

## **MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING -**

**Lions Gate Christian Academy –Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: Tom Young & John Walkley (Co-Chairmen), Olga Dueck, Cathy Brydon, Jenny Lee, Lilian Gavin, Joanne Tinaburri, Raymond Forsyth, Wayne Hussey, Jerry Wong, Dale Shearer, John Maras & Malcolm McLaren. Also: Michael Lee, Great West Life, Doug Allan, Senior Development Planner, NVD, & Leesa Strimbicki, Public Arts Consultant.**

The chairman, Tom Young, called the meeting to order, & introduced himself, his co-chairman, John Walkley, & recording secretary, Olga Dueck.

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

It was moved by Wayne Hussey & seconded by John Walkley that the minutes of the meeting held April 19, 2005, be approved. **CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

The chairman reported having received an E-mail from Gregg Simpson, stating he was out of the country &, therefore, unable to attend this meeting.

### **ART ON GWL LANDS**

The chairman introduced Leesa Strimbicki, Arts Consultant, who indicated she had been involved with Great West Life Realty last year & provided an explanation on the type of art being considered for the site. She showed a variety of slides of art in this & other parts of the continent/world (noting a booklet on the subject was available & she could provide copies to anyone interested), plus a 'Public Art Opportunities for Sites A – D' sheet with ideas for the site in question.

The chairman thanked Leesa & a lengthy discussion ensued on the subject, including the following aspects/suggestions:

...Possibly some of the ironwork from the old Dollarton bridge might be used for some type of art, possibly at the old Esso station site/... Animals might be incorporated into some kind of signage in the area/... The chairman reviewed history of the site which included farming & suggested possibly a maple logo would be effective for the Maplewood area/.... There used to be a Swedish community across the river, which might be good to recognize/.... Also benches along the river side, roofing of buildings being green, etc., etc.

Leesa stated that all of these aspects and others would be discussed & suggested someone from the association become a member of the selection group (composed of artists, community involvement personnel, etc.) - which would meet in September – & their selected design would be brought back to the MCA for consideration in due course. However, the chairman & others present definitely disagreed with this, feeling that the association should be able to consider a variety of proposals for review/discussion/decision. Leesa indicated this could not be done, which invoked considerable opposition from most of those present. Michael Lee reported a budget of \$65,000. for whatever is decided on. After considerable discussion, the chairman stated he would be sending any further information received from Leesa to those present by e-mail & ideas/proposals would be discussed in the months to come. The chairman thanked Leesa for her attendance & she left the meeting at approx. 8 p.m.

### **MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Doug Allan stated they were endeavouring to come up with ideas for development of a master plan for the commercial area, i.e. GWL property, along new/old Dollarton, including the site of the old Esso station. He reported anticipating a meeting with a representative of the assn., plus property owners in the coming weeks in order to get some ideas of what people would like in the area, i.e. village centre. A variety of aspects were discussed, with a lot of emphasis centering on the location of the Nexen plant and its affect on the area. After considerable debate, it was

**MOVED** by Raymond Forsyth, and seconded by Wayne Hussey, that a letter be written to the NVD Council asking what had happened to the report requested in January, and what Council is going to do about the chlorine plant in the Maplewood area, which is having an adverse affect on the community. **CARRIED**

In further discussion of a master plan & possible inclusions, Lilian Gavin suggested a variety of options in the charette book might be of interest. This was generally agreed & that the book should be re-read for this purpose. Meantime, Doug indicated his meeting with property owners would be going ahead and the chairman agreed to name an assn. representative when informed of the date/location of the meeting.

#### **FENCE/HEDGING ALONG MT. SEYMOUR PARKWAY**

The chairman stated that Erik Lee had written to the District May 4 on the subject (re. the 2100 block of Mt. Seymour Pkwy) & referred to the May 20 response from Donna Howes, Section Mgr., Transportation. Erik's wife, Jenny, commented on the proposal, noting that all the neighbours were unanimously in favour of these changes being made. Discussion ensued on the traffic issue, safety, signs, etc., & it was

**MOVED** by John Walkley, seconded by Lilian Gavin, that the assn. write to Council supporting the Lees' letter of May 4/05 proposal for fencing or hedging on the south side of the 2100 block of Mount Seymour Parkway, plus speed bumps & signage. **CARRIED**

While on the subject of the Parkway, Doug Allan stated there had recently been some District/Council discussion regarding the feasibility of adding a lane to the Parkway where it crossed the Seymour River, in order to more adequately allow traffic in/out of the Superstore property. Many of those present were upset at this possibility – more information on the subject to be circulated to the members when available.

#### **MCA WEBSITE**

The chairman congratulated Cathy Brydon for establishing the website, about which he was very excited. Tom also said he would talk to other community assn. reps. regarding details of their similar involvement, funding, etc. All present were asked to assist Cathy with additional information for the site.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The chairman drew the attention of those present to the invitation to attend the Northwoods Business Park Groundbreaking Ceremony taking place tomorrow evening, Wed., June 15, commencing at 6 p.m. Michael Lee also spoke on this subject, stating that all present were more than welcome to attend.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

While Tom indicated it was usual to take the summer off & not meet again until the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tuesday of September, those present agreed that, in view of earlier discussions, there should be a meeting Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>., commencing at 7 p.m. The chairman to confirm date/location to all involved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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