

APPROVED MINUTES

DRA Board Meeting
Tuesday, 06 October 2009

Business meeting: 1930 Hrs - 2145 Hrs.

Dunbar Community Centre

PRESENT: Susan Chapman, Linda MacAdam, Sonia Wicken, Caroline Astell, George Pinch, Colleen McGuinness, Jonathan Baker, Ellen Oerzen, Hareesh Sara, and Ellen Hockin

ABSENT: Robert Westendorp and Gerard Charlton.

GUESTS: Jane Ingman-Baker, chair DVIC.

1.0 The Agenda as circulated was approved.

2.0 The Minutes of 08 September 2009 were approved with minor corrections.

3.0 Treasurer's Report:
The general account has \$2859.10 and the Salmonberry Days account has \$634.77.

4.0 Business Arising / Old Business:

4.1 AGM, November 16th:

(1) The speakers confirmed are David Berner, Ian Hanomansing (moderator), Colin Hansen, and Jane Ingman-Baker. Jonathan Baker will extend an invitation to Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts and Colleen McGuinness will do the same for Allen Garr. The format will be like "Meet the Press" with Ian Hanomansing asking questions as well as participating in the discussion. We will provide a few questions as well. There will not be questions from the floor, but after the formal session is over, the attendees can talk directly with the panelists over coffee and cookies. Susan will look into renting a microphone system to avoid having to pass the microphone back and forth between the speakers.

(2) Returning/New Board members. Ellen Hockin is resigning from the Board and Susan Chapman is stepping down as co-president; however, she will attend meetings for the next while as past co-president. Caroline Astell is stepping down as secretary, but will remain on the Board. Jane Ingman-Baker has agreed to join the Board. Bob Lesperance is taking a leave of absence until the summer (2010) due to work conflicts. Board members are asked to recruit new members.

4.2 Newsletter:

The due date for articles is October 8th and the delivery date is October 24th.

4.3 Dunbar Village Business Association (DVBA) Festival Report:

The first Annual DVBA Fall Fair was very successful, and both the DVIC and DRA, which had tables at the Fair, received a considerable number of enquiries about issues of interest to Dunbar.

4.4 Height Increases for Downtown Heritage Areas:

Colleen provided an update to her comments at the September Board meeting. All three plans for the Chinatown area redevelopment will be opposed by that community.

4.5 Rezoning at 41st and Balaclava:

The staff report on 41st and Balaclava went to City Council today with the recommendation that the proposal go to a public hearing. We have not yet heard the outcome. The Dunbar Seniors' Committee met with the developer's representative on September 22, and is not convinced the project meets the criteria for seniors' housing.

4.6 Dunbar Vision Implementation Committee (DVIC) Update:

The City's Vision Implementation Review document was close to completion when the person overseeing the report was moved to another position and a new staff member, Tina, took over. This has delayed the report, as it is being rewritten. The Norquay Vision Implementation chair has resigned and others are likely to follow. However, Jane is currently planning to stay the course as DVIC chair and will attend the review meeting when it is scheduled.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Proposal to Include UBC Within the City of Vancouver:

The City is opening talks with the Province regarding this issue.

5.2 Board of Variance (BOV):

A member of the BOV who challenged the decision to hold private meetings during the hearing without the parties present has been terminated by the City.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.