

Minutes for QPRA Directors Meeting—June 7, 2016

Meeting Location: 125 Third Street - 7:30 - 10:05 pm

Present

- Kathleen Langstroth (President)
- Steve Norman (Vice-President)
- Karen Smith (Secretary)
- Steve North
- Mary Lou Nidle
- Gail Ancill

Absent

- Berril Perks
- Joan Davis
- Bob Davis
- Catherine Hutson
- Bev McLellan

Guest

- Deane Gurney

Minutes

1. Call to order and check for quorum

- Quorum met

2. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2016 & May 10, 2016

- Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the April 12 and May 10, 2016 directors meetings

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda

4. Reports from Committees (written if unable to attend in person):

Traffic /Parking - Gail Ancill

- The next meeting is June 14, 2016. Traffic concerns from the last QPRA General Meeting will be added to the agenda
- Gail contacted Lisa Leblanc; she's not able to attend general meeting due to other commitments but will try to come to the next one

Policing - Bev McLellan

- Kathleen attended on behalf of Bev
- Committee meets 3x per year
- Reminder to residents not to intervene if you see criminal activity
- Police are starting patrols of Queen's Park for the summer. Issues in Queen's Park have significantly reduced over the last seven years

OCP - Kathleen Langstroth

- All neighbourhoods chose the status quo option for future housing & density
- Medium to high density will be congregated around skytrain stations
- Queen's Park - residents want status quo. Proposed density increases will be along the west side of 5th Street from 6th Ave to 4th. OCP is wrapping up for round 1
- Suggestions from the surveys and workshops will be presented to communities this fall

Heritage Working Group - Steve North

- Julie Schuek sent an email in early June asking to meet on June 21 to review next steps

CHC - Catherine Hutson

- CHC met last week: 2 houses for demolition.
- Catherine pushed for a 60 day cool down due to the age of houses. The CHC agreed to recommend this to Council.

Council Meetings- Kathleen Langstroth and Steve Norman

- Nothing pertaining to Queen's Park to report at present

New Westminster Residents Associations Forum - Kathleen Langstroth

- Met Apr 27, next meeting Sept 14
- Every community concerned about traffic
- Queensborough would like to proceed with Q2Q bridge
- 3-4 residents associations are concerned with the number of City-wide festivals competing with community ones

- The Front Street parkade demolition is on budget & on time
- There was a discussion around online information and social media

Social Media - Mari-Lou Nidle

- Mary-Lou updated the group on some local social media postings

5. Unfinished Business

1. Update regarding the changing of financial institutions and the directors signing authority
 - The QPRA is now a member of the Westminster Savings Credit union
2. Update regarding Urban Academy's public hearing
 - Was approved by the City. Urban Academy's new location will be at Braid & Rousseau street
 - Moved, seconded and carried for the QPRA to send a letter to the City asking to be formally involved or informed around proposed uses of both of Urban Academy's current properties in Queen's Park: 228 Manitoba & 101 3rd Street. The letter is to be written by Kathleen Langstroth & Steve Norman
3. Update regarding the meeting about the FOI report
 - Bev & Steve had a 1-hour meeting with mayor
 - Want to make changes to process & accountability at City Hall
 - Mayor expressed concern regarding the level of involvement between staff and developers before the QPRA is informed about projects concerning Queen's Park
4. Update of the meeting on May 25th with Julie Schuek, Kathleen Langstroth and Steve North regarding the city's strategic plan for developing a Heritage Conservation Area and how the QPRA can assist
 - A student has been engaged to take a photo inventory of the houses in Queen's Park
 - Residents with knowledge of houses in the neighbourhood may like to volunteer to assist
 - Recommended Don Luxton or Jim Wolfe be involved in some professional capacity
 - Moved, seconded and carried to move into committee of the whole
 - Moved, seconded and carried to rise from committee of the whole with nothing to report
 - QPRA directors noted that they were eager to assist in any way they could

6. New Business:

1. Organization of the QPRA General Meeting on June 12, 2016
 - Kathleen Langstroth - opening address (5 min)
 - Steve Norman - Chair & Constitution (5 min)
 - Gail Ancill - Traffic (30 min)
 - Kathleen Langstroth - OCP Update (15 min)
 - Steve North, Deane Gurney - Heritage Study Group (15 min)
 - Bill Buholzer, New West City Solicitor - Q&A re: heritage conservation area (45 minutes)
2. “Your Active New West”
 - To be advertised through our social media sites

Meeting Adjourned 10:05 pm

Next Meeting - TBD

No meetings over the summer