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Minutes: April 25th, 2007

At Anchor Pointe – 7:30PM - 1135 Quayside Common Room

A. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30PM: 13 out of 17 Strata Members in attendance. Missing The Rialto, Tower II, Murano with regrets from Tower I.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: March 28th, 2007. MSC: Yes

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Azure Towers (Plaza 88) report: Update Allan Morris by email: Regarding the McInnis overpass: Lance Berlowitz told me that engineering had not yet had the drawings from Plaza 88 Dev. for the plans. The bottom of the overpass would be widened to 3 lanes by adding a lane to the west side of the overpass, just for that bottom part up to about where it goes under the Skytrain track. That would create two lanes going down, one for a right turn into the parking garage, or further down, onto Carnarvon. That would give Quayside drivers access to the parkade and the Grocery, Drug and other retail stores. The other down lane would be a left turn lane onto Carnarvon. The lane coming up would be separated from the two down lanes by a median so that people coming up cannot turn left into the parkade, so that creating a back up in the intersection does not happen. There is some thought about a traffic light at that intersection but until the development is complete and they get traffic counts that decision won't be made. There will be a light on Carnarvon where the buses come out of the bus loop. There will be two other entrances to the parkade, one where the bus loop is now (the part that has been cut off by fence) and one from Columbia Street. There will be no truck loading dock access over here by the overpass. It will come off 8th street and basically go behind the Salvation Army store that will be redeveloped into the Shoppers Drugstore. There is a request for another truck access off Columbia on the west side of the overpass, but that decision has not been made. There will be access to the 5th level from the McInnis overpass for pedestrians walking from Quayside. That will be the retail level, which is one level below the Skytrain, the same level where the kiosk is now, before you go up the escalator to the train. There will not be a bus stop on the down ramp level 5 as this would be unsafe. James and I attended the open house on April 25th. There was some discussion about a light at the bottom of the overpass and the developer would install this. They have been informed it will not be necessary according to city staff. Overall the plans are well thought out and this will be a major benefit to the Quayside area with additional shopping opportunities. Additional discussions were had about the gifted space giving to the city for \$1.00 per sq ft as an amenity by the developer. Further information will be provided to the QCB. An invitation was extended to the developer to attend our next meeting depending on the high water situation.

2. Website: www.quaysideboard.com has been updated. Please visit it. Comments are welcome. Strata Web Sites links are requested please provide your URL's. During the High Water potential updates will be done as required.

3. Mail box for west end of Quayside Drive: Matthew: In progress. The letter to Canada was sent with the number of impacted units/residents. Matthew will follow up.

4. Quayside Market Membership Card Report: James C: In progress with a request forwarded to the BIA for a presentation to the members for participation.

5. Disaster Response: HIGH WATER REPORT: Gloria and Matthew: City has requested that assistance of the QCB that members provide lists of occupants with special needs, meds, pets, etc. With weather conditions there is a real possibility the area will experience some flooding in particular the underground parking areas. City wants a prime emergency contact from each of its member strata councils. The fire department has advised that emergency contact can be made with them by placing a written note behind the fire alarm panel – the NWFD's policy will to check these panels in the event of an evacuation. Fran Jull of Westminster Co-op will look at the issue of pets and the humane society. Community garbage bins need to be moved up from basements – or be able to be moved up on short notice. Arrangements should be made with your garbage removal companies. Strata's with the Hytec water system in areas that could be flooded need to make sure it is sealed/secured. The threat of flooding begins mid May and should end at the end of June. The worst

flooding will be at high tide, and for this time of year, that is between 1 and 3 am. Upgraded prognosticative technologies and current research will supply us with 2 days warning of a flood. The city will be setting up some kind of registry to facilitate emergency contact. The council's are responsible to get the information to occupants. The city will use several methods of communication to the area by radio 88.7, newspapers and direct contact thru the Quayside Community Board. There is a meeting May 2nd with City staff and the emergency contacts from each building. Further bulletins will be issued as required to inform the members. All strata councils are strongly encouraged to follow up on suggested checklist provided at meeting and attached to these minutes.

6. Strata Council update: Michele Sereda has been tasked with hunting down those members who have yet to complete the QCB's important contact information sheet for all buildings. More urgent now with the High Water issue needs to be completed as soon as possible.

7. Westminster Landing Development (called Poplar Landing): Allan: The following is a brief summary from emails to city staff regarding this development: Barry Waitt, Development Services Department, thanks for taking the time on Friday to meet with me. The documents you gave me that summarizes the three workshops and the sustainable development guidelines are very informative. As we discussed, you are in the process of preparing a follow up report to city council as directed by council at the January 22, 2007 meeting. You stated that most of what council asked, would be dealt with after they had made decisions on what direction they wanted to take, be it the original proposal of selling some of the land or alternatives such as the city retaining the land and developing/running it themselves. I was not sure what else you would have in that report, but I would appreciate if, when you are allowed to make it public, I could get a copy. Also, could you please advise me when that report goes to council for discussion so that Quayside Community Board representation can attend that part of the meeting? I appreciate you getting back to me. I understand confidentiality, but when you can, I'd appreciate what ever you can give me about results and next steps. As part of the "in council" meeting, you may want to let council know that the Quayside Board is actively interested and willing to be part of any consultation process they may want to put in place. Thanks Allan Morris.

