



# Sapperton Residents' Association

*The purpose of the association is to preserve and enhance the livability and quality of the Sapperton neighborhood.*

## Sapperton Residents' Association Public Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 7:30 pm      **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Attendance:** 7 residents

**Executive:** Wilf (Chair), Jerry, Anita, Dee, Eileen, Sandra, Monica (minutes)

**City Representative:** Amanda Mackaay (Planning Dept.)

**Presenters:** Gregg Cernes and Carol Swan, RCH Redevelopment; Michael Kazda, Ellisdon

**1. Motion to Appoint Chair** – moved; seconded; carried.

**2. Welcome and Introduction of Executive** Wilf

**3. Approval of February Minutes** – moved; seconded; carried Wilf  
- **Note:** Financial Statement needs to be attached to the February minutes  
- **Action:** Anita will send financial statement to Jerry to attach to minutes.

**4. Adoption of Agenda** Wilf

**5. Update on RCH Redevelopment Project** – Gregg Cernes – Deputy Chief Project Officer

- Construction is moving along quickly.
- Currently, they are working on Level 3 of the building and are on schedule.
- Ground civil work has been ongoing for several months.
- Block C Excavation is ongoing.
- Level 3 vertical walls, stairs and columns are going up and work is being done on P2, P1, LO, drainage and so on.
- The City has approved an after-hours concrete pour for April 22 from 6 am – 10 pm. This is required because it needs to be a continuous pour done in one shift. April 23, 25-29 are back-up dates approved for this.
- Work is ongoing along Brunette Avenue. The hospital generator was installed in March and work on the sidewalk continues.
- Actions are being taken to address residents' concerns regarding parking, noise, garbage, and so on. EllisDon informs staff and contractors of requirements re: parking, truck traffic, noise, etc.
- Monica raised concern over construction workers parking in residential parking in late afternoon and early evening and unsafe driving by workers while they re-park their vehicles.

- Another resident raised concern over the crosswalk in front of RCH on E. Columbia Street being dangerous due to the back-up of truck traffic causing dangerous traffic and driving behaviour.
- Michael Kazda said that with the Excavation for Block C, a milestone was completed and concrete trucks should not be queuing there anymore.
- He also said that construction workers should not be reparking their vehicles in late afternoon as their shifts are done by then.
- Anita raised concern over garbage and food being left by workers on side streets. ED is trying a re-education campaign for their workers, asking them not to eat in front of the E.Fry building. Dee raised concern over the mostly male workers hanging out in front of a building where vulnerable women live and often come outside for fresh air or to smoke.
- ED is asking the City to allow them to put temporary picnic tables at Sapperton Park for workers to eat and take their breaks. ED has offered to pay for these picnic tables. Dee suggested that the RA support this initiative by writing a letter in support to Council.

**6. Update on Ongoing Projects in Sapperton – Amanda Mackaay (new City Staff liaison to RA)**

**A. Brewery District** – Building #8 development permit has been issued. This is for a 30-storey mixed use high-rise, which includes 232 strata units with commercial/retail at the bottom.

**B. Keary Street townhome** project – this project is nearing the end of the consultation process. It will include 9 units and will likely be going to Council for approval later this Spring.

**C. 408 E. Columbia Street building** – the builders are aiming for occupancy in late Spring.

**7. Lower Sapperton Traffic Calming Measures Initiative** Monica

- Monica H. provided an update on this initiative, specifically the second TCI workshop in March, in which numerous residents participated. Brennan presented a revised version of the proposed TC measures and residents provided feedback.
- Jacob H. raised the issue of the intersection at East 8th and Richmond Street. He would like this intersection raised in a future discussion.

**8. Community Policing Report** Sandra

- The minutes from the recent Community Policing meeting were attached to the newsletter for residents to read.
- Sandra told everyone about the NextDoor App, which has lots of information about what types of activities are going on in the neighbourhood.
- There are a number of catalytic converter thefts happening in the neighbourhood.

**9. Proposed Idea: Spring Clean-up in Sapperton** Monica

- We haven't done a Trash Mob style community clean-up since before the pandemic. Given the amount of trash on the ground, especially discarded masks, it seems a good time to organize one. Perhaps it could be a "neighbourhood challenge" style clean-up in which people sign up to clean their block within a week period. We could reach out to Urban Academy and RCH to help with this.

- It was suggested that we try to coordinate with Steve Kasper and do the clean-up the day of the Garage/Yard Sale in the neighbourhood. Dee offered her house as a location to pick up supplies and drop off garbage and recycling to be picked up by the City.
- Monica and Dee will discuss how to arrange this.

#### **10. New Business: Sapperton Garage Sale – June 4**

- Steve Kasper is sponsoring this event again.
- The event will run from 9 am to 3 pm and Steve will send around flyers to residents advertising this and informing them how to participate.
- The City has given approval to put up a sign at Braid and E. Columbia to advertise the event.
- Steve has also had new signs made to put up around the neighbourhood directing people to participating homes. He will also put an ad in the local paper.
- Interested residents who wish their address to be included in the list of participating homes should email Steve by May 27. He needs to know by then in order to include the addresses in the ad in The Record.
- Send him an email with their address, phone number and an indication of whether they want people to come to their front or back yard.

**11. Old Business: Directors' Vacancies on the Executive** – a new resident to the area, Jacob H., indicated interest in joining the Executive. Dee suggested that we meet him for coffee so he can learn about the RA, the roles on the Executive and then put his name forward for election at the June meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:32 pm.

**Upcoming Dates: Next Meeting** -Wednesday, June 8, at 7:30 pm – location likely via Zoom