



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

AGM Minutes – February 27th, 2008

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At Riverbend Co-Op – 7:00PM – OPEN HOUSE

7:00PM: Special Guest: Steven Lan – City Hall, to discuss the changes to the McInnis overpass and impacts for Quayside Residents. A traffic light will likely be installed at the end of the ramp. Show the members a map on the proposed look of the ramp with three lanes at the Carnarvan Street side. Allowing right turn into the development and a right turn out of the development. There would be two lanes at the bottom for right and left turns onto Carnarvan Street. One lane to Quayside Drive will have no access to the development. This would be one of three ways into Plaza 88. Mr. Lan to provide map for the website and to ask development services to attend a future meeting of the QCB to explain further details and mitigation for our community. Also welcome to Carolyn Armanini from the planning department of city hall. Carolyn will be attending our meetings in the future.

Special report Brian Allen regarding railway noise and Bill C-11: Mechanism now in place to file complaints regarding rail noise. The new bill allows the Federal gov't to step in and mediate a solution if the rail companies fail to take steps to address complaints for shunting, night noise, engine idling and other issues. Letters have been sent and only one reply so far. A complaint form will be issued by the QCB for tracking complaints. These will be compiled for reference to the rail representatives at the end of the month (note this has been extended to end of April). There will be information put on the website as well for ongoing monitoring of the noise.

Special Guest: Jeff Brinkert a QCB Member and trainer for Reboot Fitness Inc. Jeff explained the benefits of the program and size of each group allows for more personal training. Benefits to people over 50 are exceptional. The one-hour program takes place at Queens Park 6AM and 7:15AM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. To sign up call 604-582-7377 or visit www.rebootfitness.com.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45PM – Regrets from Tiffany Shores. Missing Murano, Tower 1 and Rialto. Welcome to all the members at our first open house. Approximately 35 attended the meeting. Members are welcome to attend any QCB meetings as guest. We will be providing larger venues for additional open house meetings in the future and will advise our membership.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: Nov. 28th, 2007 with corrections
MSC: YES

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 1. Plaza 88 report:** Allan taking a proactive stance on the development and will ask the city for a copy of the traffic reports that were mentioned in Mr Lan's presentation. Following up with the city on the condition of the area.
- 2. Website:** Invoice for updates in December for \$53.00 **MSC: YES**
- 3. Mailbox for west end of Quayside Drive:** Matthew: Could be up to one year for mailbox.
- 4. Strata Council List Update:** Members to advise of new Presidents to your Strata Council.
- 5. Poplar Landing Development:** Allan: Background that various levels of gov't own the land and they may be looking at a social housing component for the property. Nothing has been forth coming as it has been on hold. More in April or May.

6. **State of Arts and Culture:** Guy: NTR
7. **Urban Sustainability:** Matthew: City is now selling worm composters for \$35.00 call engineering department at city hall. Made a presentation to council regarding the serious problems around the New Westminster skytrain station. Offered solutions to the many problems. Farmers market is set to start in May. The former London Drugs site is slated to become a strip mall.
8. **Port Royal Hi-Rise:** James: Letter from Brook regarding process and recommendations to allow for a "nominal" height variance. There will be a public presentation of the proposal in the coming month.

D. PRESIDENTS REPORT: James: Special thank you to the Riverbend Co-Op for providing this common room at no charge to the Quayside Community Board. My apologies to the membership for the delay in holding our AGM. I was asked and accepted a position on the Hyack Festival Board. Hoping to raise the profile of the Quayside Festival and Sale for 2008. Voice New Westminster will be holding a fundraiser on April 6th for tickets call Blair Armitage 604-526-7794 or go to www.voicenewwestminster.org Went to a city meeting regarding Hyack Square. This is the one at the bottom of the stairs over Front Street leading to the market. Will be revitalized and fixed up to clean up the area to make it feel safer and more attractive. It will also lead into the proposed arts center that is to be located across the street. I was nominated, along with 10 other residents, as NW Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Dinner on March 26th.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen: All memberships are fully paid up for 2008. The QCB has not set a yearly budget at this point. We continue to establish a respectable balance in our account to allow us more opportunities in the future. Events last year: Quayside Festival and Sale and Light up the Quay. The Festival was revenue neutral with an increased donation to the Royal City Musical Theatre and the purchase of QCB T-Shirts. Light up the Quay has a shared advertising cost only. There are few expenses such as our mailbox, website updates and office supplies. The current balance is \$8271.72 including interest and G&F Financial shares.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of officers for the QCB Executive:

As per the QCB bylaws we require a motion to dissolve current Executive **MSC:** YES
The Quayside Community Board is appointed by each of the member Strata Corporations and the following Executive positions and names were nominated for 2008:

President-James Crosty, Vice President-Matthew Laird, Treasurer-Maureen Albanese, Secretary- To be announced and Board Alternate-Allan Morris.

Motion to accept nominations and appointments **MSC:** YES

Special thank you to all the members from last year and those who agreed to serve for this coming year. It should be noted that you do not need to be a member of your strata council to be on the QCB but only appointed by your council. We strongly urge council to provide for a new position at your meetings to ensure communication between the QCB and members for each strata council.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Special events committee:** Light Up the Quay event. Winner Dockside for overall building. Individual building winners were not identified and we apologize for this oversight.

2. **Traffic and Boardwalk committee:** Matthew: Matthew is our rep on the Traffic Advisory Board and reports that they will not be proceeding with any of our recommendations concerning parking, stop signs, walkways or bus stop. We asked that this be put in writing and sent to the QCB for official response. The city is strongly resistant to dealing with our parking issues but suggesting there are plenty of spots in the buildings that are not being used. Discussions occurred regarding derelict cars and campers with no parking violations. Hopefully the shuttle to Columbia Square will be coming in April.
3. **Gateway report:** Guy & Matthew: Nothing on the North Perimeter road yet. Queensborough bridge interchange will have big changes soon with access to normal streets changing.
4. **Community Policing:** Matthew: Reported the issues surrounding the NW skytrain station and the drug problems. The police are aware of the issue and have stepped up patrols.

H. STRATA REPORTS: Anchor Pointe: NTR **Dockside:** Front entrance still in process Milano was removed from finishing work. Survey underway concerning the trees on the riverside of the building.

Excelsior: Work 95% complete Colors of the building are now appreciated and property values have increased. **Laguna Landing:** Crane hit one of the low-rise buildings nothing too serious. **Lido:** Security upgrade planning continues. Bag of nails fell off the Aragon Q building cracking skylights. Pay \$3,500 per year for private recycling company. **Promenade:** AGM was last week with no increases in M-fees. Cost to switch all 24hour lights to low watt bulbs will take 4 years to recover then the savings begin.

Quay West: AGM December, decks approved for replacement no special levy required. Roof top gardens to be removed and railings moved forward. **Quayside Terrace:** Remaining decks to be done. A water line broke and 44 units had to be shut off. **Rialto:** NTR

Riverbend Co-op: NTR **Riviera:** Did the BC Hydro program and very satisfied. Upgraded the gym. Requested that QCB look into the cost of a community garbage bin twice per year.

Tiffany Shores: NTR **Tower I:** NTR **Tower II:** Almost finished security upgrade. Will have to shut down the road again for window replacement. **Murano:** NTR **Westport:** Garbage bins and recycle bins are overflowing and thinks the city should increase pick-ups every 4-5 days.

Westminster Landing Co-op: AGM new council. Block watch is active again and only requires 75% of the building to sign up. They will come to your building and make a presentation.

I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Spirit of BC celebrations Feb 8 to 16th

Royal City Musical Theatre thank you letter

City Engineering Department regarding the completion of repairs to the 3rd Ave overpass and referral of cars parking too close to the end of the overpass sent to Transportation Technologist.

Zero Waste Challenge from City regarding new waste guidelines – www.newwestminster.ca

Core Security Services letter seeking to meet with the board to discuss package program.

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:05PM MSC: YES

Next meeting March 26th, 2008 Anchor Pointe 7:30PM.