As you can see, the process is still very fluid. One of the items the council asked them to look at was "consider another public meeting to get public input on the site". This would be a key point for Quayside Community to raise at the council meeting if it is not addressed satisfactorily in the report to council. I agree with Barry, such things as a plaque to recognize the history of the site, parking, etc., all come after the decision regarding how the site is split up and what financial agreements are made. The informal discussion with Barry was that the site should be park along the water front, a stepped high-rise back against the overpass, and parkland and surface parking in the north west corner behind the overflow facility. As for the boat dock, he said the most they could consider would be a canoe/kayak dock. He does not see that a motorized craft dock would fit in, however, the report raises safety issues with canoes because of the river currents and tides. I raised the subject of an active versus a passive park with him, and he said that was also raised in the document indicating tennis courts or such should be considered. I will get the documents so there are copies available to the members. They are quite interesting. It appears that two residents who were invited did not attend the workshop they were suppose to so there were no Quayside representatives at the meeting. The other community reps at the workshops were from Scott paper, Affordable Housing Society, and Senior Housing Society. It was heavily loaded with City and GVRD people. I thought it was very light on the community input side, with those that did attend quite focused on their own objectives rather than an overall community representation.

D. PRESIDENTS REPORT: No individual items to report all activities have been covered in the minutes.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen: Current assets \$7,209.35 A/R \$84.00 Motion to approve cost for Website Expense \$159.00 MSC: Yes. Motion to approve printing expense for color copies of flood map and sandbag map for the members \$81.75 MSC: YES.

F. NEW BUSINESS: Communications Needs Analysis Meeting April 3: Report by Duperreault, who attended on behalf of the QCB. A consultant, Kennerly Consulting Group, has been hired by the city to examine its communications practices with its community and within itself. Seven other community representatives were at this meeting, and there were 1 (or 2?) other similar meeting. Generally the feeling expressed was that the city does not have a community plan, and is makings its 'planning' decisions as a wobbly balancing act between fulfilling developer's variance wishes and a community largely angry at that process. This method of managing the community's changes makes the city reactive, which has led to bad communication practices. (Some argued the fact that the city has reacted to its angry citizens was proof that the city was listening to its

concerns. However, that method of ‘talking’ is more indicative of the authority stuffing its ears with rosin until the citizenry screams rise in pitch enough to get through, and then petulantly pointing their having recanted as “effective communication.”) Also, scepticism to cynicism was expressed that this particular effort at improved communication would fix anything more than the other past efforts had – not much. Most agreed, with one strongly expressed exception, that city staff was generally good to very good. The issue of improvements to the city web page was also discussed. Some kind of report will be generated in the future, and from that future report a plan of action will devolve. Dates are not fixed, but ‘soon’ was the operative word. All attendees expressed the desire to see this report, but I did not come away confident that it would be disseminated. I also commented/questioned whether or not the city’s communications initiative had set aside the money and intention to activate whatever plan was plotted. Again, I did not get a clear answer, and so we will see.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Special events committee: Matthew: Quayside-wide junk yard sale is on! It is set for the 18th of August. Matthew will be needing assistance to co-ordinate the event, so anyone living on the Quay interested in helping please contact the QCB @ info@quaysideboard.com. The general idea is that tables will be made available to rent, with the hope to bring down additional entertainment and food vending. Giant haul away bins will be made available for unsold stuff to be scrapped. Perhaps, the Sally Ann may want to bring down a truck and representative to be able to source - separate the re-usable from the unusable unsold treasures. Possible funding from community funds will be looked into. Some type of prize for a best “name the event” contest was broached and if a charity may receive share of profits. This could be established as a first and annual Quayside Event similar to other community events specifically for our neighbourhood.

2. Traffic and Boardwalk committee: Guy, Matthew & Jaime: Traffic Advisory Committee: Jaime attended her first meeting, at which she was told, when trying to raise the issue about parking on the Quay, that the traffic advisory committee was not the right forum to raise traffic issues. She was told she needed fill in a particular form. Jaime expressed that the effort there seemed wasted. It is to be noted that when Cathy Mohoruk the city’s Transportation Specialist, attended as a guest a QCB meeting earlier this year, that she relayed to the QCB that this ‘form’ was not required because of the report already on file with the city. Jaime advised that there is another ‘traffic’ related meeting – the Comprehensive Road Safety meeting – scheduled for April 26th that she will be attending. Matthew and Guy will work with Jaime to assist in making sure our report is heard and responded to.

There was discussion regarding the removal of trees from in front of Dockside. The petition of 22 signatures (out of 71 residents) had an impact at the recent council meeting where it was decided to remove these trees in the fall since there were no trees there in the first place. A member of the board informed the Dockside representative that there were trees in front of Dockside many years ago that were removed by the then residents before they found out this was city property. The city did not make Dockside replace the removed trees at the time. The board expressed concern that the city did not follow the report prepared by the Parks Department requesting that the trees be left in the current location so there would be continuity with the whole boardwalk plan to make the area like a boulevard. It was also expressed that very few individuals were able to make such a request happen without wider consultation with other residents.

3. Gateway report: Guy & Matthew: Nothing to report.

H. STRATA REPORTS: Dockside: Membrane replacement – pros and cons discussed. Tree removal in the fall. Stolen copper pipe will be replaced with cast iron; it was suggest that PVC could work as well.

Excelsior: Upgrading security – changing fobs to time/date stamp. Cost ~\$30k.

Lido: Changing property Management Company to Baywest. **Promenade:** Re-piping to begin in July.

Quay West: Garbage container area has been enclosed & secured. The Hytec water system is up and working, and there is a BIG improvement in the water.

Quayside Terrace: Copper piping has been stolen and they are prepared for high water threat.

Riverbend Co-op: Spring clean up is taking place. **Tiffany Shores:** Annual de-cluttering bin for end of April will be in place. **Westport:** Copper piping also stolen.

Westminster Landing Co-op: Copper piping also stolen, along with rhododendron bushes. Contaminated soil has been removed and re-sodding, etc. to be completed soon.

I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: None

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MSC: Yes. Next meeting on **May 30th, 2007 Anchor Pointe 7:30PM.**