Association plans to accommodate Phoenix. Jo-Ann has had conversations with staff of the Y regarding furniture and insurance coverage. A Board manual is under development. Other operational policies and procedures to be developed.

5. New Members

The following new members were nominated:

- Ann Sheridan (Regatta Landing)
- Roszan Holmen (Wilson Street)
- Laura Pierce (Raynor Street)
- Amy Bronee (Selkirk Ave)
- Clement Wehner (Russell)
- Paula Ceroni (Alderman)

Nan Judd moved to accept the above mentioned as members. Carried.

- 6. Bio-solid Waste Management facility – A meeting was held last week. A concern was raised regarding Stantec as both the proponent and the manager of public consultation. Jo-Ann will be arranging a meeting (co-chairing with Burnside Gorge) with Stantec and CRD to get more information. Three sites are being considered. People are primarily interested in knowing what was going to happen on the site (i.e. the nature of the operations). There is no purchase of the site as yet, just an option to purchase the site. Once the assessments are complete, confirmation of the appropriateness of the site would be completed.

7. Treasurers Report. - Mike Medalnd

- No funds expended in March.
- Matching Grant application: A base/matching grant application may be pursued to acquire a sign for the Community Centre or to acquire the toys for the lending library. The later was not generally supported by some members of the Board.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was moved by Grant. Carried.

8. Councillor John Luton's report:

- Bio-solid issue was further discussed:
 - solid waste management treatment plants were investigated in Vancouver, Washington
 - Recognition the Dockside Green plant emits a foul odour
- Rain gardens on Esquimalt Road project – none are planned. There may be opportunities for the Craigflower Rd upgrade. The City will come back to the community via an open house. Craigflower Rd updates expected in the fall. The nature of the Rain Garden design necessitates more space, resulting in fewer trees being planted.
- Letter to John Baird re: Victoria International Marina – asking the Federal government to do a navigation and risk assessment to the Marina and asking for more due diligence.

Question raised - the issue of providing shelter to homelessness, stemming from recent advancement re: operating funds for the facility at Harris Green. Councillor Luton expressed an interest in having the program continue.

9. Community Gardens - Jo-Ann Youmans for Patti Parkhouse

- recommend that people harvest food at Banfield Commons.
- Grant K presented posters for VicWest Fest, scheduled for May 8th. Food and entertainment has been arranged. Volunteers needed for clean-up. VWCA will have a table at VicWest Fest.

10. Harbour report - Audrey Whittall

- The presentation about the Marina issue at the Legislature was discussed

- Approximately 900 people attended the rally regarding the Marina. No decision has been made on a Federal or Provincial level. No date has been set on making the decision.

11. Land-use committee report – Bernie Gaudet

No new applications were received in March, so no meeting held.

12. Communication report _ Jo-Ann Youmans for Louise Wood

- Report circulated, Website developments ongoing.

Next meeting is Monday May 25th, 2010

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34pm. Carried.