

DRA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 23 September 2014 @ 5:30 pm
Location: DVBA Board Room

Present: Wendy Bowkett, Nicholas Harrington, Eric Ney, Ian Sutherland, Kaela Schramm, Douglas Boyd (Board members); Lisa Helps (City Councillor)

Regrets: Erika Luebbe, Cathy Brankston

Meeting called to order at: 5:37 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda by acclamation

2. Approval of Minutes of 26 August meeting by acclamation

3. Business arising from Minutes

- DVBA: Organic Waste Collection Pilot Program – Since all the Stratas that we have approached already have waste collection contracts, we have not found a volunteer for the pilot program.
- VCAN meeting 9 Sept – **Doug** reports that the meeting was useful and will be happy to attend the next one. Wendy will not attend the next meeting. Doug found it interesting that some of the community associations are quite large operations with staff and property. Wendy notes that the structural problems of concern to this board have not yet been resolved. For more info about the 9 Sept meeting, check the voluminous notes that were previously circulated to the board.
- Future Board Meeting location – **Wendy** We really appreciate the use of the DVBA office tonight, but don't wish to inconvenience Ken Kelly, who stayed at the office for our benefit. Wendy will find us another place.

4. Councilor's Report: Lisa. Lisa reported briefly: she volunteered to help organize city staff support for the 1 October Downtown Livability Issues meeting at City Hall, encouraged us to use the Have-your-say-Victoria link on the city home page, noted the Trans Mountain (Kinder-Morgan) meeting will be at City Hall on 2 October, and reported that so far no alternative proposals for the Crystal Gardens have been received.

5. Community Development Committee: Kaela

- Victoria Matters – Mayoral Candidates Debate, 29 October, co-sponsored with DVBA is coming along pretty well. Lisa Helps recused herself during this discussion. Some details need to be settled: nailing down the participation of the candidates, need to get a good experienced moderator. It was agreed that the question period will be for written questions only.
- All Candidates Open House, on 21 October will be co-sponsored with DVBA, arrangements are under way.

- Roving Refinery - Roving Refinery Sept: Lido. Oct: tba
- Next Committee Meeting: 2 Oct 5:30 pm @ Lido (Every 1st Thurs)

6. Healthy Living Committee: Eric

- Downtown Victoria Livability Solutions: 1 Oct 2014 5:30-7:30pm – **Wendy**: Super-duper organized Wendy is working on the format and practical arrangements. No doubt they will be faultless. We agreed to focus the discussion on four themes: Public Realm, Public Order, Urban Transport, and Other. Lisa will help with arrangements with city employees.
- Next Committee Meeting: 15 Oct (Every 3rd Wed) 5:30 pm @ Veneto

7. Land Use Committee: Ian

- 960 Yates – Alpha Project Developments, de Hoog & Kierulf Architects, the Committee was mostly positive about what was presented at the CALUC meeting.
- 613 Herald – Kunju – Hillel Architecture; there is a consensus amongst the Committee members that the redesign is worse in practically every respect than the original proposal, but since it does meet the guidelines, it will like pass through the system.
- 819 Yates – Chard Update: this was rezoned some time ago, and the new plan will fit the earlier parameters.
- 759 Yates – GMC Properties/CEI Architecture: This is the Dominion Hotel conversion to microlofts, which will provide lots of new rentals downtown.
- 777 Douglas St – Executive House – Resolution: Steps promised to be taken to alleviate noise concerns. We will keep a watch on this one.
- 1205 Wharf St – Final Resolution. They were ordered to remove their unauthorized structure on city property. LUC committee is happy with this decision.
- Crystal Garden – Macaloney Brewers & Distillers – **Wendy** reports that the Humbolt Valley Posse doesn't like this project at all and has expressed their displeasure everywhere. Wendy does not think that their position accurately reflects what is in the proposal. DRA facilitated the meeting between the parties, but has no wish or mandate to intervene in the subsequent discussion.
- 595 Pandora, no rezoning necessary, so LUC involvement is limited.
- Sawyer Building. LUC letter is under way.

8. Communications: Nicholas/Erika/Wendy

- Next Communications Meeting: Thurs 23 Oct 5:30 pm @ Veneto, whoopee.

9. New Business In response to a request from an event promoter, it was agreed unanimously that the DRA should **NEVER** allow outsiders to use our mailing list. However, it was also agreed unanimously that our Communications could mention and even support such events as were consistent with our constitution and interests. This would be left up to the editors generally as it has been in the past.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:55 pm

Date for next Meeting: 28 October 2014 @ 5:30 pm. Location: tba (Every 4th Tuesday)