

Minutes for QPRA Meeting of Directors—January 20, 2016

Meeting Location: 109 Third Ave 7:30–9:55 pm

Present

- Kathleen Langstroth (President)
- Steve Norman (Vice-President)
- Karen Smith (Secretary)
- Steve North
- Mary Lou Nidle
- Gail Ancill
- Bev McLellan
- Bob Davis
- Joan Davis
- Catherine Hutson

Regrets

- Berril Perks

Minutes

1. Call to order and check for quorum

- Quorum met.
- A letter of resignation from Naomi Perks was received and there is a position available.

2. Adoption of Minutes from Dec 14, 2015 Directors Meeting

- Moved, seconded and carried to accept the draft minutes from the Dec 14 directors meeting.
- A short discussion ensued about what needs to be included in the minutes. It was agreed that a synopsis of items of discussion is sufficient. Moved, seconded & carried.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Moved, seconded and carried to adopt agenda.

4. Treasurer

- Joan was thanked for her years as Treasurer. Catherine volunteered to take on the position and will work with Joan, Kathleen and Steve to arrange a date and time to change the signing authority. Typically the co-signers are the President, Vice-President & Treasurer. Moved, seconded & carried to accept Catherine as the Treasurer.

1. Reports from Committees

Traffic/Parking - Gail Ancill

- The Queen's Park neighbourhood has significant traffic & parking issues, especially due to commuters accessing the Patullo Bridge between 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Gail made 21 videos in 15 minutes of people pulling U-turns on Royal to access the bridge. Another issue is people making illegal left turns on 1st to get onto the bridge. At 4pm & onwards, drivers go into 4th Street parking lot, pull a U-turn & turn left onto the bridge. This backs up people legitimately waiting. The police are aware.
- As of Feb 1, 2016 Front St will be closed due to the parkade demolition.
- Residents are asked to please email Gail gancill@gmail.com with any traffic problems and she will advise the head of the New Westminster Traffic & Parking committee.

Policing - Naomi Perks

- No policing issues.
- Bev will replace Naomi as the QPRA representative on the Policing committee and she and Kathleen will attend the next meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried that Bev will represent the QPRA on the Policing Committee.

OCP - Bev McLellan & Berril Perks

- Bev McLellan met with Bev Grieve from the City and will be meeting with Julie Schueck. It's important that Queen's Park residents are involved in the process and provide feedback. It would be beneficial to align the OCP work with the Heritage Working Group.
- Steve North noted that the Queen's Park Heritage Working Group is seeking expert info on what defines a heritage area vs a conservation area.
- The City website has a calculator to help people calculate their taxes based on their assessments.

6. Residents Association Meeting

- Kathleen attended a meeting hosted by City Hall on January 14, 2016 for all resident associations. Open data will eventually post demolition permits. Will ask if we can be notified once someone applies for a demo permit, not after the permit has been approved.

7. Unfinished Business

- Webmaster
 - Bev volunteered to update the website & asked for items to be posted. Information to be posted should be agreed upon and vetted by Committee.

- Two people should be website administrators. Moved, seconded and carried that Kathleen and Steve Norman will send Berril a letter offering to support/assist him with the website and requesting the password.
- Suggested that Directors have email address specific to QPRA to easily sort QPRA business from personal business. Could be set up through the website. Mary-Lou to look into it.
- Election of Vice-President
 - Two people ran for Vice-President at the last meeting. There was a secret ballot which was counted by Bev & Kathleen.
- Discuss setting a schedule for the directors meetings, the general meetings and the 2016 AGM to book the Centennial lodge
 - Sun, Feb 21st next General Meeting @ Centennial Lodge from 1:30-4:00 (set up at 1:00). Content will be around densification and conservation in the Queen's Park area. There will be a panel discussion on heritage conservation. Bev & Kathleen to draft a flyer for distribution and work with Mary Lou to refine.
 - Apr 24 tentative next general meeting 2:00 - 4:00 (notification to residents of constitutional changes)
 - Directors meetings - 2nd Tues of every month for the next 6 months at 7:30 pm.
- Ways and means of communicating with the residents of the neighbourhood to raise awareness of the QPRA activities
 - Possibilities are flyers/newsletters, website/emails. Mary Lou to look into a Facebook presence at some point in the future.

9. New Business

- These items will be carried over for discussion at the next meeting. Moved, seconded and carried.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 pm

Next Meeting

February 9, 2016

7:30 pm

218 Queen's Avenue