

MASSEY VICTORY HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
September 30, 2010 7:00 pm
Glenbrooke Middle School

ATTENDANCE INDICATED BY ✓

✓ Bill Radbourne, President	Lynn Radbourne, Secretary
✓ Terry Tomcko (Recorder)	✓ Larry Hill, Interim Treasurer
✓ Nelson Geddes, Director	✓ Lorraine Geddes, Director
Susan Wandell, Past President	✓ Robert Jones, Director
Dennis Paulley, Vice-President	✓ Patricia Jones
✓ Shirley Tonks, Director	✓ Sanda Turner
✓ Errol Fraser	✓ Ted Grewcutt
✓ Betty Grewcutt	✓ Douglas Luckow

✓ Lil Ronalds City of New Westminster Planning Division

GUEST: ✓ Nancy Wark

1.0 Meeting called to order at 7: 05 pm by the Chair.

2.0 Additions / Approval of the Agenda – None

3.0 MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 24th , 2010 meeting were not available at this meeting

4.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** None

5.0 TREASURERS REPORT: No Report

- Treasurer has resigned due to other commitments.
- Larry Hill has offered to fill in the position for the duration of this year until the AGM.

6.0 CITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Traffic

Nelson Geddes

- Discussion was raised regarding whether residential streets should be reduced to 30 km/hr. Is the issue the number of cars or the speed at which they travel? Reducing the speed may reduce volumes.
- The timing of the lights at Holmes and Columbia have been adjusted after the construction crews cut the sensors.
- Parking in narrow lanes/streets was discussed – removal of parking on streets will result in more traffic. A petition from residents could result in parking removal if the residents which to proceed.
- Fixed cameras in school zones – traffic cameras are provincial, City does not have the authority to use cameras.

- Engine brake usage and signage – the use of engine brakes is not a big problem in our area
- Need to apply/re-apply for this committee for the coming year.

It was moved and seconded that Nelson Geddes continue as our rep on this committee

CARRIED

- Bill will complete the paperwork and submit by month's end.
- Traffic Calming – Shirley Tonks asked if at the next meeting, the lane between 10th Avenue to Courtney Crescent could be addressed. The apartment dwellers speed through the lane. Could a yield or Stop Sign be posted? Speed limit is 20 km/hr in lanes in New Westminster. Could this be posted?
- If there is anything you would like addressed, send it via email to Nelson (director3@masseyvictoryheights.com)

6.2 Community Policing

Bob Jones

- Nothing to report as Bob wasn't able to attend the meeting due to previous commitment.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Automated Waste Collection starts October 1, 2010.

- o Bill had a meeting with Christen Davis regarding the new Automated Waste Collection. Residents were asked to follow the instructions delivered with the new containers. These explain very clearly where and how to leave them out for collection. There was some confusion from those present and the following items were clarified:
 - o Biodegradable plastic bags should be put in the garbage container and not in green waste bins
 - o Food waste goes in green waste bin
 - o If you have problems with the pickup area, contact city at 604-526-4691

Bill will get answers to the following questions for the next meeting:

- o Is this a one arm truck or two, do we need to place the containers in a certain order, i.e. garbage on left/ compost on right
- o Where is the composting being sent for processing
- o What is the schedule for garden waste pick up now

7.2 **Green Cones** – Bill had a sample of the Green Cone for our meeting. This is used for biodegradable waste. It is buried part way in the ground, has a double walled top portion. It should be installed where it will get direct sun during the day.

- o Waste, along with enzymes (included with cone) are placed in the inside.
- o The heat generated inside from the sun turns the contents into an ash.
- o This is **NOT a composting bin.**

- This is a test program which the City is running. If anyone is interested, please contact Bill Radbourne (president@masseyvictoryheights.com)

7.3 School Rental Costs

- Beginning next meeting the cost to use the school for our meetings will be \$30/meeting and may go up to \$50.00 in the new year.
- Also in the New Year, we will have to provide insurance at \$60-80/meeting.
- Bill has sent a letter to Mt. Zion Church to see if we could use their church hall and if there would be any costs for this. The Board of the Church hasn't gotten back to us yet.

7.4 One Way Street Survey

- Bill indicated in our meeting notice in the City Page, we would be discussing one way streets in our neighborhood. They edited and "watered" down his script.
- A survey was posted on our web-site to get a response from the residents. We received 13 votes: 9 No – 2 Yes and 2 spoiled as there was no street address
- The reason for considering this is the imminent replacement of the Pattullo Bridge. Once this is replaced, traffic going through the neighborhood will drastically increase as drivers "rat-maze" their way to avoid traffic congestion on the main arterial roads (10th Ave and 8th Ave) when there is a problem on the bridge.
- Attempts at traffic calming using speed bumps, stop signs and the like, have not decreased the traffic in the neighborhood, it just moved it to other streets.
- Our effort should be to stop this type of traffic from going through the streets and remain on the arterial roads.
- One way streets, along with other means (cul-de-sac, dead end; side way bump outs) need to be looked at together to make it disadvantageous to come through the neighborhood. This may cause traffic to increase (in one direction only).
- If consideration is given to the flow, against rush hour traffic, this will stop the rat-maze effect we currently have. As an example: traffic trying to get over the Pattullo Bridge in the evenings will cut across Massey from 10th to 8th. If Massey were one way from 8th of 10th, this traffic could not cut through. Consideration would have to then be given to how residents would navigate to Massey
- It was asked if a map could be presented at the next meeting so residents could look at the area and see what could done. A map will be presented at the next meeting and residents can make suggestions.
- It was stated this was only a suggestion from residents and not something that is in the works at City Hall. If there is enough interest, a proposal will be drafted and presented to City Hall.

8.0 Community Announcements:

- 8.1 Family Day, Saturday October 2, 2010 11 am – 3pm. Presented by Family Court Committee at Royal City Centre Mall. This showcases organizations and associations and different clubs associated with families. Check the City web page for more information
- 8.2 New Westminster Fire Hall Open House – Fire Hall #1, 6th Avenue and McBride Boulevard, Saturday October 2nd 10-2 pm
- 8.3 Massey Victory Heights Block Party was cancelled this year. The Executive decided to forego this year's even and move it to a bi-annual event to keep it fresh.
- 8.4 Derrick Thornhill presented "*The Lion King*" at his movie night at FW Howay School on August 27, 2010. The profits from the sale of popcorn were kindly donated to MVHRA.

9.0 NEXT MEETING:

Executive meeting: October 30 at 1:00 at the Radbourne residence.

Next Association meeting Thursday, November 25, 2010

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm