

Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020 @ Rutland Seniors Center from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Present: Peter P., Sharlene D., Lynn J., Leanne N., David N., John V., Evelyn V., Christopher B., Jill S., Tania G., Georgina C., Marianne B., Gwen B.

1. Call to Order: Peter called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Adoption of the agenda for this meeting.
 - Replace '8 Committee Reports' with 'September 17th Meeting with City Officials' & add '10.3 Samuel Place'
 - Moved by Tania, 2nded by Christopher, to adopt the agenda as amended.
 - CARRIED
3. Roll call - Peter determined there was a quorum.
4. Welcome to all members and visitors.
5. Adoption of Minutes from the June 29, 2020 General Meeting.
 - Moved by Jill, 2nded by Marianne, to adopt the June 29, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as read/amended.
 - CARRIED
6. President's Report – Peter P.
 - * Please visit Peter's blog at <http://rutlandresidentsassociation.ca/wordpress/>
 - Noted the meeting as item 8. Trying to bring concerns forward to people who can do something about our concerns/issues and hope to do more of this in the future. Building relationships with Darren Caul, Ken Hunter, and others. Working towards having individuals from our organization be a wheel that does research and then brings forward concerns as well as possible solutions.
7. Treasurer's Report – Lynn S. reported that we have \$2,779.33 in assets as of August 31st.
 - Moved by Christopher, 2nded by Evelyn, to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented.
 - CARRIED
 - Peter noted would like to see section for Donations included on financial statements.
8. ~~Committee Reports~~ September 17th Meeting with City Officials'
 - ~~a) Heathstone Committee – R.~~
 - ~~b) General Research on Low Barrier Housing Committee – Christopher~~
 - Peter noted meeting with Darren Caul (Director of Community Safety – City of Kelowna), Ken Hunter (Bylaw Supervisor), Kevin MacDougall (Rutland Community Policing Office), and Michael Kube (RCMP). Noted that they are listening and 3054 was the first house to be dealt with by the Property Standards Compliance Team. Michael Kube lives in Rutland area and noted he cares about the community. Meeting was extension of March 9th Forum and included a number of people affected by problem houses. Peter thought our voices did matter. Roxanne also participated in the meeting and included statements backed by facts.
 - Tania stated that believed that we were heard and happy to hear that Ken (Bylaw) went to meet with Roxanne. Encouraged by the 'Community Court' concept and noted

change of policy regarding Crown Counsel laying charges. Possession no longer being charged either. 'Community Court' will hold individuals more accountable and may be coming to fruition shortly. Problems aren't solved just being moved around. Talking to Norm Letnick and noted upcoming elections. Noted KOAST and going to do more research.

- Sharlene noted meeting went well and several other points.
- Gwen noted walks around Rutland.

9. Old Business:

- 9.1 Grant/Fundraising Committee - Sharlene noted haven't met yet but will very soon.
- 9.2 Rutland Middle School - Peter stated focus is to start from scratch but not sure when it may happen.
- 9.3 Rutland Centennial Park - Peter read from City of Kelowna Information sheets including washrooms. Total investment is 3.3 million. Peter is going to write a letter thanking the City for the work being done.
- 9.4 Safety in Rutland – Topic was brought up at the last meeting. Tabled to next meeting.

10. New Business:

- 10.1 Emergency Housing for Seniors – Sharlene noted experiences as a result of 3054 being boarded up and a senior now staying in her front yard who is now homeless. Group discussed this and agreed that a letter needed to be written voicing our concerns in this regard. Sharlene and Peter to draft a letter relating to concerns surrounding the fact that there is no emergency housing for seniors.
- 10.2 COHS Heritage Picnic - Residents Association Participation?
 - Saturday, Sept 26 - 11:30 – 2:00pm at Benvoulin Heritage Church. Free. Bring picnic lunch. Table for RRA. Peter & Lynn & Evelyn to participate. Sharlene to send Peter 'What We Do?' info sheets.
- 10.3 Samuel Place Report – Leanne noted letters sent out months ago and attended meeting. Noted improved lighting & suggested Community Gardens. Noted 40 units.
 - Lynn Stevens noted Black Mountain Irrigation District 100 year anniversary. A book is being published on the history and will be available around November. Sharlene to send out information.
 - Gwen suggested all candidates forum. Group discussed briefly and agreed that the time frame was too short.

11. Motion to adjourn the Meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday, October 19, 2020 & Monday, November 16, 2020

***Memberships - *Please Renew & We Welcome New Members**

- Applications can be found here:

http://www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca/application_for_membership2020.pdf