

Massey Victory Heights Residents Association



Mt Zion Lutheran Church
Cumberland Street @ Tenth Avenue
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 24, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Attendance:

	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Street</i>
1	Jen Arbo	Nootka Street	2	Bob Kochendorfer	Jackson Crescent
3	Ron Fraser	Amess Street	4	Judy Kochendorfer	Jackson Crescent
5	Donna Fraser	Amess Street	6	Earl Marshall	York Street
7	Bob Jones	William Street	8	Dennis Paulley	Kent Street
9	Pat Jones	William Street	10	Bill Radbourne	Churchill Street
11	Morgan McGrath	Cumberland Street	12	Terry Tomcko	York Street
13	Larry Hill	York Street	14	Shirley Tonks	Courtney Crescent
15	Gary Urchuk	Cumberland Street	16	Lorraine Geddes	Garfield Street
17	Nelson Geddes	Garfield Street			

- 1) ***Call to Order*** at 7:00pm
- 2) ***Additions and Approval of Agenda***
 - a) Item 3 should read September 24, 2010 as November meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions
 - b) no additions
Agenda approved Bill Radbourne second by Larry Hill
- 3) ***Business Arising from Minutes***
No new business arising
- 4) ***Treasurers Report***
Total paid members 99 of 904 households in our area
current bank balance \$1643.41 + \$20.00 from new member at meeting
Approved by Donna Fraser / Second by Lorraine Geddes
- 5) ***City Committee Reports***
 - a) ***Community Policing Update*** - Bob Jones
Nothing to report as meeting was missed
Shirley Tonks has heard community groups can apply through the Police Safe Community Grant for funds. Dennis clarified this was a available with qualifications: police had to be present, focus within the community and have some corporate involvement. Once you have the event, you must file the application. There is \$50.00 available.
 - b) ***Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee*** - Nelson Geddes
 - i) ***Update***
 - (1) Engineering has almost complete the traffic calming throughout the city, Brow of the hill and Queensborough are just wrapping up. Our area was somewhat successful, as like most areas when one street lost traffic is seemed to be picked up by others.
 - (2) The Pattullo Bridge replacement has been put on hold. The city has taken the stance that the overall plan to move traffic thru the city needs to be addressed first, which includes the United Boulevard Extension. If there is no plan for this then nothing will happen.
 - (3) I.C.B.C. report shows New Westminster crash rate to be 25% higher than the provincial average. This average is based on the policies in the area and not the traffic flowing through.
 - (4) Hospital employee parking is becoming a problem as it's overflowing into our area in the Braid and Macdonald street area. It's hoped that the completion of the brewery property

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will ease some of this parking issue.

(5) There is an effort underway to update the city street and traffic by-laws as many are out of date and non-enforceable.

ii) **Questions arising** - To be taken to next meeting

(1) RV parking on streets - Boat and towed trailer can stay on the street as long as it's attached to a vehicle. These are only enforced when someone complains.

(2) Definition of a corner - how do we know where the corner begins, i.e. parking Nelson will be our conduit to bring forward any clarifications to engineering.

(3) How do we address the enforcement of stops signs and cross walks introduced during our traffic calming exercise.

6) **New Business**

a) **Unkempt Properties** - was discussed at the executive meeting The most posing questions are:

i) What are the enforcement rules?

ii) Is there is a standard?

iii) yards covered in weeds will spread to others in the area. Herbicides are now banned so the issue may explode.

iv) derelict cars and out buildings deteriorates the value of everyone's homes in the area.

v) Will the city clean it up and bill the owner?

vi) Who is responsible to maintain the boulevards and lanes?

It was mentioned that Eight and Tenth Avenues are high profile to our area with the amount of traffic that passes by on a daily basis. Do we want this to be the image portrayed for all of us?

When we get the clarification we would like to put some mechanism in place to report these to the city as an association. We need to advise these owners there has been a report before the city is advised of the problem. This will give the resident some time to comply. Senior Services has a service for seniors who are unable to attend to their properties.

Ultimately we need to know what is enforceable and what can we do to clean these things up?

Larry Hill will look into the by-laws and report back.

b) **Garage Sale - May 7, 2011**

Look for an email being sent out in Early April as a reminder to have your name added to the advertising.

Jen Arbo has talked to Derrick Thornhill who mentioned he has a new color printer which can do the printing for our Newsletter and perhaps our garage sale maps. She will discuss this with him in more detail and report back to the executive.

A new email ID [garage.sale@masseyvictoryheights.com] has been set up for residents where they can send any questions they may have about the garage sale.

Information will be included in the April newsletter. Jen Arbo and Terry Tomcko will discuss the printing etc and report back to the executive.

c) **Membership Drive**

Dennis Paulley discussed the need to increase membership. In the past 6 months the executive has been working on getting more residents involved in the association. Paid membership has seen a dramatic increase from their efforts. He is asking that everyone try to bring a neighbour with them to the next meeting. Topics of interest for future meetings are also always welcome.

d) **Association Liability Insurance**

Earl Marshal has talked to the Mayor about the issue. He forward the concern on to Rick Page. He also indicated that others have looked into the but never followed through on it. The letter from the mayor has been passed to Dennis Paulley and he will follow up with Rick at the city.

e) **Block Watch**

We have had the block watch group at our meetings in the past to discuss a joint partnership to disseminate information and coordinate our efforts. As our interests are the same for the area we should encourage the Block Watch Captains to attend our Bi-Monthly meetings so they can represent their area's concerns and bring back information to their residents. There are

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approximately 8-10 Block Watch groups in our area. Dennis will contact the block captains and ask them to attend our meetings.

7) **Community Announcements**

- a) The Next Farmers market will be held on March 12th, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Carnarvon Street
- 8) Next Meeting: April 28th, 2011
- 9) Executive Meeting: April 17th, 2011
- 10) Adjournment: There being no further business , the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm