



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – April 27th, 2011

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

A. Call to order 7:30PM: Additions to the Agenda: none

B. Adoption of the minutes from QCB AGM meeting: February 23rd, 2011 **MSC: YES** with changes

C. Train Report: Brian: Documents have been filed by the RR with appeals court. Same argument as before that there is a agreement in place. RR says we have not said that agreement has not been upheld and we are just not happy. Court docket full for this year so will probably not make it to the courts until 2012.

We have had other communities contact us regarding this as they have similar issues in other communities.

D. Business Arising from the minutes:

1. Plaza 88 and McInnis overpass: NTR

2. Strata Council List Update: Reminder to advise any changes as a result of AGM elections.

3. Poplar Landing Development: NTR

E. President's Report: James: Has been attended the United Blvd Extension consultation meetings discussion was provided, concerns raised about if the community is being moved into a decision they don't want. Report on the 150 Celebration Cost close to \$1Million was spent in dollars and in kind value. The Japan Fundraising event was well attended and raised around \$10,000. A discussion around school board lunch policy for children and relevance to the QCB was provided. With the building of a school on the St Mary's site the QCB will likely have kids attending from our community. City has approved a property tax rate at 2.98% Electrical rate increase 8%. Represented 28 Strata owners at a recent appeal and was successful in a reduction and it was noted that other units at the Quay may have received a reduction as a result of questions raised by the appeal. Some owners had increased assessments of over 52%. This will have a major impact on property taxes. Some owners over the age of 55 may have property taxes deferred and should consult with the provincial gov't website.

F. Treasurer's report: Maureen: Only 2 outstanding memberships dues outstanding Bal: \$5305.60

G. Regular Business:

1. Westminster Pier Park: James: More questions then answers regarding park remediation and additional costs. There will be no access to the park at 6th St over the rail tracks. Only limited access to this park and only a partial park from original plans. Access will likely be from the Larco property only. Waiting to hear about the art in the park and cost to install.

2. Civic (Convention) Centre: City Representative: This has gone to Design panel on Tuesday May 3rd, staff has been asked to make some improvements.

3. Quayside Board boundaries: James: Interesting development we have been approached by the Downtown Residents Association to coordinate or combine efforts to make the community a better place and advocate and support each group. Board approved a meeting with the both executives to see what they have in mind and how this may evolve over time. James to attend the DRA meeting on June 1st.

4. Vehicle speed on Quayside Drive Petition: Harvey: has stepped down we have now combined this with #2 under committee reports Traffic, buses, that Michail reports on.

5. Recycling program: Maureen: Westport is taking part in the urban recycling program. Sharon will keep the QCB posted. Mike the city rep to provide the link for members to review program:

http://www.newwestcity.ca/council_minutes/0214_11/CWEN_Multi_Family_Food_Scraps_Pilot_Program.pdf

6. River Market: James: Orlando's Catering now open beautiful location and food is great. Riva Café on the boardwalk is opening May 1st. Paddlewheeler Store & Crepes store under construction. Lots happening over the next few months and members are encourage to get out and take in the events.

H. Committee Reports and Appointments:

1. Quayside Festival and Sale: James: We have already rec'd applications for boardwalk sale and bands wanting to perform. Will be sending out volunteer forms. Committee will be chosen next month; we need to come up with a legacy for the festival.

2. Traffic, Buses, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee: Michail: NIA adding # 4 from Regular business

3. Community Policing: Gavin: alerts will be posted on our website we encourage everyone to post the website in monthly strata minutes for residents.

4. Emergency Advisory Committee: Andrew: March meeting was a brain storming session so no opportunity to ask questions. Will do education presentations to buildings one on one.

5. Website Update: Dorothy: Met with Paul on the website issues see report below. Discussion about how to set terms of reference. Dorothy appointed to determine and report back to board with recommendations on terms for website, Facebook and Twitter.

