

Victoria West Community Association
Public Board Meeting
Tuesday July 6, 2010
7:00 pm

Present: Jo-Ann Youmans, Nan Judd, Mike Medland, Bernie Gaudet, Audrey Whittall, Patti Parkhouse, Diane Carr, Grant Keddie, Megan Parrish, Michael Hawkins and Joy Illington.

Regrets: Carolyn Morris, Louise Wood, and Jody Watson.

Agenda was approved upon motion of Diane Carr.

Minutes of June 1: Approved with one amendment to spelling surname.

1. Announcements:

- CRD Open House on July 14 to discuss water main installations along Craigflower Road and how traffic may be affected.

2. New Member Applications

- Eight new membership applications were presented and approved.

3. New Centre Coordinator

- Suzette Delmage was welcomed as the Centre Programme Coordinator and she introduced herself, outlined her extensive background in recreation and fitness. Suzette can be reached at the Centre at 250-590-8922.

4. Annual CornRoast and Grand Opening of Centre- Sept 18

- Saturday Sept 18 has been selected as the date for the Cornroast, the celebration of the Opening of the Centre on the Association's 40th anniversary and the CornRoast will be co-sponsored with the Spiral Cafe which is having it's 8th anniversary in the community. All volunteers are welcome and needed!

5. Community Garden Report

- Patti Parkhouse reports on a work party that was formed to mulch the leaves that the city delivered; cherry that were pruned and unfortunately the first theft in 4 years when strawberry plants were stolen.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Mike Medland presented June financials and a projection that July was going to involve acquiring software for accounting, and likely more furnishing for the Centre.
- The report was accepted upon a motion by Nan Judd.

7. City Councillor John Luton's Report

John's report covers City of Victoria business that affects this neighbourhood:

- CRD did not acquire upper harbour land, instead went to McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt for sewage facilities
- Point Hope Shipyard has been the subject of complaints around barge breaking- the City will investigate the noise bylaw but its position is that the working shipyard must remain viable
- monitoring of a bioswale by the Railyards continues
- the City staff have prodded other levels of government about the sinking/derelict vessels off Selkirk waterway. The city can take action if over the City owned waterlot.
- proposed yacht marina: the City is waiting for a report from the Solicitor about options the City might have
- Craigflower Road is slated to be re-shaped as part of City plan, with construction in November. Open House in fall- before construction is underway. He suggests that the cross walk at Raynor be taken to the Open House.
- the Victoria West Community Transportation plan can be accessed on the City's website for further information.
- Reports are being gathered about whether traffic has increased on Wilson as a result of traffic calming on Esquimalt Road- accident reports are being looked at too. John will check on any initiatives concerning Wilson St.
- John reports on the Open House, tours and information packages going out about the Blue Bridge. August 3 is the last day for feedback to the City as Council will make a decision on the bridge options in August.
- Questions to John about the draft OCP, about The Wing as market affordable housing, about glass clean-up from a shattered bus shelter at Craigflower and Pine.

8. Harbour Report presented by Audrey Whittall

- Proposed Mega Yacht Marina:

The First Nations, as well as Dogwood Initiative along with a paddler have applied to the Federal Court for Judicial Reviews in connection with the proposed project. Other stakeholder groups continue their efforts in connection with the project.

- Derelict Vessels in the Gorge-Selkirk Waterway:

Diane Carr and I toured this area with Barry Hobbis of Harbour Ferries, along with members of the media. It is unfortunate that little at present can be done in connection

with forcing removal of these derelict vessels, as under Federal legislation it takes two years to have them removed.

Keith Martin, MP and Denise Savoie, MP have been in contact with Transport Canada regarding this problem.

- Health Assessment Report on James Bay Air Quality:

On June 11, 2010 a News Release from VIHA, UVic, CRD, and the BC Government focused on the air quality and its impact on residents with pulmonary problems. The air quality during the cruise ship period in the summer months was of particular concern. While the report focused on James Bay, it is also noted that there was some impact on the North Shore of the Harbour.

The recommendation was that the cruise ship industry and associated agencies not wait until the new IMO regulations come into effect in 2012 to reduce the SO2 emission levels.

- Attendance at other Meetings:

Diane Carr and I attended the open session of a Board Meeting of the GVHA, at which Barry Hobbs made a presentation voicing concerns regarding the proposed marina. Save Victoria Harbour will make a presentation to the VEHS Board Meeting on July 15, 2010.

9. Land Use Report presented by Bernie Gaudet

- 5 sites have been discussed by the Land Use Committee including the proposed seniors' building on the Bay view site, some small lot subdivisions, and some positive outcomes when recommendations had been made by the Committee to landowners who had approached the Committee with plans ahead of time.

10. Community Announcements

Michael Hawkins made an announcement concerning a community meeting about the proposed legislation affecting CMHC and a mandate to renew of co-op housing and social housing in general.

Next Public Meeting: Sept 28, 2010 7pm 521 Craigflower Road.

Meeting adjourned 9pm