

QUAYSIDE COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - Sept 28th, 2011

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A. Call to order 7:30PM: Additions to the Agenda:

Discussion regarding President's Mayoral candidacy and board direction: Bylaw Section 2.05: The Board shall not endorse, support or contribute financially to any candidate or group of candidates seeking election to a municipal office. Nor shall the Board oppose any candidate or group of candidates for municipal office. Actions or positions taken by the Board shall be limited to publicly declared positions on issues or matters in the municipal arena leaving it to the discretion of the candidates, or group of candidates, to state their positions regarding positions taken by the Board.

B. Adoption of the minutes from QCB AGM meeting: June 29th, 2011 MSC: YES

C. Train Report: Brian: Court hearing on Sept 20th. Court has sent the appeal back to CTA to work on the original settlement agreement. Process takes time and we are still confident for a positive result.

D. Business arising from the minutes:

- 1 Plaza 88 and McInnis overpass: Spoke to flag people to put a sign at K de K & Quayside. Trying to meet Azure residents about rail issue. Doesn't seem that Mall will be ready by December
- 2 Strata Council List Update: Please advise any AGM changes
- 3 Poplar Landing Development: Letter to Allan, My apologies in the delay in responding to your e-mail. I did not see the article in the local newspaper that you are referring to, so I do not know if it contained accurate information. While workshops were held on the development of this site, which went into significant details in terms of goals, targets and objectives, it is acknowledged that seven years have passed and further community input will be required before development of this site proceeds. The components of the development of this site, as determined in agreements between the City and Metro Vancouver include residential, a park and the Combined Sewer Outfall treatment facility, with the intention to create model sustainability project on the site. At this time, the City, the GVS & DD and the previous owner of the site are finalizing the site remediation. Once these discussions have concluded, we will be in a better position to move forward with exploring the development of the site. Public input will be an important part of the development review process. Thank you for your continuing interest in this site. Barry Waitt, Senior Planner. Discussion took place with city rep and remediation.
- E. President's Report: James: Went to the Civic Center Sod Turning, Fraser River Discovery Center, River Market, Royal City Musical Fundraiser attendance. Was agreed that we would purchase a table at the Royal City Musical Society fundraiser and present a cheque to them at that time from our Boardwalk Festival Raffle. Election on Nov 19th Member's are asked to turn out and vote. Less that 800 out of 4,600 people bothered to vote in the last election and this is where we pay our taxes. Get to know your candidates and people are encourage to bring at least 3 more people with them to the poles at the River Market. Advance poll at city hall on Nov 9th and 15th.
- F. Treasurer's report: Maureen: Balance \$9,258.00 Accounts Payable \$1,348.40

G. Regular Business:

1 Westminster Pier Park: James: Front Street proposal and access to the park via overpass and partial removal of parkade, presentation by city Nov 30th not possible but will ask the for a presentation for the AGM in January. Pier Park project is delayed and will likely be over budget according to reports.

- **2 Civic (Convention) Centre**: Mike (City Rep): Construction kick off invitation arrived after the event but the QCB was invited by email. Completion 2013. Discussion about name and suggested a contest to rename the center when it is complete.
- **3 Quayside Board boundaries and Downtown Residents Association**: James: DRA looking for co-option to discuss joining the QCB two reps from QCB requested to meet with them. Ted & Ann will attend fourth Wednesday of every month on our behalf to discuss how it will work. Lila Wood has stepped down pending a new president, as she will retire in the New Year. **4 River Market:** James: Lots of new stores opening Paddlewheeler B & W now open. Been approached by the market for a tour for board members and strata councils. Will wait until after Nov 19th. Discussion regarding hours of operation, coffee, clock in the tower will it will return?

