

Minutes of a Newcastle Community Association regular meeting

January 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by association president Karen Kuwica at 7.05 pm. Karen welcomed a new member Robb Squires. The Squires family have lived in Newcastle since 1939.

Minutes of December 1, 2020

The minutes of December 1, 2020 were approved.

Illuminight

Positive feedback has been received from the community, the City, and the Chamber of Commerce regarding the NCA's Illuminight initiative. Over 20,000 hits were received on social media from individuals who were interested in Illuminight. Karen was thanked by association members for her efforts in spearheading this initiative. Karen suggested that we have a committee next year to provide guidance for Illuminight and that we plan to have a Xmas season street party if COVID has subsided.

Business Update

We are still looking for a new representative from the business community to represent our association.

Development Sub Committee

30 Mt. Benson: Nancy reported that renovations will be coming soon to the façade of this apartment building.

475 Stewart Ave: updated design plans will soon be released for the proposed townhouse development at this site.

250 Terminal (Newcastle Place): we are still waiting to receive a proposal from BC Housing for the entire complex of building that is planned for 250 Terminal.

Neighbourhood Updates

Rosehill Apartments: 50 % of the new VIMHS apartments at Rosehill and Terminal have now been occupied.

Newcastle Apartments: There have been ongoing problems with the garbage/recycling at this apartment building. Karen is discussing possible solutions with the building owner.

Caledonia Area: Terry reported on issues of concern in the area of Caledonia and the railway tracks.

Riverbank and ravine opposite Whitespot: Fred reported on illegal camping and garbage issues at this location. He will follow up with the City Bylaw Department.

Cypress and Vancouver: There is growing concern about suspicious activity at a house on this corner. Local residents agreed to keep a watchful eye on the property.

New Business

Membership Drive: It was agreed that a membership drive should be a focus for the society in the coming year. Each current member was asked to reach out to friend and neighbour in the community to help increase our number of active members.

Memberships are biannual and have been established as follows:

Individual = \$10 Individuals on a fixed income = \$5 Business membership = \$40

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.

Next Meeting

February 2, @ 7pm