

Minutes for QPRA Meeting of Directors--October 9, 2014.

Meeting Location: 101 Queen's Ave. 7:30—10 pm.

Present: **Bob Davis, Joan Davis, Deane Gurney, Catherine Hutson, Jim Hutson, Steve North**

Regrets: **Berril Perks.**

Chair: **Deane Gurney**

Minutes: **Catherine Hutson**

1) Reviewed Minutes from Feb. 16, 2014 AGM.

Discussion: None.

Action: Minutes Accepted.

2) Reviewed three resignations: Tim Hollick-Kenyon, Dave Brett, Lorraine Brett.

Discussion: Remaining directors discussed the contributions of these members and what steps to take with their departures.

Action: 1) Conduct a vote to ensure the QPRA has a full complement of executive members. 2) Ensure communication is sent to each one extending our thanks for their hard work, effort and contribution as QPRA directors.

3) Conducted vote to fill the vacancies left by aforementioned resignations and determine continuation of RA role on various committees.

Discussion: Directors thought that vacant executive positions should be deemed "Acting" pending the AGM.

Action: By acclamation, Deane Gurney was voted Acting President, Steve North as Acting Vice-President and Catherine Hutson as Acting Secretary. Joan Davis remains as Treasurer. Deane will communicate these changes to City Hall. Berril Perks will be asked to post the changes on the refreshed QPRA website asap. As well, after discussion where Catherine raised the issue of conflict of interest and Steve pointed out that Dave is considered a valuable member of the QP Neighbourhood Heritage Study by all on that committee, it was decided unanimously that Dave should remain with the study as the complexity of putting forward another name for just one meeting was not indicated at

this time. Regarding the police committee, it was voted by that Catherine (already listed as a “sub” for such meetings) will attend scheduled meetings for the foreseeable future. Berril remains as the RA rep. on the Traffic Committee.

4) Conducted vote to determine the feasibility of continuing with the ACM to be held on Nov. 9th 2014.

Discussion: Aside from Berril Perks who was not at the meeting, it was revealed—to a collective surprise-- that while each director was prepared to assist in some way, no one was actually going to be in town on the 9th. Directors agreed that the RA has organized three* successful ACMs in the past and may do so again in the future. (*Civic elections 2008 and 2011 and provincial election 2013.) At this time, it does not appear feasible to proceed with an ACM this election.

Action: Catherine Hutson will follow up with the Lodge to advise them about no longer needing the space on Nov. 9th.

5) Started planning for a November AGM.

Discussion: A quick internet check was done to confirm that the Grey Cup is on Nov. 30th. Directors then chose Nov. 23rd as the date for our next AGM. 2—4. Discussion points were made about the need for QPRA to reach out to residents and recruit new members. Discussion ensued about topics for the AGM. The QP Neighbourhood Heritage Study and an upcoming related survey as well as the Urban Academy Development on Manitoba Street were chosen as tentative topics. Third Street resident Gail Ancill opposes this development and she was reached by phone during the meeting and agreed to attend our AGM. She lists demolition of affordable housing, increase in traffic congestion and safety risks, parking concerns, lack of student outdoor space, design issues with the new school, public vs private schools obligations and public perception that the development is a “done deal.”

Action: Catherine will follow up with the Lodge to determine availability on the 23rd. Deane will contact Urban Academy and the city if indicated re: the Academy’s need for public consultation via the QPRA and extend an invitation to present their proposal. Re: QPNHS. Deane and Steve (and perhaps others?) will review the study at the AGM. They shared that a survey will soon be mailed out to each QP resident and that a City Hall Open House is be scheduled for Oct 29th re: this survey. Deane will communicate the facts to Berril for posting on our website. Flyers, media mention and advertising and website updates are all needed once the Lodge is booked and our AGM speakers confirmed.

6) Reviewed need for Membership fees.

Discussion: With another AGM looming Joan pointed out that our bank balance is approx. \$246. Lodge rental has been approx. \$70 a meeting. Gail North has incurred personal expenses for preparing goodies for most of our meetings. Flyer printing can run more than \$70-90. For the most part, directors have covered QPRA expenses. Directors questioned sustainability of doing this.

Action: Decision made to discuss at next AGM a motion amending the constitution to allow the QPRA to charge an annual \$5 fee.. All in favour, except Jim. The QPRA also clarified that no one will be denied entry to a meeting due to an inability to pay. And as always, donations will be gratefully accepted.

7) Planned next Meeting: Monday October 20, 2014.

Discussion: Another meeting was needed soon to start organizing the AGM. Deane and Steve both offered their homes as venues for this meeting on the 20th. Deane stated he will contact Berril and Tim to discuss website/email information transfer. All agreed that prompt dissemination of information is crucial during this time.

Action: The A/President and A/VP will discuss venues and advise the rest of the directors.

Meeting started officially at 7:30. Hutsons arrived late at 7:40. Meeting ended approx. 10 pm.

