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Minutes: December 6th, 2006

At Anchor Pointe – 1135 Quayside Common Room

NOTE: Weather consequences forced the meeting to be moved to December 6th, from November 29th. And the QCB extends a special thanks to James Auld for the large tray of cheeses and crackers he supplied.

7:30PM: SPECIAL GUEST: Bill Wilde of the New Westminster Parks Department discussed the Linden Tree Removal and Replacement project. A complete evaluation with large presentation boards of the entire area showed the layout and extent of the work to be completed. Eighteen of the linden trees to be removed by the end of January 2007 including grinding out the stumps - weather permitting. Further 32 new trees will be planted, comprised of species complementing the current types of trees in the City; to replace the 18 removed trees. Views and site lines have been considered in the replacement plan. These new trees will take five to six years to establish and will require watering and careful attention during this period of time. All the identified trees to be removed are on the North (building) side of the walkway. As the walkway is repaired over the next few years, the linden trees on the south (river) side of the walkway will be replaced. The bad weather delayed the planned removals for November and December. The project is to make the boardwalk look like a city boulevard when walking the length of the river way. Soil problems will be encountered 4 to 6 inches below and they will be preparing the ground further down to accommodate these new trees assisting in the success of growth. For additional maps and information please visit the New Westminster Parks website www.nwpr.bc.ca (Special Announcements) or www.city.new-westminster.bc.ca (What's New) website. Attached is the letter from Bill Wilde of the Parks Department.

A. CALLED TO ORDER at 8:15PM: 11 Strata's Represented. Regrets Jim Edmonds, Dockside, Terry McArdle, Excelsior, Pat Lindal, Laguna Landing, James Auld, Rialto, Cheryl Joel, Tower II. Welcome to new representative from the Murano – Stephen Joyce as the Delegate.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: October 25th, 2006. **MSC: YES**

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Bus stop at Columbia Square report: City Hall meeting was cancelled for Nov 7th, follow up required. The issue of the bus stop benches was discussed. It was pointed out that the bus stops on the North side of Quayside Drive are useless. It is unlikely that significant numbers of people will be waiting for buses to get to the west side of Quayside Drive. It was suggested that the QCB invite the Translink people to attend the January QCB meeting. **MSC. YES ACTION: JAMES CROSTY.**

2. Azure Towers report: QCB member Allan Morris report. No report – negotiations still ongoing.

3. Website: Require the names of all Strata Presidents Name and Email addresses to complete. Please see attached information sheet distributed to the Board Members for completion

4. Mail box for west end of Quayside Drive: Pat Lindal poster complete. All Strata's are requested that members post the poster in their complexes. Residents are asked to call to motivate Post Office.

5. Quayside Market Membership Card Report: James Auld and James Crosty. Interest has been expressed by Columbia Street merchants to be included in the program. It was

pointed out that before this proceeds to far, it would be appropriate for the QCB to discuss the situation with the Downtown New West Residents' Association. James assured us that would be done, and that he foresees no problem with it, as an informal discussion of the idea with the DNWRA was met with approval.

6. Port Royal hi-rise: Postponed to Dec. 11th, 2006 Discussion: James Crosty pointed out that the QCB's concerns are being ignored, and that to some extent the credibility of the QCB is being questioned. Crosty re-affirmed the importance of attending the City council meeting of Dec 11th so as to effect influence on the outcome of Aragon's variance request. At the Dec. 11th meeting the variance was rejected and opposed by Councillors Osterman, Harper, Cote and McIntosh and supported by Donnelly, Williams and Wright. Subsequent to the variance decision the Mayor invoked the Community Charter and the seldom used Section #131 to bring this back as a reconsideration of the decision at a special committee of the whole meeting January 8th. The meeting was to last 5 minutes but after a 45-minute debate there was no support or change of vote from any of the opposing councillors to bring this motion back to council on January 15th. It should be noted that Crosty forced debate on this reconsideration thru a "point of order" motion when the Mayor began to discuss this issue without stepping away from the Chair. As a result the Mayor (upon removing himself from the chair) opened debate on the issue for all councillors by explaining his reasons for the reconsideration. Each opposing councillor explained reasons for not reconsidering this motion with the exception of councillors Donnelly and Williams who made no comment on the Mayors position for reconsideration. The Mayor withdrew this reconsideration and the meeting was adjourned. This issue is now finished with respect to DVP023 and can not be brought forward again.

