



QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes – May 28th, 2008

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

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:30PM: Special welcome Scott Larsen new Delegate from Rialto.

Guest Brian Allen for update on railway noise: Brian relayed progress that he and James have made in establishing communication between the residents of Quayside Drive and the adjacent railways. CP, BNSF and SRY have all been open to noise abatement policies. CP does no actual shunting, as their activity is limited to pushing/pulling. SRY is investing \$30k to upgrade the rails over the bridge to ameliorate howling and squealing. CN is the biggest generator of shunting noise, but refuses to meet for discussions (to date has only communicated via their lawyer). After discussion, it was moved to formally support Brian initiating formal legal process by the CTA with a letter from the QCB to the Ministry of Transport. **MSC: Yes Action: Brian and James.**

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM QCB MEETING: April 30th, 2008 MSC: Yes - with minor edit.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 1. Plaza 88 report:** Allan (absent) – James re-iterated the value in visiting the display/model. City Council had special motion to approve 3rd tower and gave 3 months grace to Developer. The area is still in chaos with commuters dodging cars and trucks with mixed up crosswalks. Homelessness and drug problems are still present despite the Police presents and surveillance.
- 2. Website:** NTR
- 3. Mailbox for west end of Quayside Drive:** NTR still waiting until the fall.
- 4. Strata Council List Update:** NTR
- 5. Poplar Landing Development:** Allan – email from Barry Waitt NWCity many months away from presenting any plans. James spoke at council on Monday requesting we be involved and they will be moving forward with some preliminary planning in September. Once again asked for consideration on a community amenity and not just park space. Lisa Spitale assured us that we would hear about the process.
- 6. Urban Sustainability:** Matthew - City workshop for weekend. Commented that the 'London Drugs' site developer has submitted variance to reduce retail/commercial density of site to strip mall, with poor public access. It was motioned to officially support higher density for the site, as was originally zoned. **MSC: Yes Action: Matthew.**
- 7. Port Royal Hi-Rise:** James: On a surprise announcement for a special meeting held today it was defeated on a tie vote. Osterman, Harper and Cote voted to send it back while McIntosh, Wright and Donnelly voted to move it forward. MacDonald was absent therefore the motion fails on a tie vote. Thanks to those that sent emails to city hall regarding this special meeting. This means they must present a new option however they could come back for reconsideration since it was a tie vote and one council member was not there. Additionally Aragon was asked to sponsor the Canada Day Fireworks and they declined to do so this year.

D. PRESIDENTS REPORT: James: We need a volunteer for the upcoming Downtown Community Plan Task Group as I cannot make it tomorrow at 7PM due to a strata meeting. Mathew will attend. This is an important group asked to participate in the shaping for the future of downtown. On Saturday there is another meeting at 9:30AM Douglas College for visions in the downtown. I sent the poster out on this one. You are required to register. Motion to approve the meeting schedule for this year **MSC: YES**

A reminder poster was sent out to remind the membership to make comment on the Quay Market.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen: April 30 Bal \$8,142.28 minus A/P outstanding for \$105.00.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

The issue of residents of and guests to Quayside Dr. abusing local green and park areas by letting their dogs off leash was discussed extensively. One of the board members has observed dogs defecating in the sand of the children's play area, and not being removed.

Formal written requests to the city have resulted in city agents warning offenders, but these have been mostly limited to city business hours but with some after hours surprise raids. No actual fines have been given. Requests for actual fines to be given were submitted to city.

Ongoing Action: Ted

It has come to the boards attention there is a proposal to open an off leash area in front of Rialto. This was recently emailed to Ted copied to the QCB that Mayor Wayne Wright and Councilor Donnelly had been working on this for several years. James at the recent council meeting requested that the QCB be part of any discussion and was informed by the Mayor that they know how to build an off leash dog park and did not need to discuss this with the board. The membership generally accepts the idea of an off leash dog park but felt residents of our community be given or at least informed if the Mayor had been working on this for many years. For information contact the Mayor (wwright@newwestcity.ca), the QCB would ask to be cc'd on any requests for further information or responses.

