

MINUTES

DRA Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Dunbar Community Centre

PRESENT: Caroline Astell, Jonathan Baker, Jane Ingman-Baker, Linda MacAdam, Colleen McGuinness, Dennis Pavlich, George Pinch, Hareesh Sara, Peter Selnar, Robert Westendorp, Sonia Wicken, Ken Yang

REGRETS: Susan Chapman

GUEST: Helen Spiegelman

In Susan Chapman's absence Robert Westendorp chaired the meeting.

1.0 The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2.0 Minutes of the November 5, 2010 meeting
Corrections as follows were noted: Hareesh Sara was not in attendance, correct spelling of Pavlich, New Business #5 should read Sonia and Walter would report back on this at the next board meeting.
Moved by Jane Ingman-Baker, seconded by Sonia Wicken – Approval of the minutes of the November 2nd meeting as amended. Carried

3.0 Treasurer's Report:

Sonia Wicken, treasurer, reported on the balances in the accounts.

General account	\$3506.60
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Salmonberry Days	\$486.73
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4.0 Business Arising / Old Business:

4.1 AGM: – Ninety people attended the AGM and it was noted that this was a different audience than at previous meetings. The panel discussion was well received and a lively discussion took place afterward.

Election of officers:

President	Susan Chapman
Vice President	Robert Westendorp
Treasurer	Sonia Wicken
Secretary	Colleen McGuinness/Caroline Astell

Robert asked directors to volunteer to be responsible for a number of activities.

Community Patrol	Linda MacAdam
DVBIA	Walter Wells
Membership	Walter Wells
Web liaison	Ken Yang
Laneway housing	Peter Selnar
Transportation	Jane Ingman-Baker
UBC	Jane Ingman-Baker
Seniors Group liaison	George Pinch/Colleen McGuinness
16 th & Dunbar project	Robert Westendorp
Neighbours for a Sustainable Vancouver	Susan Chapman
Community Forums	Susan Chapman
Salmonberry Days	Sonia Wicken
Newsletter	Susan Chapman/Sonia Wicken

Moved by Hareesh Sara, seconded by Linda MacAdam – that the signing officers for 2011 be: Susan Chapman, President; Sonia Wicken, Treasurer and Robert Westendorp, Vice President. Carried unanimously.

- 4.2 Dunbar History Project:** - Helen Spiegelman reported on the background of the History Project and stated that 5,500 copies of the book were sold, and a few copies remain unsold and the profit from the venture is \$16,000.

It was agreed that there should be a reminder in the next newsletter telling everyone about the book and that it is nearly out of print.

The book project was ten years in the making with Helen taking over to finish the book following the death of Peggy Schofield. The History Project committee has been discussing how to use the accumulated funds in an appropriate project. Plaques have been considered for special sites within Dunbar and the group will be meeting shortly with the Vancouver Archives staff to research other options.

After discussion it was agreed that the History Project members should report back to the DRA directors, while at the same time the Directors would give this matter some thought so that a decision could be made in the new year.

- 4.3 UBC:** - UBC Letter re Ministerial oversight

Jane Ingman-Baker reported on a public hearing at UBC that she and Susan Chapman attended. A draft submission was prepared. Due to the complexity of the interest groups within the university environment there is little recognition given to the residential neighbourhoods adjacent to the university.

Robert reported that Susan has suggested that the DRA send a letter to the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Colin Hansen asking what kind of oversight is planned and suggesting that the surrounding communities be included in any consideration given to future UBC development

- 4.4 Laneway Housing** – Peter Selnar reported that the neighbours of the West 11th block have prepared a power-point presentation on laneway housing. They want to share this information and it has been suggested that they present their information to neighbourhood groups throughout the city. The DRA is being asked to be the first audience for this presentation. It was agreed that the presentation should take place at the January meeting.

It was also agreed that Peter could present the DRA lane way housing survey results in conjunction with this presentation.

It was generally agreed that this would be a good way to keep city residents informed over the next four to six months.

- 4.5 Terms of Office and Funding letter** – It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Colin Hansen confirming that the DRA is of the opinion that a three-year term of office for the mayor and members of city council is preferred.

Funding regulations should be the same as provincial election funding for provincial candidates.

Susan will be asked to draft and circulate a letter.

- 4.6 Advertising rates for newsletter** – deferred to the January meeting.

5.0 New Business:

- 5.1 Metro Regional Growth Strategy** – Metro Vancouver is hosting a series of public meetings to discuss a proposal for a 400-meter corridor adjacent to all major transit routes. In this neighbourhood 41st Ave is a major transit route and this is a shift in land use authority to Metro and away from the City of Vancouver.

It was suggested by Maria Harris, UEL rep at Metro, that responses from individual neighbourhoods would be important to the discussion. The Directors concluded the discussion by deciding to invite a Metro representative to attend a future DRA meeting.

5.2 Vancouver Planning Commission – January event

The Planning Commission is a citizen body that wants to look at sustainability issues. They provided a list of community groups and asked for suggestion from the DRA about which groups could help support sustainability at the community level and therefore should be invited to participate. The gathering they are organizing is planned for the third weekend in January 2011.

Groups identified included DVBIA, Dunbar Neighbourhood Transition Village, Pacific Spirit Park Society, DVIC, DRA and Friends of Southlands.

- 5.3 Dunbar Honour Roll** – The directors were in general agreement about the recognition of individuals who have made a contribution to the community. There was concern about the term and Susan Chapman was asked to talk with Ralph Sayle about the appropriate term to be used.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm, on **January 11, 2011**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.