

University Endowment Lands
Minutes from the
Community Advisory Council Meeting
Monday March 9, 2020
Community Amenity Space Suite 300 - 5755 Dalhousie Rd

CAC Members present:

Claire Huxtable, Area D
Mojan Nozari, Area D
Lynne Pomfret, Area A
Vanessa Young, Area A
Marg Stuart, Area B

Regrets: Lynne Pomfret, Area A

Administrative Assistant: Dianne Owen
UEL Staff: Jonn Braman - UEL Manger

1. Call the meeting to order

A quorum being present, the meeting of the Community Advisory Council was convened at 6:01 pm. Dianne Owen acted as Administrative Assistant of the meeting and Claire Huxtable chaired the meeting.

- Claire asked the public to hold questions until the New Business portion of the meeting

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by the council
Motion by Mojan Nozari, Seconded by Judie Glick

3. Approval of the minutes dated February 18, 2020

Upon motion duly made and accepted, it was resolved that:
The minutes of the council meeting held on February 18, 2020, be approved as presented.
Motion by Mojan Nozari, seconded by Judie Glick

4. Delegations

4.1 Staff Sgt Chuck Lan, RCMP

- St. Lan has the crime stats for 2019 and it will be sent to the council in a couple of weeks and will be posted on the website when we receive it
- Fraudulent calls remain a problem but are hard to investigate
- Watch out for rental scams, both students and non students fall prey to it
 - A person makes a \$ 2000 deposit and then find they have no place to rent

- Protests in the University
 - UBC has a policy to not suppress protest
 - The RCMP are going to charge UBC for overtime costs for policing the events
- Minister Robinson has sent a letter for more resources for the RCMP
 - The RCMP are meeting with David Eby
- Many bikes get stolen in the UEL and RCMP are using the bait bike programme
- The “Triangulum Church” seems to be in an unoccupied and unkept property.
 - The Real Estate agent checks in on it to ensure no more squatters
 - Metro Vancouver has an Unsightly Properties By-Law, can this By-Law be introduced to the UEL?
 - The CAC has this on the priority list under Problem Properties
 - UNA and West Vancouver may have the wording for the By-Law
- At a known problem property, students were recently partying until 3:30 am
 - Please call the RCMP on the non-emergency number
 - Neighbourhood construction also runs 7 am to 4 pm with a radio going and a dog barking
 - Work site parking is a disaster
 - Record all the particulars and send to UEL manager Jonn Braman and the RCMP
- UEL does not have By-Law enforcers - but the CAC and UEL office can look into the costs of adding one
- A CAC priority is to help neighbours deal with problem properties

5. CAC Correspondence:

1. Bank balance was \$11,858.20 as of March 2, 2020
2. The tax assessment from the 2018-2019 year was received - the CAC does not owe anything to the CRA

6. Actions from last meeting:

1. Action: Claire to follow up with Jonn because of no feedback from Tom Johnston at Cressey
 - a. Claire has followed up - no movement
2. Action: Claire to send names and contact information to Jonn Braman for new CAC and ADP members
 - a. This has been done
3. Action: Claire to update CAC priorities for March 9 meeting
 - a. This has been done
4. Action: Vanessa to assess cost/set up requirements for taping the meeting
 - a. Discussed in Communication Committee
5. Action: Judie: Production and delivery assignment of current newsletter by the end of February
 - a. Discussed in Communication Committee
6. Action: Vanessa to send around an article for rental stock
 - a. Discussed in New Business
7. Action: Judie/Council will look into setting up a Facebook page/Twitter account
 - a. Discussed in Communication Committee

8. Action: Judie to include reminder in newsletter that “No noise on Sunday” is a By-Law
 - a. To be added in before printing

7. Manager’s Report appended to the Minutes

- Claire asked about watering trees this summer.
 - Young and stressed trees will be watered
 - If a tree has a water bag outside your house or apartment please fill it
 - UEL will eventually be replacing stock with drought resistant stock**Action:** Judie to put a notice in the Newsletter for UEL residents to help with watering the trees

8. Committee Reports and new members

Budget Committee

- Chair: Mojan Nozari,
Claire Huxtable

The CAC Budget Committee has developed a budget for the CAC operations for 2020/2021 and recommends the following motion:

- The CAC requested a grant of \$20,000 from the UEL Manager for the CAC’s 2020/2021 operations.

