

# APPROVED MINUTES

## DRA 2007 Annual General Meeting

Monday, 19 November 2007

Business meeting: 7:30 – 8:00 PM  
Program: 8:00 –10:00 PM

**Church Hall  
St. Philip's Church  
3737 West 27th Avenue**

**Board members present:** Susan Chapman, George Pinch, Sonia Wicken, Caroline Astell, Ellen Hockin, Walter Wells, and Gerard Charlton.

**Board members absent:** Ellen Oerzen.

**1.0 Welcome by the DRA Chair:** George Pinch – DRA Co-President: George welcomed the attendees to the 2007 AGM.

**2.0 Approval of the minutes of the 2006 AGM:** Approved as presented.  
Motion to Approve: Jonathan Baker  
Seconder: Catherine Evans

**3.0 Adoption of Financial Report for 2006/2007:** The financial statements as prepared by Sonia Wicken, Treasurer, were distributed. A motion to accept the report was moved by Ronald Hatch and seconded by Colleen McGuinness.

A motion to wave auditing of the financial report was moved by Jon Ellis and seconded by Colleen McGuinness.

**4.0 Review of DRA Activities in 2006/2007:**

**4.1 Dunbar Community Patrol (DCP)**

A brief review of DCP activities for 2006/2007 was presented. Linda MacAdam, chair of the DCP, reported that since they have been in operation (spring 2005) crime has decreased by 50% in Dunbar and Southlands.

A new VPD Community Policing Office is being established in the vicinity of West Broadway which will serve Dunbar north of King Edward as well as West Point Grey and Kitsilano. Regarding the impending construction of a supportive housing facility at 16<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar, Linda gave the following report on information she had received from Constable John Braithwaite, the Officer for this new district CPO: "...While the local community officer supports social housing programs, he will certainly do his best to meet with all concerned and make sure that the law is upheld. Any abuse or taking advantage of situations will result in police action. VPD will not tolerate any drug dealing/use in this area. I would hope one day for it not to be tolerated in any area."

**4.2 Tree Committee**

Catherine Evans reported on the activities of the Tree Committee. The Committee has produced handouts on the following topics:

- ◇ Free Boulevard Trees
- ◇ Caring for Your New Tree
- ◇ Small Trees for City Gardens

**4.3 Dunbar Vision Implementation Committee (DVIC)**

Colin Gray, Chair of the DVIC, reviewed the activities of this group for the past year. These included: expressing concerns about the townhouse development at 39<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar, consulting with City staff re: the social and supportive housing facility proposed for 16<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar, commenting to the City on the EcoDensity initiative, and meeting with the developers regarding the proposed multi-unit housing development at 41st and Balaclava.

The DVIC is planning an Open House in the spring to introduce the DVIC to the community, ask residents for their opinions about Dunbar and the Vision, and encourage residents to join the DVIC and/or one of its subcommittees. (NB: The DVIC is a committee established by the City of Vancouver to assist with the implementation of the Dunbar Vision.)

#### 4.4 **History Book**

Larry Moore provided an update on the Dunbar History book published by Ronsdale Press in May 2007. More than 3,000 copies have been sold. The DRA hosted a book launch in May and Larry reported that the book has been nominated for two awards. There is also a display at the Planetarium. The History Book Committee is also compiling additional material for the archives.

#### 4.5 **New Webmaster**

Ralph Sayle, DRA Webmaster, announced that the DRA website has been redesigned and updated. The new website is at the same URL <[www.dunbar-vancouver.org](http://www.dunbar-vancouver.org)>. Information should be more readily accessible as the most current information will now appear first. Older information will be readable by scrolling down the page. Information has been arranged into tabbed categories that visitors should find intuitive and easy to use.

4.6 The meeting chair thanked a number of our volunteers including the Dunbar Community Patrol; Raymond Nakamura, Newsletter editor; Sharon Krowchuk, Newsletter layout; Ralph Sayle, Webmaster; and the Newsletter delivery volunteers.

### 5.0 **Election of Directors:**

5.1 George Pinch announced that Catherine Evans, Vice-President of the DRA, had stepped down as of September 11, 2007.

5.2 The 2007 Directors were introduced: Caroline Astell, Susan Chapman, Gerard Charlton, Ellen Hockin, Ellen Oerzen, George Pinch, Walter Wells, and Sonia Wicken. All were standing for re-election to the 2008 DRA Board.

5.3 Four new nominees for the 2008 DRA Board included: Jonathan Baker, Tina Crouse, Hareesh Sara, and Robert Westendorp.

5.4 Since the total number of Directors up for election is less than the 15 allowed by the Constitution, all were elected by acclamation.

6.0 **Adjournment:** The Business meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

### 7.0 **PROGRAM: Ask Your Politicians**

Moderator: Robin Elliot, Professor of Law, University of British Columbia  
Park Board Commissioners: Ian Robertson and Loretta Woodcock  
Vancouver City Councillors: Suzanne Anton, David Cadman and Raymond Louie

Robin Elliot selected questions that had been submitted by audience members prior to the meeting until about 9:00 PM at which time questions were taken from the floor.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 PM followed by informal conversation over coffee and cookies.