New West Museum assistant archivist, Rob McCullough has requested an opportunity to meet with the board. It was moved and second to invite Rob **MSC: YES Action: Maureen**

A motion to invite the communication manager of NW Blair Fryer to meet the board in June **MSC: YES**

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. Special events committee:** Quayside Festival and Sale: Lots of discussion, with many good ideas. The festival organizers Matthew and James are very excited with the progress and hope to triple the size of the festival. It is expected that, as with last year, the net cost at the end of the festival will be near zero. It was moved and second to give proceeds to the Royal City Theatre, the Purpose Society and left over sale items to St. Barnabss Church. It was move and second to provide the festival a budget of \$2500 & set Aug 23rd as the day **MSC: YES**

Volunteers: **More Volunteers are needed, and thanks extended to Pat and Michele for volunteering.**

Items: Invite Lions Club back, Got Junk, Bands, Sponsors for Tents. City Parks to be contacted for approval and presentation to City Hall for support. News Leader will be given first right to sponsor.

Location: Depending on number of tables rented and bands booked for the day. TBA

2. Traffic and Boardwalk committee: Matthew: City provided James with a copy of the parking review that was done in 2000. It is filled with poor assumptions and bad methodology. Examples: assumes Quayside is a retirement community, and that the empty parking spaces were not because people from the Quay work; and when doing audit, if access to underground parking was not available, audit was done visual by looking thru gates. Allan has responded to the city and requested an updated report be completed due to the changes in the community after 8 years. **Action: Allan/James//Matthew.**

The city provided Matthew with a copy of the city's traffic regulations. And the Traffic Advisory Board has unilaterally changed the rules about how requests are prioritized. Matthew to follow-up on the consequences to Quayside community and on our parking report from 2005.

3. Gateway report: Guy & Matthew: NTR

4. Community Policing: Matthew: The city community officer commented that the city is experiencing an unprecedented rise in demand for crack user/addict treatment. City facilities completely overwhelmed. The community policing meetings are the 3rd week of the month, and residents are asked to send their concerns/observations to Matthew by email lairdm@gmail.com before hand if you want them addressed at the meeting.

5. Translink: Pat: Nothing further on the use of Quayside for a bicycle path.

H. STRATA REPORTS: Anchor Pointe: Les was asked by an owner why the QCB meetings are held at Anchor Pointe. The response to the owner is that the Board really appreciates the use of the meeting room as a central location for the members and extends our thanks. If the owners of Anchor Pointe could add their voices to the QCB's in contacting City Hall for a Quayside community center it would be appreciated. **Dockside:** Reno's almost complete, and water ingress into parking garage still outstanding. **Excelsior:** Absent. **Laguna Landing:** Partial lighting upgrade for this year. **Lido:** B&E attempt; security upgrade approved and joining Blockwatch. **Promenade:** Lights being upgraded. **Quay West:** Deck work in process; procured additional blue bin after great effort. **Quayside Terrace:** Absent. **Rialto:** Replaced inside garage door for double door entry system. In the process of replacing flat roof. **Riverbend Co-op:** Absent. **Riviera:** NTR. **Tiffany Shores:** AGM is June 12th; remediation proceeding with work well underway on 2nd building. **Tower I:** Absent. **Tower II:** Absent. **Murano:** Absent. **Westport:** Concrete pavers are being used on roof deck to protect roofing materials from sun & weather. **Westminster Landing Co-op:** Had their annual spring clean up and joined block watch.

I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Email request from Mariam Larson IMBY Event planner for seniors in New West to post notice Maureen to follow up.

Email from member concerning negative behavior on Carnarvan and the IGA for police meeting.

Email from member regarding the garbage bin quantity and additional collection. Members are asked to contact the recycling collector for additional bins and city hall for additional pick-ups.

Email from councilor McIntosh regarding damage to the boardwalk which has since been repaired.

J. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:10PM MSC: YES

Next meeting June 25th, 2008 Anchor Pointe 7:00 PM. With a special guest.