

Victoria Hill/Ginger Drive Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
Carpentry Hall

1) Light supper served at 6:30PM

2) Registration and membership applications collected

3) Meeting started at 7:00PM

a) Acknowledgements and Introductions

- meeting started at 7:00PM due to large audience already present
- explained that anyone can attend meetings but those wishing to vote must pay \$5 membership which is valid from September 2019-Sept 2020

- acknowledgement that AGM is held on Coast Salish unceded territory, BC Penitentiary and Woodlands Hospital grounds

- thank you's provided to Glenbrook Townhomes, Victoria Hill Market, Refood

b) Reports:

i) President (Karl Moser)

- introduction of directors
- 6 months since RA was founded in March 2019
- organized 3 general meetings with attendance 25-65 members
- held 7 executive committee meetings
- established RA and built membership
- established constitution, banking, website/social media
- hosted meeting with City of New Westminister representative to address traffic concerns
- assisting in clean up of Victoria Hill entry gates
- provided input to Fortis Gas regarding pipeline proposal
- applied for and received \$200 from grant City of New Westminister
- applied for and received \$375 grant from Vancouver Foundation
- hosted community supper prior to September 2019 AGM

-upcoming goals:

- improving engagement with Ginger Drive neighborhood
- ongoing updates and liaison with Patullo Bridge replacement project
- working with city regarding traffic and parking
- broadening initiatives beyond traffic and parking that may include EV parking, historic walks, stewardship of Glenbrook Ravine, community clean up,

ii) Finances (Elsa Marlowe)

- \$375 from membership fees
- \$200 from City of New Westminister
- \$375 from Vancouver Foundation

- total expenses \$73.73:
 - \$67.73 website set up
 - \$6.00 banking fees
- current balance is \$876.27 at Westminster Savings

-note: financials do not include expense from AGM or membership fees collected tonight

iii) Membership (Emy Lai)

- 75 voting members as of June 2019
- 110 people on mailing list
- 9 people that did not provide email addresses

- 14 new members signed up at tonight's AGM

iv) Communications (Mikel Bech)

- RA has a website www.vhgdra.ca
- Facebook presence facebook.com/vhgdra
- Twitter @vhgdra
- general discussion about how audience heard about about AGM
- residents can sign up to join mailing list at website

v) Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee (Raunaq Singh)

- each resident association has one seat at the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee
- discussion of city traffic and transportation policies brought forth by RA's
- 3 items discussed:

- school zone infrastructure update by Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer
- new high school is under construction issues raised about traffic on 8th and 6th Avenues

- 2020 pedestrian crossing improvements program
- how to make pedestrian crossing safe

- signal policy
- signal beeping is too loud at pedestrian crossings
- complaints received they were too loud at night

vi) Residents Associations Forum (Karl Moser)

- presidents of all RA's meet 3 to 4 times a year
- up to residents to determine how to organize RA to advocate with city
- VHGD started from McBride-Sapperton RA which was a large area
- VHGD concerns were rarely on their agenda

- September 11 RA forum addressed boundaries
- representative of City of New Westminster (Lynn Roxburgh) present to take notes and report to city

- conducting review of committees to determine if some could be downsized or amalgamated
- reports from other RA's

4) Constitutional amendment and elections

a) Election of Table Officers

- constitutional amendment moved by Mikel Bech seconded by Briana Harris
- explanation of how positions were determined based on election of directors then specific positions determined at initial meeting

- explanation and discussion of proposed changes
- majority voted to approve change

b) Election of Directors

- 7 current Directors volunteered to remain
- 2 current vacancies
- no volunteers for 2 vacancies
- 7 current Directors acclaimed

5) Main program

a) 3 speakers from EVO

- history of EVO and overview how it works
- question and answers from audience to EVO staff

b) update on traffic recommendations sent via email

i) When will city operations be removing the no-left turn prohibition at Memorial Drive onto McBride Boulevard?

- history of no-left turn prohibition explained related to traffic back-ups into Victoria Hill
- work request has been sent to operations crews
- there is some work to be done on the signal controller before the signs can be removed but it should happen relatively soon

ii) When the centre-line paint might be applied in the curve at the intersection of East Royal and Francis Way

- aiming to have this added to the city-wide line painting contract which is currently underway
- hopeful to have this done within the next few weeks provided weather is suitable in upcoming weeks

iii) Will the crosswalk from The Royal across to the duck pond be signed and painted to make it safer?

- included this location in recommended 2020 pedestrian crossing program
- will need to install accessible curb ramps and possibly move one of the boulevard trees for visibility
- intent is to undertake this work in the new year

iv) What is the status of conversations between City of New Westminster and the Queens Park Care Centre regarding potential for monthly resident parking in their lot?

-Lisa Leblanc was sent the contact name and email address for Scott Brolin, the Executive Director at QPCC

-no update at this time as colleague taking this on was not in office

v) Any decision regarding lowering the posted speed to 30km/hr in Victoria Hill?

-have not progressed this discussion further

-as a starting point city will collect speed data on Ross Drive and Francis Way in the fall to quantify the concern

vi) General discussion regarding traffic

-discussion regarding posted speed limit

-discussion regarding having specified lanes at McBride Boulevard and Royal Avenue

-discussion regarding speeding seen at Ross Drive and Royal Avenue intersection to McBride Boulevard

-discussion regarding safety at Royal Avenue and McBride Boulevard

-discussion regarding alternate right turn northbound route onto McBride Boulevard north from behind QPCC

-discussion regarding no left turn onto Royal Avenue when traveling southbound on McBride Boulevard

c) Recommendation to support The Lookout with way-finding signs

-history regarding reasons for motion presented to audience

-2 letters sent to Mayor of New Westminster

-strata president requested VHGD RA for support

-discussion that Ginger Drive residents had map of local area posted at entrances to guide emergency services and visitors

-discussion to forward information to New Westminster Police and Fire Department a map of the area

-discussion to post signs directing emergency services and visitors to specific areas

-motion: "That the VHGD RA support The Lookout in its request to the City of New Westminster to install way-finding signs to ensure public safety for residents of 20 and 22 East Royal Avenue."

-moved by Sheila Evans, seconded by Garin Doyle

-majority voted to approve

7) General Discussion

-discussion regarding fiber optic cable being installed

8) Adjournment at 8:05PM