

Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022 @ Rutland Seniors Center (150 Gray Road) from 6:30 - 8:00pm

Present: Peter P., Lynn J., Sharlene D., Lorena M., Lynn S., Gwen B., John V., Evelyn V., Leanne N., Dave N., Lynn O., Norm G., Mary B., Danita L., Cindy S., Nick A.

1. Call to Order: Peter called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. Adoption of the agenda for this meeting
 - Amend 9.3 to replace 'Peter' with 'Gwen'
 - Add 9.6 Guest SpeakersMoved by Nick, 2nded by Lorena to adopt agenda as amended. CARRIED
3. Roll call/Quorum: Peter noted quorum established.
4. Welcome to all members and visitors.: Peter welcomed everyone.
5. Adoption of Minutes from the February 28, 2021 General Meeting.
 - Peter noted 8th line in 2nd paragraph 2 of item 6 = 15 years rather than 10 years.Moved by Gwen, 2nded by Nick, to adopt the minutes as amended. CARRIED
6. President's Report – Peter P. noted will talk a little about parking and developments. Noted Councils discretion and changes to variances. Talked to neighbors in Neptune area and in keeping with neighborhood homes but that's not what is actually going in. Developer got approx. \$400,000 in rebates in exchange. Noted fighting City Hall. The DCC charges were among lowest in Kelowna as compared to other cities but developer can basically ask for whatever they want. Rutland and downtown both have been scheduled for high density rentals. Questioned where the infrastructure was to accommodate all of these developments. It's not only discriminatory. Tried to get Rob Munro involved but didn't want to touch it. Capital News was the only media outlet who would touch the letter.
7. Treasurer's Report – Lynn S. reported that we had \$1,211.04 in assets as of March 21, 2022.
 - Sharlene also noted that we had an additional \$600 in assets as we have 40 t-shirts still in our possession.Moved Leanne, 2nded by David to adopt the Treasurer's Report as read. CARRIED
8. Committee Reports
 - 8.1 Grant/Fundraising Committee – Sharlene noted there would be a meeting at a later date and notice would go out to membership.
9. Old Business:
 - 9.1 Rutland Safety – All can discuss: Nick noted meeting with Maxine in City Council re: bicycle lanes and other safety matters.
 - 9.2 Parking & Developments Letter – Peter suggested that the inequity of development in Rutland be a focus.

Moved by Sharlene, 2nded by Lynn, that the Rutland Residents Association address issues regarding the inequity and safety issues related to development in Rutland. CARRIED

9.3 Safety Signage Request – Peter Gwen noted that she had done some research and that she frequently walks in Rutland. Constant and frequent safety issue. Questioned what would happen to older people with walkers/the more elderly. Know it's a bylaw issue and bicycles are on the sidewalk even though they're not supposed to be. Noted don't do anything unless there's a complaint. Noted you shouldn't not make a complaint so it gets registered at least. Thursday went to Community Policing Office – Explained to RCMP Officer who she was and educated Officer who we were and wanted to be educated re bylaws regarding registrations. Bicycles not required to be registered but can register serial number. Federally and Municipally helmets are required. Bells would be municipal bylaw and there is none currently. City of Calgary it is required and bells used in lower mainland. Noted lack of signage and gravel in bicycle lanes. Noted Bylaw Officer arrived and explained to him about what had happened and request for signage. Bylaw noted really up to humanity it's a matter of education. Why don't the RCMP or Bylaw do workshops at schools, bike racks, etc. Educate from bottom up. How to get municipal bylaw on requirement to have a bell/noise maker on there bicycle. Nick noted this is a common issue among other areas.

Noted Samuel Place and have had a couple issues with back alley way and removal of grates and such. Noted has had to call police several times.

Peter asked Gwen to check with Kevin Kardal as to whether or not there are Bike Rodeos or other bicycle safety events/activities being held at district schools as has been in the past.

9.4 RRA Community BBQ – Sharlene noted that there will be a meeting next Monday, March 28th at 6:30pm here at the center.

9.5 Member Check-In – All can discuss. Gwen asked when we were going to have washrooms in Lions Park and Rutland Centennial.

Mary B. noted that we, as an organization, need to be more out there and verbal.

Peter noted he will contact Parks Department re: washrooms at Lions Park and Rutland Centennial.

Gwen noted she had spoken to Jill Siebert and she had another appointment. Lynn asked about Carolin.

9.6 Guest Speakers – Brainstorm & Prioritize – Gwen noted we had guest speakers before COVID hit. Want to target 'inequity' part. Gwen suggested Guest Speakers every month. John noted if government people and no one is there to listen, they won't be back.

Peter willing to help with guest speakers and such.

**Moved by Sharlene, 2nded by Lynn S, that the Rutland Residents Association create a Committee to formulate a plan to address inequities and safety issues in the Rutland area.
AND FURTHER THAT: The Chair be Lynn J. CARRIED**

Mary B. noted that Awareness of the RRA is key.

Gwen noted All Candidates Forum and bring forward concerns to them. Would like to see us do this again but noted that we'd need a larger venue.

Development Inequities and Safety Issues Committee Members: Lynn S, Lynn J., Mary B, Nick, Sharlene, Lorena,

10. New Business:

Ask the membership if there are any new issues they would like to talk about.

11. Motion to adjourn the Meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday, April 25 (*18th is Easter Monday) & May 16, 2022

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