D. PRESIDENTS REPORT: Election of new officers for 2007 meeting of the executive to take place prior to the January 31st meeting. **ANYONE INTERESTED IN A POSITION PLEASE CONTACT JAMES CROSTY OR AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO LET US KNOW.** Discussion took place about holding a public meeting or invite strata councils to attend a special meeting in February. This will be followed up in January. A summary of 2006 will be prepared for review.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Outstanding Invoices 2007. Update list of Members and management companies required to be completed. Treasurer was not in attendance. Tabled to Jan. 31st, 2007.

It is requested that members provide mailing address to the Treasurer patlindal@telus.net

F. NEW BUSINESS: None.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Membership Committee: Michele Sereda report on the letter to Westminster Co-op. It was noted that they have not responded and Quayside Terrace expressed the lack of co-operation that has been historically displayed. It was resolved to close this file. **MSC: YES**

2. Special events committee: Aaron will chair the committee with James A, Ted Eddy and Guy on the 2006 Xmas Lights competition. Poster complete, and publication arranged with *The Record* and to be arranged with *The Province*. A cost of \$266.67 was moved to pay for one colour ad in the Record that sponsored a free second ad last year. Additionally, it was moved to purchase a frame for the winner's certificate. Judging is open to all QCB members: the only requirement is to meet at the Paddlewheeler Pub before 6:30pm, at which time the judging will commence. **MSC: YES**

3. Traffic and Boardwalk committee: Guy, Gary & Aaron report. Translink has still failed to acknowledge the QCB's recommendations regarding improving the shuttle service. It was noted that a rumour has arisen that Translink is considering putting full-length buses onto Quayside Drive. The

consensus of the QCB was that this was unnecessary, except perhaps for a short time during rush hour, but for which a second shuttle bus for an hour or two would cover. It was suggested that the only reason Translink is thinking of putting on the long buses would be to negate the usefulness of many of the QCB's recommended bus stop changes. QCB to get onto the city to encourage Translink to look at the challenges with the area and keep up the pressure to have this acknowledged.

4. Gateway report: Guy and Mathew report: Guy Duperreault attended another of the stakeholder phase II of the preliminary hearings regarding the Gateway Highway corridor improvement project. The December 4th meeting was quite a detailed discussion of the Brunette Avenue overpass and on/off ramps. It was well attended, with representatives from most of the residential associations, Coquitlam city council, truckers association, first nations, and concerned citizens. The Gateway people suggested a change in the north side on/off ramps, but the representative of the truckers association pointed out its Achilles tendon. The discussion was interesting and fruitful. Guy came away with the impression that the ideas and concerns would be listened to, even if not necessarily acted on. During the discussion it became obvious, as it was at the earlier meeting, that Translink and New Westminster are major hindrances in competing an effective overall strategy. For example, there seems to be a general desire for tolling the twinned Port Mann. Gateway's studies suggests that the numbers who would flee the toll to the Patullo Bridge would be compensated by those who will gladly pay a toll that would save them commute time. However, in the event that their analysis is incorrect, Gateway would have to negotiate with Translink about getting a toll placed on the Patullo Bridge. At the QCB meeting, the issue of the lack of funding to complete improvements to the Queensborough Stewardson Way mess was brought up, with the mistaken assumption that this problem area was (or would be) a part of the Gateway project. It is to be noted that Stewardson Way and the Queensborough Bridge fall within Translink's jurisdiction and had run out of money to complete. Further updates will be provided as available to the QCB members.

H. STRATA REPORTS:

Lido: Re-piping will take a month longer than planned. Security upgrade underway.

Promenade: Two security cameras stolen. 4 false fire alarms due to the sprinkler system leaking air.

Quaywest: AGM Monday Dec 11th, Hytec Water system being considered.

Riviera: Hytec Water System being installed.

Tiffany Shores: Special GM approved \$7million budget to replace envelope & windows.

Murano: Attempted break-in; phase I deficiencies being looked into.

Westport: AGM was November 15; a \$74 thousand assessment approved.

I. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Guy of Tiffany Shores brought up relative slow response time of the fire department during false alarm; Promenade concurred that more than 10 minutes perhaps as long as 15. Is this acceptable? It was pointed out that the city has a listing of response time. QCB to look into what is the expected response time for Quayside Drive. **MSC YES Action: Guy Duperreault**

J. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

John Ashdown, Chair MPRA regarding 12th Street Liquor Store application coming to council on Jan 15th, 2007; there was caroling in the park planned for December 8th.

Margaret Smith regarding disaster response for the Quay.

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN: MSC – YES at 9PM

Next meeting AGM January 31st, 2007 Anchor Pointe 7:30PM.