

Massey-Victory Heights Resident's Association Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2006

The minutes of the last meeting were tabled to the next meeting.

Mike Michelin gave a presentation about his application to city hall to subdivide his lot at 439 East 8th Avenue

He was questioned about whether the size of the proposed lot will set a precedent in NW, but lots have been that size for a minimum of 30 years.

Residents were advised that we could email our responses to his presentation to city hall.

Old Business

June 25 Picnic/BBQ

Originally several different areas were proposed for the event:

- Churchill/Scott/Williams area
- Westburnco
- The small triangular park between Chilliwack Street and Laurel
- Howay School (this seemed to be most favoured, due to the unpredictability of the weather). The issue of liability on the school grounds was raised with this location.

We also discussed food, entertainment, parking, participation by various groups/businesses and logistics.

Catering options included M&M, KFC, the Buy-Low at the Crest, and private catering.

Carol will contact the Pink Monkey for balloon prices.

A music teacher at Howay may have some ideas for entertainment.

The group agreed that activities should be provided for children.

Parking is permissible on Cumberland.

Groups that were suggested to contact about participating included:

NW police

Block Watch

Girl Guides

Re/Max (hot air balloon, weather permitting)

Neighbourhood Logo

Susan displayed and discussed the evolving logo for our association, ending with a mocked-up contribution from Brian Coates. The group responded favourably, immediately. Brian's idea incorporated all the elements of previous logos. The group voted unanimously to accept Brian's design as the final, accepted logo.

Garage Sale

Derek Thornhill spoke to the association, explaining how he will assist with promoting the sale. In addition to the distribution of newsletters throughout the neighbourhood he will advertise during the time leading up to the date of the sale. The signs that he will have made can be used from year to year and will include our neighbourhood logo.

Susan wanted to revisit the cost that participants in the sale will be charged. It was agreed that the charge per table will be \$10, which will include a June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007 resident's association membership.

President's Report

Susan reported what she'd learned at a seminar about household earthquake readiness. There will be representation from our association at a candlelight ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at the Cenotaph in NW. A Canada Day sub-committee will be formed to discuss/prepare a basket for raffle at Canada Day ceremonies.

Community Policing

Carol reported on an initiative by youth-oriented businesses to give out positive tickets: a coupon and gift certificate acknowledging a good deed done by an individual. Examples of such deeds include wearing seatbelts, bike helmets and assisting people in need across crosswalks.

Homelessness in NW is generating complaints to the DBA. An increase in loitering and other behaviour is being observed in places like Moody Park and Sapperton.

Scheduled at Centry House in April is a forum for seniors and safe driving.

On April 11 a seminar on children and internet safety will be held at Glenbrooke Elementary.

Carol advised that on Sunday, May 7, 10 – 3 pm the New West Horticultural Society will be holding its annual plant sale in the Royal Centre Mall.

Traffic Advisory

The traffic counter report was available to be reviewed at the meeting.

The Braid Street bridge update is not yet ready.

There is a new form that must be completed when applying for speed humps in our neighbourhoods.

The end of the Queensboro bridge hasn't been decided upon.

Susan hopes that Mark Allison can assist with our completed traffic report as the new person moves into this position.

Both motions about traffic were made

Susan discussed the possibility of approaching the city about a traffic camera at 8th Avenue and Cumberland. Karin at ICBC can supply statistics about accidents at that intersection and volunteers from the police department may be able to assist.

On Saturday, May 27, 1 – 3:30 the City will host its Public Works Open House after the parade. Food and activities will be available.

Susan would like to address the issue of the bus stop on the high side of Cumberland and McBride. The group agreed that a concrete pad to let people stand away from the roadway would offer more safety.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 27, 7 pm, Glenbrooke Elementary school library.

