

MASSEY VICTORY HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
March 29, 2007

Chaired: Susan Wandell
Minutes: Taken by Judy Gowen

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

1. Welcome and Introduction: Steve Lam, Catherine Mohoruk and Brian Coates from The City of New Westminster.
 2. Additions to Agenda: Wildlife and closing of the cinemas, signs on Churchill. Move to adopt - Bob Gowen
 3. Adopt the Minutes of January 25, 2007 AGM, moved Bob? seconded.
 4. No Business Arising from the Minutes.
 5. Correspondence - E-mail from Golden Siu re proposal update. He will change plans and proceed with 2 stories. He says he sent letter to immediate neighbors and received a call from one of the neighbors saying she appreciated the changes. He will now apply to the City for permits.
 6. Old Business: Street Sign Cappers, Brian Coates reported cappers are in production and should be up in two weeks time. One more sign will be going up - at York and 8th Ave. -
New website - www.masseyvictoryheights.com
 7. Treasurers report: Balance \$444.11, no outstanding
 8. Presidents report: Newsletter going out this week-end with information on the garage sale of May 5, 2007. Picnic in June will be called Heights Hoopla. Derek Thornhill will be doing signs and newsletter for the garage sale. Nancy Wark suggested that the lane from the McBride apartments be changed so that the residents can make left hand turns to 8th Avenue.
Decision that this was private property and we cannot make decisions on private property.
 9. Community Policing report: Suggest checking our website (noted above) for the community police report. Crime stats can be viewed on the police website. www.newwestpolice.org. Helicopter heard over the city recently was Air-1 which helped apprehend 2 suspects involved in a hit and run.
 10. Traffic Advisory Update: Comprehensive Safety Plan Survey ended March 10. On April 26 there will be an open meeting at City Hall to review the results of the survey. Tenders are out on a bridge at Braid. Over passes on Queensborough to be complete on October 31, 2007. North end work will start July or August. An electronic sign is up on Cumberland temporarily, flashing speed limit and the speed the approaching vehicle is travelling. Works very well in the School Zone.
 11. New Business: Wildlife Control, Skunks - the City will take no action "as one neighbor is making a habitat for them". Lawns are being destroyed in many areas. It is suggested we use the "action report" to notify the city. It was reported a coyote has grabbed small dogs in broad daylight. Be aware.
Nancy Wark presented a letter she has composed to the City of New Westminster requesting the opening of Burr Theatre to compensate for the closure of the uptown cinemas. Defeated.
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12. Community Announcements: New West Horticultural Society Plant Sale, Sunday May 6th 10-4 in the Glenbrook Gym.
Lynn Radbourne was recipient of the Bernie Legge Award for her contributions to the Arts Community.
 13. Presentations: Marilu Acosta-Rauda of 354 East 8th Avenue operating "Little JJ's Family Childcare Limited" has space for 14 and wants to accommodate 12. She would like to rezone to Group Daycare. She has parking for 3 cars for drop-off and also parking on 8th Avenue. Discussion:
Daycare is needed in the City, her daycare comes very well recommended. Susan will e-mail the City with our approval.
Catherine Mohoruk and Steve Lan, of City of New Westminster Staff presented neighborhood traffic calming plans. Catherine showed a map of our area showing existing conditions and issues. Reviewed our concerns re Howay School, pedestrian crossing at The Crest Shopping Centre on 10th Ave, speeding on Richmond Street, intersection of Massey and Churchill (4 collisions), Garfield and Braid (3 collisions). Map of traffic counts, recent counts on Richmond averaged 650 cars per week. Cumberland Street had 7000. Courtney Cres showed 50% of vehicles travelled at 35 K.