

Minutes
Massey-Victory Heights Residents' Association
January 26, 2006
Glenbrook Middle School

Present

Bob Gowen, Judy Gowen, Bill Radbourne, Sanda Turner, Rob Bryson, Errol Fraser, Gwen English, Wayne English, Bob Jones, Pat Jones, Julie Koel, Carole Harkness, Larry Hill, Terry Tomcko, Ron Coner, Paul Meyer, Andrea Francis, Nancy Wark

Executive

The following residents were acclaimed for the calendar year 2006:

President - Susan Wandell
Vice President - Bill Radbourne
Carole Forsythe - Treasurer
Gwen English - Secretary
Ron Conner - Director
Judy Gowen - Director
Paul Meyer - Director
Shirley Tonks - Director
Nancy Wark - Director

Logo

- The accuracy of the name of the Residents' Association was discussed. It was agreed that the name Massey-Victory Heights Residents' Association was acceptable.
- Four proposed designs were discussed. A design based on the comments received will be presented at the next meeting.

Garage Sale

- The date for the neighbourhood wide garage sale is Saturday, May 6. It is being organized by Carole Harkness and Julie Koel.
- Five dollars will be charged to participate. This charge will be applied to membership in the Residents' Association for 2006/2007.
- A map of participating residents will be produced for circulation.
- Derrick Thornhill agreed to fund its advertising. Free advertising will be placed in the City Page and classified section of *The Record, Buy & Sell* and the signs at Massey Theatre and Queen's Park.
- Two dollars from each garage sale participant will be donated to Children's Miracle Network.

Neighbourhood Family Picnic

- The preferred date for the picnic is Sunday, June 25. It is being organized by Carole Forsythe and Judy Gowen.
- Two locations are being considered, F.W. Howay Community School and Westburnco Park. There is a charge for custodial services at the school. There are no washroom facilities at Westburnco Park.

- Parks and Recreation will provide tents free of charge, but there is a fee for labour.
- The President applied for a grant from the City.
- Current members will not be charged to attend. A five dollar fee will be charged for non-members. It will be applied to membership to the Residents' Association for 2006/2007.
- The Vice President will arrange for the New Westminster Fire Department to set up a display. Other community groups will be invited to do the same.

Community Policing Committee Report

- Homelessness is on the increase in the City. The homeless are sheltered for the night, but have no place to go in the day. Homelessness is not an enforcement issue.
- Removal of graffiti costs Westminster \$8 thousand annually. Annually, the Cities of Vancouver and Los Angeles spend \$1 million and \$55 million respectively. Private residences and businesses have ten days to remove graffiti after it is reported to the Engineering Department. If it isn't removed, the City hires a contractor to remove it at the owner's expense. Graffiti on public property is removed by the Engineering Department.
- Crystal methamphetamine is not a problem in the City. Marijuana and alcohol are the drugs of choice in New Westminster. No confirmed meth labs are in the City.
- The Committee received a letter from the Solicitor General stating that traffic fine revenues were intended for community policing, crime prevention and traffic issues. However, a formal agreement is not currently in force.

New Business

- The sign identifying Westburnco Park was removed during earthquake renovations and was not replaced.
- The City started, but did not finish, work on replacing a telephone pole on Chilliwack Street. The City did not notify the residents concerned before commencing work.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook Middle School.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carole Forsythe, Secretary-Treasurer

Susan Wandell, President