

Minutes - QPRA Directors Meeting—Nov. 29, 2016

Meeting Location: 125 Third Street - 6:45 pm

Present:

Kathleen Langstroth (President), Steve Norman (Vice-President), Mari-Lou Nidle, Gail Ancill, Catherine Hutson, Jim Hutson, Gail North, Kim Jansz, Martina Rempel, Steve North (arrived at end of meeting)

Absent:

Bev McLellan

1. Call to order and check for quorum

- Quorum met

2. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 11, 2016

- Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the April 12 and May 10, 2016 directors meetings

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda

4. Reports from Committees (written if unable to attend in person):

Policing - Bev McLellan

- Currently no enforcement of no left turn at 1st St & Royal
- Traffic says it's a police responsibility and police do not currently see it as a priority
- Queen's Park is part of the traffic 'agenda' for 2017 so hopefully a closer look will be taken at some of these local issues

OCP - Kathleen Langstroth

- Nov 28th meeting discussion on criteria for infill housing (350-900 sq ft, 2nd floor less than the main)
- Discussion regarding onsite parking matching number of units to number of on site spaces with further discussion to come around potential of 2 spots per 3 units.

CHC - Catherine Hutson

- CHC agenda included discussion on signage on Columbia Street - no neon plus some other restrictions
- 12th Street to have some neon
- Discussion on the request for demolition of 222 - 5th Avenue - motion put forward from CHC to council to save the house.

Council Meetings- Kathleen Langstroth and Steve Norman

- Main issue was infill housing

- An unusual occurrence discussed re : One designated house that has now been de-designated.
- Some discussion regarding the HCA
- **5 year financing plan???**

New Westminster Residents Associations Forum - Kathleen Langstroth

- K. Langstroth did not attend but said that one agenda item was the Moody Park residents requesting direction on how to retain heritage houses in their area.
- **ACTION: Further information will be shared after Kathleen receives and reviews the minutes.**

Social Media - Mari-Lou Nidle

- Mary-Lou updated the group on some local social media postings - the 'middle group' that was recently in the paper.
- **ACTION: She will forward the comments she posted.**

Traffic /Parking - Gail Ancill

- Brunette Avenue interchange - New West prefers Option "C" - it lines up with their traffic plan
- Consultations on the interchange are scheduled for December 6 (Pensioners Hall) and December 7 (Millard Middle School)
- Sgt. Paul Fayle is on the Traffic Advisory Committee with a 6 person team and all traffic concerns are channelled through him
- All complaints are assessed for level of impact on the public. They focus on the level of danger (areas of high injury or fatality) vs annoyance
- Focus is to increase public safety and awareness rather than strictly enforcement

5. Election of Officers

- President - Kathleen Langstroth will stand for another year (unopposed)
- Vice President - Steve Norman (unopposed)
- Secretary - Gail North
- Website - Bev McLellan & Kim Jansz
- Treasurer - Martina Rempel
- Social Media - Mari-Lou Nidle
- Policing - Bev McLellan
- Traffic - Gail Ancill

6. Unfinished Business

1. Website

- Berril no longer involved and the website has been handed over to Mari-Lou

- Cheque has been issued to reimburse him for his expenses
- Notifications need to be re-directed to the QPRA moving forward
- **Moved: That Mari-Lou confirm that Berril no longer has access and that administration access has been transferred to her. Carried.**

2. Technical Review Panel Update

- The drawings for the rebuilds for the three approved demolitions were reviewed and returned to homeowners with suggestions/directions for any changes
- QPRA directors noted that they were eager to assist in any way they could

6. New Business:

1. Stakeholders' Meetings

- November 23rd meeting was attended by members of the CHC, QPRA, Working group, Technical Review Panel and was considered to be a successful and worthwhile session

2. City sponsored Workshops

- November 30 and December 3
- QPRA directors are to try and attend at least one session
- Note to communicate to Britney - not everyone has received the mail out announcing the workshops

3. Role of the QPRA in the HCA process

- Much more discussion is needed as the process evolves
- Community consultation process will drive the role of the QPRA
- The need exists to gather info on other CA's that have been done successfully
- Main role of the QPRA should be education with a focus on the benefits of a HCA
- A general meeting in February may be a good way to provide info
- Could be beneficial to request 'equal time' from the RECORD as others bringing forward housing issues.
- **ACTION: Kathleen & Steve will connect with Theresa McManus to request an interview regarding the HCA.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:00 pm

Next Meeting - Jan. 10/17

Meeting at Mari-Lou's house 6:45 p.m.