

Wreck Beach Preservation Society Meeting
Minutes for Sept. 3, 2009
Postponed from August 27th
Airport Square Building

PRESENT: Maita Bird, Craig Heale, Geoff Godding, Dan Hilborn, Marilyn Hogan, St. Sgt Kenna, Normand Laniel, James Lowen, Laurie Merveille, Michell Postulka, Lance Read, Judy Williams

Inaugural Meeting in West Area's New "Home" for the Next Five Years
#130-1200 -73rd (at the foot of Hudson Street), Airport Square Building

I. RCMP Updates for mid-July 'til end Aug. - Staff Sgt. Kenna

- A. A number of arrests for drugs, alcohol, machete destruction
- B. A number of impaired driver
- C. Arrests are up a bit for above, although major incidents seem to be down
- D. Self-policing by Wreckers may be a factor in reduced conflicts

II. GVRD Updates- Michelle

Not enough storage bin space, according to vendors. To be looked at.

A. (For the September meeting, MV will collect all old keys to the old West Area Office – Judy, James, Chris; however, Judy will keep her key because it also is to the WBPS storage sheds at the top of Trail 6.

B. Vendor storage bin is beyond capacity (and no wonder with all that vendors are required to have available because of VCH.)

C. Monthly Report (Michelle) - July

boat patrols 2, 56 patrols for 115 hours, 31 fires, 240 bylaw compliance infractions, 33 verbal warnings, 133 in-breach of closure, 53 dogs, 9 v vending issues – non-compliance, unlicensed, 7 boater infractions,

D. Sunset Closure- none are in effect in any of Vancouver City Parks or Beaches. Occasionally City Police are called in for rowdiness. Lifeguards leave at 9:00 p.m. but there are no curfews. MV should borrow a page out of this book because the rigid clamp-down on closures have led to serious user conflicts. It is not a matter of bylaws, but up to the discretion of each individual park ops manager.

E. UBC Hospice and pre-knowledge if any through the UBC-Community Agency Interface Group

III. Wreck Beach Preservation Society Section:

A. Happy Belated Birthday to Craig

B. Announcement and Presentation by Tom Dunn, AANR Executive (If he is able to make the meeting; he was planning on attending August 27 but then the meeting was postponed)- Did not show

C. Review of St. John – UBC Hospice updates- Judy

D. Discussion of draft press release

E. General discussion of where we go from here. If we let this go, the northern end of the site will be next as the architect let it slip at the open house last night that they could not build in that location because it might “interfere with UBC future plans for the site.” Joe Stott swore they had nothing in the works for the site, but also when Steve Biduk met with Judy, he made the remark that it would be far better to have a two-story building than an 8-story hotel. The entire public consultation process in murky, flawed and far, far from transparent. It was no accident that the only open house was held at this time of year and at that time of day and then, only for two hours!! Twenty-two folks managed to get by including the principal of St. John’s Campus and his wife. They are very upset about this proposal and yet Joe had said that Dr. Brooks was “in favour” of it. (Rest of Meeting) Letter to be sent to Dr. Professor (President) Tooke et al – MOVED by Marilyn, SECONDED by Dan Hilborn – **PASSED** – Unanimous.

F. Other Business - NONE

Adjourned: 19:30 h - 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2009

Airport Square 73rd and Hudson

October Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2009