

Oaklands Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 5 March 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dave Campbell (Chair), John Martin, Katrina Richards, Shari Winter.

Regrets: Marianne Alto, Victoria Pitt, George Sirk, Ian Woodson.

1. Call to order 7:11 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda (M/S/C Dave Campbell/John Martin)

3. Adoption of Minutes

(M/S/C Shari Winter/ Katrina Richards)

That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the
Oaklands Community Association held on 6 March 2008 be
approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. President's Report – Dave Campbell

The President thanked everyone for coming, updated members of the status of the bus, advised everyone to watch for fundraising opportunities and wanted to publicly thank outgoing members: Marianne Alto, Victoria Pitt, and Ian Woodson. He then invited the guest speaker, Mr. Mike Mehak and Mr. Chris Brown to take the floor to update everyone on the status of the Hillside Mall expansion.

5. Guest Speakers: Mike Mehak and Chris Brown, 20Vic Management

Mr. Mehak referred to the model and the picture boards that were on display and advised that the expansion plans had been somewhat downsized since the last time they presented to the Oaklands Community and commented on the following aspects of the project:

- a. Change, eliminated parking deck, size of retail component is less (increased by 55,000 sq ft)
- b. Re-merchandizing of 100000sq/ft. (new store)
- c. Improved intersection at Shakespeare with a signaled crosswalk
- d. New sidewalks around the mall
- e. Additional focus on fashion tenants
- f. Working/drawing process to start now, construction to begin in August/September with first phase completed by spring 2010.
- g. A lot of retail will face exterior, providing a more streetscape feel
- h. 480 new trees planted, efforts to "green" the site and to produce "parking quads"

In response to questions, the following concerns were brought up:

- Existing tenants will stay or go as a result of economic situation. Anchor tenants: Sears, Zellers, Thrifty's are believed to remain.

- First phase to open next spring, full completion a year after that.
- Construction and Disruption: Mike confirmed that additional efforts have been made to minimize community disruption and that the improvements to the roadways that surround the mall will make traffic flow better for the neighbourhood.
- Quantity of parking will be the same number but will be more accessible and useable.
- Interior bicycle storage/shower area for staff in an effort to help eliminate staff parking on residential streets.
- New entrance to parking deck and better use of parking area
- Play Place: Ideal to have a play area in a common area which will replace the current, temporary play place.
- No specific demographic targeted but do want to add more fashion stores which will help bring in the “college age” shopper.
- Long term plan (10-15 yrs) would be to introduce low-rise housing with retail below – would involve a rezoning and more consultation
- Seeking LEEDS commercial interior.
- Shakespeare will have full intersection with lights which will mean easier access in and out of the mall and for the strip mall across the street
- \$10 million is being spent on on-and-off site improvements

With the thanks of the President, Mr. Mehak and Mr. Brown left the meeting.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Dave Campbell

The President reported that in the absence of the Treasurer, if there are any questions regarding the budget and financial report, to please email the questions and the Treasurer would respond.

(M/S/C Dave Campbell/John Martin)

That Collins & Co. be appointed to conduct a “Notice to Reader” for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

CARRIED.

7. Board Committee & Reports – see written reports appended to the agenda.

8. Election of Officers - Geoff Welham, City of Victoria

Mr. Welham advised that normally there are four positions expiring in one year and five positions expiring the following year. The schedule is to ensure that there isn’t a turnover of the complete board in any one year. This year, due to resignations, there were six positions to be filled as follows: four positions for two-year terms and two positions each for a one-year term. In response to a call for nominations, the following people were willing to stand for election:

Mary Partridge – one year term

Doug Schlenker – one year term

Shannon Bell – two year term

Katrina Richards – two year term (standing for election after volunteering this past year)

Bridget Minishka – two year term

Shari Winter – re-election for two year term

There being no further nominations, all positions were acclaimed as noted above.

9. Rob Fleming, MLA Victoria Hillside. Mr. Fleming updated the members present on the state of affairs with government, what he's been doing over the last year and the challenges that everyone is facing in this current economic climate. He wanted to remind members that his is here for his constituencies and if there is anything that he can help with, to please feel free to drop in to his office.

10. Other Business:

i) Thank you once again to outgoing members

ii) Bus fundraising – watch for opportunities

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.