

DRA Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018

Location: Songhees Room, Victoria City Hall

Attending: Ruth Annis, Ian Sutherland, Dianne Flood, Paul Gandall, Wendy Bowkett, Doug Boyd, Nicholas Harrington (Chair), Robert Florida, all Board Members, Amanda Macdonald, CDC member; Mike Hill and Charlayne Thornton-Joe from the City.

Regrets: Megan Clarke

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm

1. **Addition of insurance liability added to the Agenda**
2. **Robert agreed to be Minutes Recorder until 7 pm.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2018 board meeting with two amendments, first approval of minutes of January, not November; second, noted that Janet and Dianne left the meeting at 6:49 (These changes have been done.)**
4. **5:40 - Round of Introductions**
5. **6:00 - New Business**

DRA Board Officer Positions for 2018

- The following officers under our new Constitution and Bylaws, were elected
 - President: Paul
 - Vice-President: Nicholas
 - Secretary: Open
 - Treasurer: Doug
- Dianne agreed to take up the role of 'Membership Secretary' as an auxiliary position, with the role of maintaining the association's membership records, and recording and welcoming new members. An ad hoc Membership was approved. Dianne will report on progress.
- **Insurance liability:** After considerable discussion it was agreed to renew the Directors and Officers liability policy with a 3 million limit, raised from \$2 million. Consideration of how much liability insurance we really need was referred to our Governance Committee.

Growing the DRA Membership - Dianne

- As discussed at our February Board meeting, Dianne spoke with the property manager of her strata council about growing the DRA membership. The manager is willing to post a notice about the DRA in the newsletter they send out to all strata owners in the buildings they manage. Dianne has crafted a short notice (Refer to included file: DRA notice strata councils.pdf) and is seeking Board approval to send it to the property manager for publication. The board agreed to this, made a few suggestions to the draft, and gave

Dianne permission to edit it. Dianne will circulate her revised version to the Board members.

Updating the DRA Website - Dianne

- Discussion topic. Nicholas agreed to contact Erika to get information updates on line. It was generally agreed that the Website could use some revision, but no one on the Board wanted to undertake that job. We are not that techno-savvy.

6. 6:15 - Business Arising from Minutes

- Billing issue with our ISP has been identified and the ISP has opened an investigation. Nicholas will follow up.

7. 6:17 - Land Use Committee: Ian

• At the last committee meeting there was a presentation by Douglas Curran on the current City of Victoria Density Bonus System. Committee members all felt that the system should be modified to generate considerable more substantial amenities for the downtown area. The LUC will pursue this interest and report back to the Board on results. Upcoming meetings of the Committee:

1. Pacific Mazda - Jawl Residential

- March 22nd at 10am at Union Pacific with David and Mike Jawl

2. CALUC Meeting - The Drake Brewery - 506 Herald Street

- March 26th at 6:30pm at 506 Herald

3. CALUC Meeting - 550 Pandora - 5 Story Rental with OCP Amendment for Density

- April 4th at 7pm at the Chinese Freemasons second Floor - 557 Fisgard

4. Zoning Bylaw/Old Town Design Guidelines -Upcoming Meetings

- April 5th 5-7pm and April 10th 5-7pm at City Hall

5. CALUC Meeting - Abstract Developments - 1010 Fort Street 10 storey Tower

- April 9th at 6pm at Christ Church Cathedral (Chapter Room)

6. 515 Chatham - 5 story Revisions going back to Council

- April 11th at 5pm Christine Lintott's office - 864 Queens Ave #1

8. **Councilor's Report: Charlayne Thornton-Joe.** Charlayne reported that the old fire hall on Johnson is not earthquake safe, which is why a new one is needed. As of yet there are no details on the Jawl proposal for the Mazda site. Reesom Park has been closed for overnight camping in line with city policies. (At 7 pm Robert left the meeting, and Nicholas took notes for the remainder of the meeting.)

9. Community Development Committee: Wendy

- Get Downtown - Wed 28 Mar - Fish Hook
- VicMatters: Livability - Town Hall/ Pre-election event - Survey Mar 2018: Dianne moved that the "Board approve an expenditure of up to \$288 + tax to obtain an appropriate means of conducting the Survey as discussed". Seconded by Paul. Passed
- Car Free Day - June 2018: Dianne moved that the "Board approve an expenditure of up to \$350 for our participation in Car Free Day 2018". Seconded by Paul. Passed.
- Silent Disco - July 2018
- VicMatters: TRC

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 3, 2018

10. Governance Committee: Wendy

Policy Binder

- 1 Self-Governance policy outstanding
- Committee has started reviewing

11. VCAN Meeting - Paul

- Updates (if any)

12. 900 Block Pandora GNA Meeting - Paul

- Updates from this morning's meeting (if any)

13. Late Night Action Committee Meeting - Paul

- Updates from the last meeting (if any)

14. Urban Livability Committee: Nicholas

Yates Street Community Garden (YSGC):

- The YSCG held its inaugural Annual Membership Meeting (AMM) on Sunday, February 25, 2018. The Garden membership passed the YSCG Policies and Bylaws.

15. City Liaison Report: Mike Hill

- Refer to circulated file: Downtown Feb 2018 Update.pdf

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday April 17, 2018 (Robert sends his regrets for the April and May meetings, travelling)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

In Your Neighbourhood

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