

Victoria West Community Association
Public Board Meeting
Tuesday Nov 30, 2010
7:00 pm

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

Regrets: Bernie Gaudet, Megan Parrish, Louise Wood,

John Luton was present as the City of Victoria Councillor liaison.

The agenda was approved with one addition.
Minutes of October 26 were approved.

1. New Business: Membership Report

Joy provided a brief report- there are currently 419 members of the Association. We communicate mainly by e-mail and on our web site, only 59 of them receive reports by mail.

2. New Business/Business from the Floor

Jo-Ann announced that the City had called in advance to say there was a tree coming down on Craigflower Road as part of construction- all other trees have been able to be worked around. There was discussion of the clearing going on as part of the clearing of Cecilia Ravine and whether Banfield Park could benefit from similar work if the parks dept could see the two areas as a unit. The Selkirk Light Train was mentioned as the project that is pursuing motion sensitive lighting on the trestle. Greg Perkins is the consultant hired by CRD Parks to make a report on the matter of lighting in the Cecilia Ravine area.

3. The President's Report

Jo-Ann Youmans noted recent events at the Centre included more than 80 children at the Halloween party and while there were fewer people at the event for those aged 50 plus there was a lot of interest by the people who attended. She thanked all members who came out to help at the events.

New Members applications from Pamela Hutchinson, Marne Jensen, Debbie Smollet, Catherine Shillington, and Judy Sterling were received and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mike Medland tabled the Financial Report for October. He ran over a list of recent acquisitions that had been made for the Centre. There are some that are pending such as some chairs that have been approved but haven't yet been purchased. Jody moved acceptance of the report, which was approved.

5. City Report

John Luton's report mentioned the Bridge Referendum results and his clear understanding that the Association is interested in being closely involved in any land and road works planning for the bridge. The funding of the rail crossing has not yet been determined. He mentioned that bioswales were being attended to at the Railyards at community request given that there was run-off from land under construction across the trail and into the Gorge.

He noted that David Speed and Peter- two City staff were studying rain gardens on Craigflower Road as part of the recommendations made by the place-making workshop.

He has no further news on the proposed marina since the City had re-zoned it to a smaller area with a capacity for 29 boats.

John received a small gift of appreciation from the Vic West Community Association for his work on behalf of the community.

6. Harbour Report

Audrey reported that the AGM of the Esquimalt and Victoria Harbour Association was Dec. 9. Due to the rezoning of the Crown water lot by the City of Victoria, Transport Canada requires that the developer of the proposed mega yacht marina apply for a new navigable waters permit for the development. The judicial reviews are adjourned while the new Transport Canada application is processed. The Province has not yet granted approval for a licence to occupy the Crown water lot. The public has until December 27 to notify Transport Canada in writing regarding concerns about the development of a marina on the north shore of the harbour.

Audrey moved that the Victoria West Community Association write to Transport Canada, expressing their on-going concern regarding a marina development on the north shore of the Victoria Harbour. Motion was seconded and carried.

7. Parks and Environment Report

Jody noted that much of her report about tree falling, bush clearing had already been touched on. She took an informal show of hands poll to determine interest in holding a community meeting about the light train issue.

8. Land Use Committee Report

No report was provided in Bernie's absence.

9. Community Gardens

Patti reported that she had received an offer to help plant and maintain the Vic West Community Tea Garden from volunteers. The Board approved the Tea Garden at the previous meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Next Public Board Meeting January 25 at 7pm at the Centre