

Minutes Nanaimo Old City Association Annual General Meeting 18 October 2010

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction: Andrea Blakeman, acting chair, introduced current Board members and then gave a general round-up of the activities carried out by the Board since the last AGM in June 2009. Through summer and fall of 2009 these included formation of the new Board, a focus on establishing and building a relationship with City of Nanaimo and with Harris House. The latter resulted in Harris House allowing use at no cost of their boardroom for Board meetings.

Fall saw Board attendance at meetings regarding on-going development in the City, the development at Port Place and with Brechin community, and a letter written regarding the current location of the bus loop on Prideaux Street.

In February the Board held an extra meeting to establish a vision statement for itself. The work around this resulted in a three-pronged vision for the work of Board: to establish and maintain a strong relationship with City of Nanaimo; to act as an information clearing house for the Community; and to provide leadership for the Community around development issues.

In March the Board held a General meeting with a representative from City Park and Recreation attending. Out of this arose the community meeting in September at Pawson Park with Kirsty McDonald from Parks.

April through June saw John Horne presenting to the Board regarding the housing development on Welsey Street; members attending the meeting held by the Port Place Design Panel, a meeting regarding a proposed low-barrier housing site in Townsite and a meeting regarding South Nanaimo neighbourhood planning.

Throughout the year a Board member has attended Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network meetings in order to maintain contact with other community associations.

Approval of the agenda: Done by show of voting cards. Approved.

Approval of minutes from AGM June 2009: Done by show of voting cards. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Present by Paulette McCarthy. See attached report. m/c Rich Evans/Barb Humpherville. Carried.

Motion to approve payment of bills generated by this evening's meeting m/c/ Matt Binley/ Jim Symington. Carried.

Constitution: Doug Creba presented on behalf of the Board. Outlined proposed changes, most notable being change in boundaries as Nob Hill has elected to become its own separate neighbourhood. Other changes are the simplification of language in the document and inclusion of the mission statement as worked out by this Board.

There was discussion around the definition of membership and the document as presented was amended to read: "One class of member: an individual of 18 years or older." Amendment approved by show of voting cards.

A vote was called to approve the constitution as amended m/c Rich Evans/Matt Binley. Carried.

Election of new Board of Directors: Dean Forsyth offered thanks to Paulette McCarthy and Jim Symington for their service the past year.

The balance of the current Board agreed to remain: Andrea Blakeman, Doug Creba, Dean Forsyth, Alexia Penny and Lawrence Rieper. Two new members, Barbara Bruce and Ryan Riddle, volunteered to join the Board. Motion to maintain current Board members and appoint two new volunteers at next Board meeting. m/c Barb Humpherville/Jim Symington. Carried.

Presentation re: 421 Milton Street: Sue Creba made an informational presentation regarding an application for a change in zoning from RM9 to RM10 for proposed development at 421 Milton, to allow 5 rather than 4 units to be built on the site.

Wesley Street low-barrier housing development: John Horne from the City informed the meeting that there will be an Open House on the site at 437 Wesley Street on Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:30. And also, that the building currently on the site is being offered for sale to be moved.

Emergency Procedures Presentation: Karen Lindsay made a short presentation on emergency preparedness, emphasizing the importance of individual readiness as it is often seven days before outside help is available. She had several pamphlets for attendees to take home.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and presenters stayed to answer questions. About 45 people, apart from Board members, were in attendance.