Proposed by Mojan Nozari Seconded by Claire Huxtable Carried

- The CAC Budget Committee has reviewed the UEL’s 2020/2021 budget with the Manager recommends the following motion:

That the CAC is in favour of the UEL 2020/2021 budget as proposed.

Proposed by Mojan Nozari Seconded by Claire Huxtable Carried

- April 2020 - March 2021 Final CAC Budget
Motion: Mojan Nozari Seconded: Vanessa Young
- Review of CAC priority letter to Minister Robinson
- Repost for Area A and D council member

Communication Committee

- Chair: Judie Glick,
Lynne Pomfret
- Newsletter
 - Needs to be updated and go out soon
 - Judie to get the okay from council before going to print
- Social media
 - Judie has had initial discussions about setting up a Facebook page to get information out to the community - Vanessa interested in helping

Action: Judie and Vanessa to chat about Facebook

- What is working for communications
 - Newsletters are needed

- Potential for videos of meetings to be posted; pros and cons, but will continue to investigate further
- UNA and UEL should have more cooperation doing a newspaper together

Action: Judie to talk to UNA about issues of joint concern

Governance Committee

- Chair: Claire Huxtable
Vanessa Young
- Nothing back yet from Urban Systems, we will continue to try to get in touch

Community Committee

- Chair: Mojan Nozari
Claire Huxtable and Judie Glick
- Nothing to report

9. Old Business

- Carol James will not be responding to the CAC's most recent letter about the School Tax
 - The CAC has sent two letters to the government on this subject
 - We need to take more steps

Action: Marg offered to think of community members who might be willing to help the CAC with this

- Community Gardens
 - Need to bring in volunteers from the community
 - It will be a lot of work and will take a very committed committee
- All UEL residents value our green space
 - The CAC hopes to see plans for incremental planting along the Bridle Path
- Questions about reforestation within Pacific Spirit Park
 - No information about that at this time

10. New Business

- Covid 19 may result in closing the next CAC meeting to the public; we could set up a conference call
- Vanessa's petition regarding rental by-laws in the UEL
 - This petition had no input from the Council and the Claire believes it should have been brought to the CAC first
 - Vanessa disagreed and defended the right of any community member to start a petition
 - Note: Claire fell short of the standards of chairing the meeting on this point; she has since apologized to Vanessa in particular and Council in general
 - The CAC discussed of how to protect rental housing stock in Area D - no conclusion was reached, and this topic will require further discussion

- Please attend Jen McCutcheon's next Engagement session that will be on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on the topic of affordable housing and its links to transportation
 - **Note: this meeting is expected to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

11. Questions from the public

- Request for the CAC to support a motion calling for the Minister to pass the Residential Rental Tenure Act, made available in May 2018
 - The by-law would require any developer to maintain current rental properties as rentals (ie disallowing conversions to condos)
 - The CAC was urged to make it clear and put a stake in the ground
- There was a question about the ability & likelihood of 8 to 10 single family lots on the perimeter of Area A of being rezoned
 - Jonn reviewed the process required to change zoning
 - Ultimately, the Minister approves zoning changes
- The meeting was very unruly and Maria Harris had the following suggestions:
 - Chair needs a speaking order
 - Hands up - no interrupting, no speaking over each other
 - Respect a speaking order and limit discussion if no consensus; continue discussion later
 - Not enough time was spent listening
 - Petitions do get the pulse of the community
 - Decisions do not have to get made on the fly
 - Take it away for serious consideration as this is a huge problem

12. Setting the Next Meeting

- **Monday April 20, 2020 at 6 pm**

13. Adjournment 8:17 pm

Manager's report Feb 18 CAC mtg

No development permits issued since last meeting.

Construction update:

- Area B water main repairs on lower Acadia underway. Some short term service interruptions expected. Turbidity may be experienced – residents advised to run water to clear their lines.
- Area B Pressure Reducing Valves installation underway. Notification to affected residents as necessary.
- Area C sewer pipe repairs start later this week. Affected homes will be notified.
- Area C / Blanca bike lane has been completed.
- Area D Dalhousie paving this month (weather dependent).
- Wesbrook Mall Phase 2 planning underway. Construction start in April.