H. Committee Reports and Appointments:

- **1. Quayside Festival and Sale:** James and Maureen: Many letters of thanks were sent by email. A special thank you to Claude from Parks & Rec for paying attention to the boardwalk and preparation for the sale. It was the largest rental and longest sidewalk sale to date. Estimated that over 8,000 people attended during the day. Made the most amount of money at raffle thanks to everyone who got donations from merchants. Special recognition paid to Ann for her hard work in that area. So many volunteers are appreciated for making this 5th year a major success once again. Next year look out we may go past the rail bridge!
- **2. Traffic, Buses, Boardwalk & Gateway Committee:** Michail reappointed for next year Penny B/U.
- 3. Community Policing: Gavin (by email): Auto break in's at Westport & bike theft at Quayside Terrace. Crime reports are quite good. Some incidents reported have been investigated by the NWPS and have proven to be non-criminal in nature; IE: extra traffic, "new faces" in the area, strange comings and goings in some areas/complexes. The police appreciate the vigilance of the community. The main point that Crime Prevention would like to emphasize is with regard to car break-ins and theft. This pertains to vehicles parked on the street in addition to cars parked in secure locations. It was pointed out that this is really due to residents not securing loose goods in their cars, from loose change, iPods (any music player), and sunglasses: anything that can make some money for someone committing a crime of opportunity will be stolen and sold within hours. Additionally, the NWPS would like to really "hammer home" on the people not waiting for parkade gates to close when exiting or entering: this is a simple task, but it is costly when a car is broken into, or worse, someone is followed in and attacked. Again, crimes of opportunity. On that note, please try and do what you can to alleviate problems like this from happening: if the "bad guys" know that we're "easy pickings", they will come down to the Quay. I have been emailing with Shelley Cole, discussing an event for autumn. I'm thinking as a tie in to other things, we make it a Quay wide Awareness event: theft, property crime, Halloween safety, etc.
- **4. Emergency Advisory Committee:** Andrew (by email): The third meeting of 2011 took place September 7, 2011. This meeting involved another brainstorming session about ways to engage the public and disseminate information about issues surrounding emergency preparedness. Once again, I encouraged the Committee to utilize resident's associations (like the QCB) they are able to easily connect to a huge proportion of residents in the city. This suggestion was met with support from several committee members and I have volunteered to assist with bridging the gaps that exist between resident's associations and the Emergency Management Office. The next meeting will involve creating a scope of work to be covered in 2012.
- **5. Website Update**: Ann to meet with Paul this next week.
- **6. Off Leash Dogs:** Ted: The Quayside was patrolled 8 times during the months of July and August. During these patrols 49 dogs were seen to be on-leash and only one dog was seen off-leash. The off-leash owner was issued a warning notice. Bike patrols not as busy as requested and will ask for a meeting with them. Ask for some signage from Dave Cole.
- **7. Light up the Quay**: last year was great & exceeded expectations. Budget of \$500 was **MSC: YES** for this year's event. Boston pizza has offered to donate the Griswald prize. Sponsors happy last year. Will start after Nov 11th and sort out judging maybe do a gloves and

sock drive. If people have extra lights it was suggested that people share those with the building they live in.

8. AGM: Decide on date for 2012 Jan 25, 2012 for AGM at River Market. Will get merchants involved.

I. Strata Reports: Legend: NTA = Nothing to report / NIA = Not in attendance
Anchor Pointe: held SGM and was not successful for vote on re-piping building. Dockside: busy summer repairs to 4 suites. Working with B.C.B.S. engineers and Q.C.P. contractors.

Excelsior: replaced over 100 glass units in windows, plumbing flushed, building report being done by management co. Laguna Landing: AGM tightened up building bylaw rules put in bike racks at each parking stall. Lido: New strata, new manager, SGM for inspection of fireplaces, council turn over. QuayWest: Squirrels gone, dryer vents cleaned. Quayside Terrace: NTR. Rialto: Vents done, annual fireplace, in the midst of painting lobby. Promenade: break-ins over the summer, replaced membrane on parking lot to refurbish elevators in the next year or so. Riverbend: NIA Riviera: Replacing the elevators starting with Tower A & commencing the work in early February, City Elevators doing work. Tiffany Shores: NIA
Tower I: Change in council having windows washed dry vents done, 22 glass panes replaced, redone front retaining wall. Tower II: NTR Murano: NIA Westport: Recently hired new gardeners AGM, break in this summer. Westminster Landing: Remediation progressing nicely would ask that everyone to stay out of construction zone. The Q: NIA

J. Correspondence received:

J Pailamilla, Azure II Resident Managers support for rail & noise effort. Like to meet the QCB

J Crosty Invitation to art event on October 1st extended to the membership

P Volk Invitation to the Royal City Musical fundraiser on October 16th.

Fraser River Artist on the River, request for volunteers and meeting with the QCB

City request to make presentation on Front Street proposal

Strata Advocate looking for response to questionnaire

George Allen – support for rail case (Brian's dad who started this 10 years ago)

R Campbell requesting the QCB to take a booth at the Senior Festival – not in our interest.

V Kowalski - accident on the boardwalk and city correspondence.

S. Jennings and boardwalk issues regarding bikes

J McArter Build permit require minutes of strata meetings

<u>K. SPECIAL resolution by the board</u> (James Crosty and city representative were asked to leave the meeting during discussion)

The board voted to keep James Crosty on as President until the Civic election at which time if James Crosty is voted in as Mayor then a new President will be chosen at the AGM in January 2012.

All in favor with the exception of one abstention.

James Crosty and city representative called back to meeting. James Crosty accepted the wishes of the board and agreed to say on as president of the QCB.

K. Motion to adjourn: 9:30pm MSC: YES

Next Meeting Oct 26th, 2011 7:30PM – Anchor Pointe