

## Newcastle Community Association

### Minutes of a regular meeting – Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Meeting called to order at 07:05 PM by President Karen Kuwica**

**Note:** Christy Wood, Community Policing Coordinator, will attend our next regular meeting on October 5th, 2021, to present the Newcastle Neighborhood Safety Audit Report.

**1. Review and adopt last meetings minutes.**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Regular meeting: motion to approve by Suzanne Groulx, seconded by Prescilla Lockwood.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, NCA Special meeting: motion to approve by Phil Morris, seconded by Peter Giovando.

**2. New Business – no other business**

**3. New Secretary**

The NCA Executives nominated Suzanne Groulx, motion to approve by Peter Giovando and seconded by Fred MacDonald.

**4. Illuminight**

NCA received a grant to fund December 2021 Illuminight. Karen with Rob Squire's assistance will organize events. Any ideas on potential activities please share with Karen.

**5. Membership update**

Thank you to Renee Cooper for her great work in recruiting memberships. New neighbors will be approached.

**6. Darrel Gyorfi's letter re Policing & Social Disorder**

Discussion took place about the letter and its data. Darrel is a great advocate for our neighborhood. Following the letter, Karen met with some city councillors to address issues raised in the letter. Constant pressure must be applied to the city to address our neighborhood issues.

Discussion about the off-hour Bylaw Officers support was addressed; Karen to follow up.

**7. Townhall meeting – 250 Terminal & Councillors**

NCA Executive members are meeting with each city councillor to discuss the 250 Terminal permanent building proposals. Some councillors understand our issues.

The Townhall meeting will focus on the proposed development at 250 Terminal, clarify issues of concerns.

Volunteers have been distributing flyers inviting Newcastle neighbors to attend the upcoming Townhall meeting.

There will be a membership drive at the Townhall meeting.

#### **8. Development Liaison Update**

345 Newcastle and 360 Stewart projects have minimal changes.

Architect for development project on waterfront lots at 1300 block of Stewart Avenue reached out to the NCA Executive in advance.

#### **9. Neighborhood updates**

Issue with speedy car drivers on Vancouver Avenue was raised. It appears Vancouver Avenue is used as a short cut, an alternative way. Suggestion was made to call the RCMP to set a speed trap.

The new cross walks' lights on Stewart Avenue are too bright and the cross walks don't seem to help the traffic to slow down when one tries to cross the street. Flashing lights should be installed to have the maximum effect of the crossings. People are driving too fast on Stewart Avenue. Suggestion to contact Susan Rendle District Engineer to address this safety issue.

Needles and drug paraphilia found on the North side of Vancouver Avenue was reported to the city. It was cleaned promptly.

The garage of the Marine Vista building was broken into by 3 males with a blow torch. Lockers were broken, and personal properties were stolen.

Security video footage was review by the RCMP. At the time of the brake-in, there were 4 other incidents happening in the same area. It was a targeted incident; more patrol in the area will take place.

#### **10. Block Watch Update**

A Kayak was stolen at the yacht club.

Lots of activities were observed at the Vancouver Island Health Association building on Rosehill/Terminal recently. Drugs transactions.

Fire pits were set on Caledonia by the railway track.

Next regular meeting October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 07:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 08:30PM

Submitted by Suzanne Groulx