

DRA Board Meeting

26 February 2014

Location: Victoria Silver Threads

Present: Erika Luebbe, Doug Boyd, Don Elliott, Eric Ney, Kaela Schramm, Ian Sutherland, Nicholas Harrington.

Regrets:

Meeting called to order at: 5:36pm

New meeting date is set for the fourth Tuesday of the month.

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of 15 Jan meeting

Approved.

3. Business arising from Minutes

4. Confirmation of Committee Chairs: Proposed

- Land Use Committee: Ian Sutherland
- Healthy Living Committee: Eric Ney
- Community Development Committee: Kaela Schramm
- Communications Team: Managing Editor: Nicholas

5. Councilor's Report: Lisa

Shape Your Future Victoria Grants and Neighbourhood Development Grants are Due March 31st

There is a meet and greet at City Hall March 13 6-7pm for neighbourhood and resident associations to meet with Jason Johnson, the New City Manager

There are vacancies on the Community Services and Corporate Services committee 3 citizen appointees to each. (Applications now closed)

Public Engagement on the Harbour on three key sites will begin soon and run until June. Sites include Belleville Terminal, Ships Points Lands (which thanks to the land swap with the Province the City now owns all of) and a Provincially owned parking lot almost adjacent (maps and details here: http://www.lisahelpsvictoria.ca/downtown_victoria_2_our_harbour_our_heart)

Bay St traffic calming pilot project (proposal to reduce speed along entirety of Bay St to 40km/h) not submitted yet but in the works.

6. Community Development Committee: Wendy

- Victoria Matters: Housing Affordability: Challenges & Opportunities
Was a good event, turnout was better than first one.
Students from the Martlet video taped it and are editing it. **Kaela will follow up with the students to get the footage.**
Next Victoria Matters. Topic is Sewage Treatment – April 2nd or April 9th – more likely the 9th
Geoff Young, Chair of CRD Sewage Committee, Richard Atwell R.I.T.E. Plan, Vic Derman, CRD and Saanich Councilor, we're looking for one more person who is opposed to sewage altogether
- Meeting update: Thurs 6 Feb 5:30 pm at QV
 - Ideas for Victoria Matters events in 2014
 - Roving Refinery Mon 17 Feb 5:30: Interactivity Board Game Café
7 people present, got turned down for a liquor license but turned out being good for kids 19 and under, and has improved the street front, seems always busy
 - Roving Refinery for Mar. 20 6:00-8:00pm at Peacock Billiards
Asking for donation of socks and mittens for our place
- Next meeting: proposed for Tuesday Mar 4 5:30 pm at QV Kaela to check with Graham to see if that date works.

7. Healthy Living Committee: Eric

- Meeting updates: Wed 7 Jan 7 pm at QV
- Next meeting: Wed 19 Feb 7 pm at QV

Have created survey, need technology to do it.

A link will be posted on DRA website re: why people would want to fill it out, how long it will take and will be sent around in social media channels.

DRA to sign up for Survey Gizmo; **Wendy** will sign up and give Erika and Eric the passwords.

Nicholas to put in newsletter that a Quality of Life Survey will be available soon.

8. Land Use Committee: Ian

- Development Permit: 769 Pandora: passed at Council
New climbing wall.
- Peacock Billiards: Application for Liquor Primary License
Ian spoke at David Peacock's application; got unanimously positive support.

Ian to report on proposed changes to Bedford Hotel when he gets more information.
Will be interesting to watch with the Plaza Hotel. For Sale sign went up today.

9. New Business

- Wendy and Ian will be away from 12 March to 18 April and the following duties need to be covered in their absence.
 - Manage social media – FB & TW
Erika will manage these. And Wendy, Erika and Nicholas will get together re: social media 'training'
 - Write agenda & chair March meeting
Robert will do this.
 - Pick up key for Silver Threads on day of board meeting (leave it in cash register if others are using the back room, otherwise lock up & return key the following day). I will pass on the alarm code.
Robert will do this.
 - Manage any LUC meetings or correspondence (whatever Ian can't manage remotely).
Lisa will ask New City Manager to send land-use notices to CALUC chairs by *email*
Lisa will ask Mike Wilson and Deb Day re: notify about any CALUC meeting
 - Guest speaker at April board meeting: Murray Rankin

10. Notes for March board meeting

- **Wendy will confirm that Tuesday Mar 25th works. Lisa will send reminder closer to the day. Nicolas will send a note** Kathy Stinson and Alan Rycroft have been invited as guests at our March board meeting to update us on Cool Aid's new housing plan. Wendy will send them confirmation of date, time and location plus be sure they are added to the March agenda.

Meeting adjourned at

Date for next Meeting: New meeting date is set for the fourth **Tuesday** of the month. Next meeting is Tuesday March 25th at 5:30pm at Silver Threads.