6. Off Leash Dogs: Ted: Only 4 patrols 1 warning and 1 bylaw infraction 21 dogs on leash 2 off leash. Will wait until better weather to ask if week night and weekend patrols being done. Queens Park dog poisoning issue never confirmed.

I. Strata Reports: Legend: NTA = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance

Anchor Pointe: In the process of finishing the new retaining wall and landscaping. Have booked a presentation on emergency preparedness. **Dockside:** Have hired a new gardener and are very happy. Still having issues with water issue in small sections. **Excelsior:** Have a new management company and are very happy with them, are in the final stages for the windows. Discussed gas buying as a group. **Laguna Landing:** looking into a reserves fund study. **Lido:** concerns re the roundabout in Renaissance Square. There are 5 driveways exiting onto that circle plus the bus is in every 15 minutes. This impacts 4 different strata's Ed Haines contacted Roger Emmanuel at the City Engineering but has not heard back from him yet. **QuayWest:** have replaced lights in garage big difference. **Quayside Terrace:** NIA **Rialto:** Replace management company. Bob has been appointed to handle the lagoon issue. **Promenade:** NTR **Riverbend:** New Orientation board formed. Asked who to contact for bus stop garbage picked up. **Riviera:** In process of decorating the patio between buildings 1&2. **Tiffany Shores:** NIA **Tower I:** Block watch program participants Looking to put in a bylaw to have fireplaces cleaned every two years. **Tower II:** Power washing outside of building and annual window cleaning in process. Just finished dryer duct annual cleaning. **Murano:** replaced caretaker and will be washing exterior of building. **Westport:** Painting outside of building, hired new custodian and break-ins have happened in secured areas. **Westminster Landing:** Putting on a new tiled roof replacing metal, taking part in a recycling program for bikes. **The Q:** NIA

J. Correspondence received:

Chelsea Binns regarding a donation to help support her enter the BC Ambassador program The board approved a \$100.00 donation. **MSC: YES**

K. Motion to adjourn: 9:45pm MSC: YES

Next Meeting May 25th 2011 7:30PM – Anchor Pointe

WEBSITE REPORT: Prepared by Dorothy Newman, The Promenade, April 11, 2011

Quayside Community Board (QCB) web site: meeting with Paul Thompson, STC March 30, 2011

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Paul to discuss the QCB website and gain an understanding of

issues relating to its construction and maintenance. The following are my notes related to the meeting.

QCB WEBSITE - first established in June 2006 Administration of the QCB owned website:

Domain host & server – in North Vancouver – don't know source name Technical support –

STCcreatives - Paul Thompson Administrator – info@quaysideboard.com - James Crosty

Maintenance of site – STC (lately approx. \$600 Yr.) – from time to time - as directed by James Crosty

Possible updates to pages on the site:

Home page - reduce content now on the page. Make it more relevant to present issues by:

- eliminating dated items. Instead create archive pages as needed.
- focusing on items of current interest eg. Plaza 88, Rail Noise, River Market - while providing links to specific archived historic information.

Quayside Community Association - formed Jan 1996

Quayside Community Board - formed Sept 2004 not on website

- ensure all links are working – presently all links from 2008 and earlier cannot be accessed
- create complete archive file of QCB minutes 1996+.
- If printed files obtained, I can copy and provide .pdf versions for the website

Blogs – e.g. dogs, rail issues. Encourage resident participation.

Users of the website - James noted that many are potential property buyers. This has implications re

keeping pictures and news current.

QUESTIONS:

1. Clarify primary **purpose** of website and **policy** re content, advertising, sponsors etc. on the site?

Original intent (2006) was for each strata to link to the website.

2. how long do we **archive** articles, news items, etc.?

3. does Board wish to have complete history (**minutes**) of Quayside organizations on the website?

4. Establish policy re **blogs** and monitoring responsibility?

5. Should there be someone, in addition to James, responsible to **monitor and maintain** the website?