**Rutland Residents Association Meeting February 15, 2018**

**Rutland Centennial Hall 6:30 pm**

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**

* By Peter (president) 6:34 PM

1. **Roll call (Quorum 10% of membership)**

* 8 residents 3 board members = 11/17

1. **Welcome to all members and visitors**

* no new visitors/members

1. **Minutes of the January 18th meeting. Circulated by e mail.**

**Any errors or omissions.**

* Nothing to omit
* Date for Knights of Columbus dinner wrong
* Mary Luttmerding Motioned
* Jill Siebert Second Motion

1. **President’s Report: -Development updates**

**-Candidates Forum**

**Discussed 94 Unit construction for student housing at McIntosh and Dougal**

* Meeting was Feb 6 at city hall.
* Former renters from the house which will be torn down went to speak on their behalf and unfortunately made a racially insensitive comment. Although they were understandably upset, this did not help their argument. However, they did raise a legitimate concern about the lack of affordable housing in our area. Our Association would like to encourage Rutland residents to come to our board meetings and air these and other types of development concerns. There is indeed greater strength in numbers
* Laurel did mention the tenants of the house being torn down have had a lot of notice and that the correct tenant termination procedures have been adhered to
* On Jan 30th John and Peter met with Terry Barton and his associate Trisa Atwood. There were no major concerns for this project other than the possibility of using a different type of material for the fencing. Car share for the tenants will be made available as well as proximity to a city bus exchange so students will be able to use transit rather than cars to get to and from the university
* It should be noted that this development is not connected to UBCO but is an independent student housing build. There are many micro suites and these suites will be rented for the length of student’s terms

**Discussed 36 unit Town homes. This one had a few more issues.**

* City has only approved zoning for now
* Lots of concerns from city hall as well as the board on concrete design, tandem parking, no parking on Rutland Road for over flow, no visitor parking built into design, the u shape makes it difficult to come in and out
* Will review this and meet again with city planner/builder
* Designs were passed around

**Centennial Park**

* City of Kelowna now owns this park
* Promised to put in washrooms, soccer fields but other than a playground, building activity is at a standstill as they were hoping to have money from transit exchange
* Budget allocation for $350,000 will be forthcoming in City Councils budget review in March
* Community gardens will be put in and input from residents will be requested
* As well as regular walking gardens
* Laurel raised a good point stating that **park washroom facilities** should be the first priority. (There was large scale agreement with this point). However, no money has been allocated as of yet
* The lady for the Gardens will be in contact with peter as she would like to speak at a meeting about this project

**Golden Gems**

* They are for the development in principle but City still has concerns regarding parking and garbage pickup

**Candidates Forum**

* Peter spoke to deputy City Clerk Karen Needham regarding the date for municipal election and was informed that it will be on October 20th
* Our members selected sept 27th Thursday to Host the Candidates Forum
* Will send out invites early as their schedule fills up around election time
* Will confirm with the Hall management regarding this date
* Uptown Rutland will partner for the event write a letter to URBA in regards to the plans

**Rutland Middle School Response Letter**

* Letter sent to our association by School Board Chairperson Moyra Baxter regarding plans for RMS refurbishing or new construct was read out at our meeting. The essence of the letter was that there is no funding but lobbying the provincial government will continue for this much needed and overdue project

1. **Acceptance of President’s Report**

* Jill Siebert Motioned
* Gwen Bebault Second

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

* Total assets 2933.37
* Money set aside for heritage breakfast included in this amount

1. **Acceptance of Report**

* Marianne Belland Motioned
* Jill Siebert Second

1. **New Business**

**Heritage week (also addressed last meeting)**

* starting Monday Feb 19 with Breakfast
* Evelyn to display posters of Rutland Then and Now
* meet at library at 830 for set up
* Volunteers: Carolyn, Denise,Peter,John
* Michelle to hang posters in Plaza 33

**Follow up from last meeting on Shelia’s Retirement**

* Call her assistant manager at the library to see what they have planned for her and we can join in
* Suggestion to give Shelia a History of Rutland book that was done by Evelyn as a gift of thanks from the community
* Motion made by Gwen to give Sheila a History of Rutland book as a gift
* Seconded by Lorena

**Uptown Rutland**

* Laurel doing advertising for RRA in URBA newsletter which is distributed to businesses as well as emailed out this newsletter goes out the 15th of every month reach out if we need anything specific
* Rediscover Rutland doing an article will contact peter in regards to the association

**Kelowna Strong Neighbourhoods**

* Lorena received an email for a reminder on grants. City will match funds for projects.
* Kelowna.ca/neighborhoods next grant is march 2
* What could we use this for?

**Speakers**

* Will ask Terry Barton to possibly come back to a future meeting
* Lindsay Clement to come and talk about park garden and peter will arrange date and time

1. **Adjournment:** 730pm

**Next Meeting:** March 15 2018