

Minutes for QPRA Directors Meeting—February 9, 2016

Meeting Location: 218 Queens Ave 7:35—9:39pm

Present

- Kathleen Langstroth (President)
- Steve Norman (Vice-President)
- Karen Smith (Secretary)
- Catherine Hutson (Treasurer)
- Gail Ancill
- Mari-Lou Nidle
- Joan Davis
- Bob Davis
- Steve North

Regrets

- Berril Perks
- Bev McLellan

Minutes

1. Call to order and check for quorum

- Quorum met.

2. Adoption of Minutes from Jan 20, 2016

- Moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes from the Jan 20 directors meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Moved, seconded and carried to adopt agenda.

4. Directors signing authority

- Thanks to Joan for her work changing the signing authority for the new Treasurer.

5. Webmaster co-managing

- Kathleen sent an email to Berril asking him to share the password with Bev McLellan. Bev can post info but cannot access the membership list. Kathleen to follow up with Berril.
- Mary Lou has access to Facebook & Twitter

6. Reports from Committees:

Traffic /Parking - Gail Ancill

- Committee hasn't met recently

- Gail received letter from the City advising that she was not selected to be on the Traffic/Parking Committee. Kathleen talked to Lauren Blake & explained that Gail would replace Berril as the QPRA representative and was not self-nominated. The City will instate her at the Feb 29 Council meeting

Policing - Bev McLellan

- Kathleen & Bev attended the policing meeting.
- Some arrests for drug deals have been made in the area but nothing affecting property has occurred
- There is a police app that is helpful & shows crime in New West

OCP - Bev McLellan & Berril Perks

- Kathleen reported on Bev's behalf. The Jan 30 presentation went well and there was a good turnout at Century house

Heritage Working Group - Steve North

- The New West city solicitor presented at the last working group meeting
- Designating Queen's Park as a conservation area is the only way to stop demolitions but new builds would still be allowed if all bylaws are met. There are many conservation areas in the province. A "development permit area" doesn't have a lot of teeth.
- The whole of the Queen's Park neighbourhood would be within the conservation area
- The Heritage Working Group will go to Council & suggest a conservation area. This would mean HRA's would no longer be necessary.
- The solicitor recommended that an architect assist with developing guidelines. Guidelines would help the planning department.
- The group will gather further info & look at what other communities have done and then tailor to Queen's Park

CHC - Mary-Lou Nidle

- 313 Queen's Ave - the addition can't be seen from the front and the neighbours don't have any concerns. No heritage value in the addition - just additional space.
- The CHC supports the application.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. AGM
 - February 21, 2016 at Centennial Lodge in Queen's Park. 1:30 to 4:00pm
 - Steve Norman will chair
 - Lynn Roxburgh to present on the OCP process: what's in an OCP & how it's different from rezoning
 - Heritage Study Group to present
 - Steve North to provide refreshments for sale
 - Donations to cover costs will be asked at the door
- b. Flyer for AGM
 - Has been delivered door to door and posted on the website, City page & in newspaper
 - Moved, seconded and carried that a press release be submitted to the local paper
- c. Tree removal from 5th Street
 - The tree was on private property & had grown onto public property
 - It was taken down legally

8. New Business:

- a. Constitution review and updating - when and how
 - Steve Norman prepared draft changes
 - All proposed changes must be submitted to Kathleen (President) by Aug 1, 2016
 - The April or June meeting to have a 1-hr discussion re: constitution changes
 - Moved, seconded & carried to approve the process and timeline for the constitution review & updating
 - Three categories of changes:
 1. Formatting
 2. Syntax, typos & word changes
 3. Substantive changes:
 - Members must be of voting age
 - Boundaries of Queen's Park to be mutually determined by the City & QPRA
 - Committees appointed by QPRA must report back to the QPRA
 - That directors be elected at the AGM & Officers be elected at the first Directors meeting
 - A donation be requested from time to time to defray expenses
 - Polling
 - Committees: QPRA reps must seek a mandate for new policy
 - Directors undertake a review every 5 years
- b. Discuss Robert's Rules use and explanation and the possibility of using them at a directors meeting so we know how they are used in council and at the general meetings
 - The QPRA has to use Robert's Rules per the constitution. How we use them is open for discussion

- Moved, seconded & carried that we apply Robert's Rules & learn the process
- c. Share the topics and information discussed at the Jan 28 meeting with Julie Schuek, Bev McLellan and Kathleen Langstroth re: HRAs, demolitions, rezoning, etc.
- The process with HRA's is being abused
 - The City will not let anyone know in advance re: demolitions or building permits until they've been issued due to privacy laws
 - Design guidelines to be discussed with Bev Grieve in the future
- d. How president and vice president and/or directors will communicate with city hall
- Moved, seconded & carried that two or more QPRA directors to connect with City Hall at any given time. Those representing the QPRA must represent the consensus view of the QPRA & report back.
 - Kathleen to send out invites to rest of group for interested parties to attend & will provide a head's up around issues being discussed to facilitate other discussions and make sure members aren't blindsided.
 - Kathleen & Steve have been attending every Council meeting to represent the QPRA.
- e. Social Media
- Twitter & Facebook is in Mary Lou's name. Berril & Naomi still have access.
 - Send any info to Mary Lou that could be posted re: meetings, recycling info, garage sales, etc. Mary Lou to check with Bev to see if there's any policing info that can be posted.

Meeting Adjourned 9:39 pm

Next Meeting

April 12, 2016

7:30 pm

227 Queen's Avenue