

Friends of Beacon Hill Park

2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Cook Street Village Activity Centre

Call to Order

Roy Fletcher, President, called the meeting to order.

Introductions

Roy Fletcher (President), Helen Oldershaw (Director), Maureen Applewhaite, Joan Halvorsen, Marilyn Kan, and Ron Mahoney. Mary Doody-Jones joined the meeting during Reports and was introduced then.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

Ron Mahoney moved, and Maureen Applewhaite seconded that the 2018 AGM Minutes be approved. Carried.

Agenda

Ron Mahoney moved, and Maureen Applewhaite seconded that the Agenda be approved with the addition of Arbor Day under New Business. Carried.

Reports

Financial

The 2018 Financial Report was received.

Membership

Membership is at 20 (households). Three more are renewing for 2020. There is a potential for 35 if all renewed.

Newsletter

There were two newsletters in 2019.

Old Business

Restored Charitable Status

Charitable status was restored.

Sewage Pipeline in Deciduous Groves

FBHP were unsuccessful in stopping the pipeline going through the deciduous groves. There was not enough time to get a coalition together. There are some utilities under

Dallas Rd., so it was convenient to go through the groves. Both the pipeline and the cycle path go through the groves. Shrubs along the cycle path will likely need trimming all the time. There don't appear to be any storm drains along the cycle path.

Cycle Path from Heywood-Oliphant Intersection

Maureen Applewhaite indicated a neighbour living nearby says there appears to be similar bike traffic as to before the path was put in.

New Business

Cycle Path on Vancouver St.

This path which has not yet been started includes closing vehicle traffic between Meares and Pandora with intersections remaining open.

The New Condo on Heywood Ave. between Oliphant St. and Park Blvd.

All units were sold, and some are being resold.

The Delayed Development on Heywood Ave near Pendergast St.

The first proposal for 956 Heywood Ave. has been withdrawn. A new proposal has been submitted.

Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan

In the late 1990's there was an inventory of green space in Fairfield and James Bay. A line was drawn through Beacon Hill Park for accounting purposes. This has now become a boundary which the accounting was never for. James Bay was given about 2/3 of the park. Fairfield was given about 1/3 which now shows in the Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan. The Park is governed as a whole by a Trust. The Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan also mentions the possibility food trucks in parks in Fairfield. The Plan should have designated that this is not to apply to Beacon Hill Park as the Trust does not allow this. Roy Fletcher plans to make a presentation to City Hall to provide education about the Trust.

Arbor Day

About 50 -60 people attended. City of Victoria Councillors Sarah Potts and Charlayne Thornton-Joe attended.

Announcements and Elections

Ron Mahoney moved, and Mary Doody-Jones seconded that Roy Fletcher, Helen Oldershaw, Glennis Sanders and Renata Varwig be elected as Directors. Carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.