

North Park Neighbourhood Association Public Meeting Minutes

DATE:Wednesday, May 15 2019

ATTENDANCE

Board members – Jenny Farkas, Sean Kahil, Allison Ashcroft, Katie Fillion

Individual members -

Deirdre Gotto, Allan Gallupe, Gordon Shannon, Charles Joerin, Heather Rock, Andrea Walker Collins, Gail Brown, Mike Winstone, Susan Krcocle, Penny Bond, Helen Rubachuk, Linda Bain, Jodi Sigsworth, Yoka vandenbug, Tristan Trotter, Gerrit Gosker

Business members – BlueSky (Bosa) representative Phillipe Lew

City liaisons/reps – Sharmarke Dubow, Marianne Alto, Mike Hill

Guests – G Colins, Ross Crockford, Linda Huges,

Regrets -

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL

Amendments: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

Land Use Meeting: BlueSky (Bosa) rezoning application regarding the former St Andrew's school site (Pandora and Vancouver) by Philippe Lew

Bosa wants to create an "Air space subdivision" for the property which they describe as a formality that should have been in the initial application but was forgotten. They said that they have no plans to sell any spaces. A full record of the meeting can be found at npna.ca/land-use

Non-rezoning topics discussed:

- Passage mid-block crossing concerns about narrow opening in fence that developer says they will rectify by widening the openings
- Building lighting is a problem for local residents at night. Shining in windows.
- Childcare Center? No.
- There is a "community room" on Mason but no clarity of who would get to use it and for what. Also no covenant in place.
- June 1st move-in, no rentals yet, questions about permits.

Update on the Crystal Pool: Marianne Alto and Sharmarke Dubox

Our Councillor Reps walked us through the motion they were planning on putting in front of Council, explaining how it differed from the one proposed during the NPNA presentation about equity and affordability, made to Senior Staff on May 10. The gist of the motion is to

take 'off the table' the idea of moving the replacement facility to the Central Middle school field, and review the facility in light of the equity data presented.

Other topics discussed besides the motion: There were questions from meeting attendees about what went wrong with the negotiations with RG properties regarding the possibility of locating the new facility on the parking lot. Little or no information was made available other than the fact that it fell through. There was a request that Council request Staff "rise and report" on the subject.

General concerns about public private partnerships were voiced.

Some support was voiced for renovating the existing site.

Concerns were voiced about the fact that no cost was associated with non-interruption of service. There was discussion about putting the pool on the East end of Royal Athletic Park.

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL

Amendments: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Details: Postponed

REPORTS – most were postponed due to lack of time

President Land Use

Communications & Outreach

Placemaking & Public Art

Events

Good Neighbour Meetings

City of Victoria – Council Liaison

City of Victoria - Staff Liaison

VCAN – Victoria Community Association Network

There was talk of having a joint meeting with the DRA in July.

Membership

Place of Worship Updates

FirstMet's Weird Church team plans to attend the next NPNA meeting to get more involved in the neighbourhood.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURN TIME

9:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S MINUTE TAKER

Sean Kahil

NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

Date & Time: 2019/06/19 7:30pm

Location: The Community Room at the back end of the arena