

Minutes for QPRA Meeting of Directors—December 8, 2014.

Meeting Location: 101 Queens Ave 7:30—9:49 pm.

Meeting Details

- Agenda:
 - Election of Officers
 - New Business
- Chair: Deane Gurney
- Minutes: Berril Perks

Present

- Berril Perks
- Deane Gurney
- Steve North
- Bob Davis
- Joan Davis
- Jim Hutson
- Catherine Hutson
- Bev McLellan
- Naomi Perks
- Liz Stafford
- Karen Smith
- Laura Drummond

Regrets

- None

Minutes

1. Officers

- Joan Davis volunteered to be returning treasurer. No other people asked to take the position. Voted: All in favour, none against
- Secretary
 - Agreed to have a rotating Secretary for now (B. Perks tonight)
- President
 - Berril Perks volunteered. No other people asked to take the position. Voted: All in favour, none against
- Vice President
 - Deane Gurney volunteered. No other people asked to take the position. Voted: All in favour, none against

- Berril to notify city of changes

2. New Directors (not confirmed at AGM):

- Karen Smith, Liz Stafford, Bev McLellan
- Approved as acting for now, to be confirmed at next meeting
- Voted: All in favour, none against

3. Banking

- Need to update the signatories at the bank
- Add Deane & Berril, remove others except Joan
- Branch: HSBC on 6th
- Will need copy of the minutes to confirm
- Joan will advise via email as to steps required

4. Committees

- NTAC - Berril to continue. Voted: All in favour, none against
- CPC - Naomi Perks. Voted: All in favour, none against
- RA Forum
 - Last Thursday of every month.
 - Berril to attend
 - Berril will notify city staff
- Queens Park Neighborhood Heritage Study Working Group
 - Deane Gurney and David Brett are current members
 - Steve noted that David has done a good job to-date
 - Deane noted that it is difficult to change mid stream
 - Started in April of 2013, ends in October 2015
 - No stipulation for QP representative to be on QPRA exec
 - Also noted that Deane and Steve North will also be on the WG, representing the RA
 - Moved to continue with current members. Voted: All in favour, none against.
- Our City Working Group/OCP Update
 - Berril will follow up with executive via e-mail to identify candidate nominees

5. Other Business

- NWPD Survey
 - On line now; promoted at AGM and on web site
 - Insp. Eastwood would like to present at the next meeting
- Policing
 - Opportunity to use RA to provide additional information/conduit to NWPD information
 - RA to promote NWPD info on QPRA web site (notices, crime stats, etc.)
- QPRA Web Site
 - Announce web site on city page
 - Update links on city RA page
 - Can we promote the new site and new contact on the City Page? Berril will find out (new release)

- Berril will create new generic RA e-mail address
 - Facebook page - still trying to work with David Brett to transfer control
- Future meeting agenda items:
 - Need to determine voting rules (live in hood; paid membership)
 - Need to determine how best to solicit resident feedback on significant issues in future (ref: Whitecaps proposal)
- Membership drive:
 - Liz volunteered to get involved with membership drive in the new year
 - There is an opportunity to do a better job of providing information on what the RA does
 - Need an FAQ page on the web site: Berril/Naomi to add
- Media contact and city council representations
 - Generally agreed that on issues of significance, no member of the executive, including the president, should take a public position without a sound basis for doing so.
 - More communication with the executive is needed as well to avoid unilateral action
- Improving the "story" of Queen's Park
 - Laura Drummond to take this on - will draft some ideas
 - Deane will pass on some history information
 - Better than just "issues"
- Urban Academy
 - Should the QPRA do the work to take a formal position on this? (i.e., be a voice based on a survey/vote)
 - Agreed that we should not take a position one way or another
 - Should we be a conduit for information and work to get people engaged? Yes.
 - We need to get visibility on the process and schedule
 - Date has not been set for public hearings
 - We can and should provide FAQ's for people (where can they get info? What is the process? How can they get involved?)
 - Important questions: how can we get the residents involved sooner/more? Should happen before it goes to planning, etc.
 - There will be a new committee in Jan on communications and citizen engagement
 - Moved by B. Perks: that the QPRA not take a position on this matter nor seek a community position on this matter via vote, poll, survey or other such method; and rather we should work to provide information resources to the residents so that they can get as involved as they choose. Seconded by Steve North. Voted: All in favour; none opposed.
- Next general meeting
 - Phil Eastwood, NWPD
 - (tentative) more urban academy: Berril will contact city and get process info first
 - Transit referendum
 - Catherine will phone lodge and get available dates: trying for Feb 22
- Next Exec meeting
 - Jan 12th, 7:30, 520 Fourth Street
- Meeting adjourned at 9:49

Next Meeting

- Date and Time: Jan 12th, 19:30 hrs
- Location: 520 Fourth Street
- Agenda: TBD