

DRA Board Meeting Minutes

15 September 2015

Location: Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton Street

Present: Robert F., Nicholas H., Erika L., Eric N., Kaela S.

Regrets: Ruth A., Wendy B., Doug B., Cathy B., Don E., Karen G., Ian S., Charlayne T-J.

Recording Secretary: Nicholas agreed to take the minutes for this meeting

Approval of Agenda: Approved by consensus

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kaela at 5:30 pm

1. **Approval of Minutes of 18 August 2015 meeting:** Approved by consensus
2. **Councillor's Report:** Tabled until October meeting
3. **Community Development Committee:** Kaela and Don
 - Kaela advised that "The Economics of Downtown" was still the proposed theme for the next Victoria Matters event. The CDC is looking at selecting a speaker from the City by reviewing the Draft Economic Action Plan. Other possible speakers under consideration are: Elisabeth Gugl (UVic) and/or David Scoones (UVic Department of Economics) authors of "A Prosperous Region Needs a Vibrant Core", Sage Baker, and Robert Jawl
 - Next Roving Refinery: Fishhook, Wednesday September 23. The tickets sold out within the first day, and all went to new or prospective members.
 - Next Meeting: October 6 (to be confirmed)
4. **Urban Livability:** Eric and Nicholas
 - Nothing new to report
 - Next Meeting: October 14, Location: TBD
5. **Land Use Committee:** Robert
 - 5.1. 727 Johnson Street: Michael Alston – CALUC meeting Tuesday September 8 at the Victoria Executive Centre. The applicant is seeking to convert office space to retail and residential.

- 5.2. Hudson District: Townline – CALUC meeting Tuesday September 8. The applicant is seeking a zoning amendment to allow the operations of a Brewery/ Distillery/Brew Pubs within the district. Robert attended the CALUC and reports that the applicant is not planning any of these uses for the commercial unit previously occupied by Smoken Bones Cookshack. Robert noted that no one in attendance spoke against the proposed amendment, but some concerns raised were hours of operation, potential noise and smells.
- 5.3. 759 Yates Street: The Dominion Rocket Residences – Public Hearing on Thursday September 10 @ 7pm regarding Development Variance Permit to reduce the number of parking spaces required for the development.
- 5.4. 755 Caledonia: Townline – Public Hearing on Thursday September 10 @ 7pm regarding Development Permit with Variances to increase permitted amount of residential use on the first storey.
- 5.5. 816 Government Street – Public Hearing on Thursday September 10 @ 7pm regarding Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw, Heritage Designation, Heritage Alteration Permit, and Heritage Revitalization Agreement. Robert attended the hearing and reports that all of the above were passed by Council.
- 5.6. Johnson Street Bridge – Nicholas and Wendy met with with Bridget Frewer on Friday September 4 to discuss the DRA's expectations and wishes for the Design Charrette/Workshop being planned for Oct 2015. It is hoped that the date of the workshop will be set to allow Ian to attend.
- 5.7. Northern Junk: Reliance Holdings – Applicant is working on alternatives to address feedback provided during the recent CALUC meeting.
- 5.8. 613 Herald: Conrad Nyren Real Estate/Hillel Architecture – New plans provided. New letter to be submitted by LUC (Robert Florida).
- 5.9. Government St Charrette: No updates

6. VCAN: Doug

- Next Meeting: September 15th, 2015.
- Doug has agreed to attend the VCAN meeting which is being held concurrently with this DRA Board meeting

7. Business arising from Minutes: Co-Chair Kaela is working with the City's Citizen Engagement Assistant to secure an October date for our meeting with the City of Victoria (Neighbourhood engagement meeting). The most likely date at this point is Tuesday, October 13.

8. New Business:

- A request received from Federal Green Party candidate from Jo-Ann Roberts to meet with the DRA was discussed. It was decided that there were no pressing issues to discuss with her, and that we will make a point of meeting with our MP after the elections. Nicholas will reply back to the invitation.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Date for next Meeting: October 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm