



AGM minutes for the Garden City Lands Coalition Society, meeting on June 22nd, 2009, at The Barn, Terra Nova Rural Park

- 7:24 p.m. Call to Order - 24 in attendance, quorum declared (eventual attendance 25)
- 7:25 Overview of agenda (Jim Wright)
- 7:27 Membership figures (JW)
- 7:29 Approval of agenda (moved/2nded by: Olga Tkatcheva, Arzeena Hamir)
- 7:30 Treasurer's financial statements (prepared by Mary Gazetas; discussion: Olga, JW, Nathan, JW)
- 7:40 Approval of finances (Yvonne Bell, Carol Day)
- 7:41 Approval of membership fee - \$10/annual (Nancy Trant, Carol Southgate)
- 7:42 Appreciation of directors of the GCLCS
- 7:48 Appreciation of retirees: Mary Gazetas, Bob Ransford, Shane McMillan
- 7:49 Election of directors for the 2009-2010 year – discussion, consensus, acclamation
- Jim Wright, Daniel Leung, Arzeena Hamir, Carol Southgate, Barbara Huisman, Jessica Lai
- 7:50 President's Report — roundtable of input about accomplishments
- Marion: sheer amount of documents to the ALC was great
 - Barbara H: community outreach, events in the cold, Earth Day, festivals, changed people's view of us, and shared appreciation for the substance of our proposal
 - Bruno: Garden City walks with Michael Wolfe, value of having the ability to witness the land
 - Olga: attended open houses, strong presence, dedicated volunteers with full time coverage of events, and she discussed the use of the statistical analysis she has been doing
 - Carol Day (elected SB Trustee): talked of our role in the election of candidates to council
 - Gordon Kibble (member of ACE): spoke of our clear name recognition and public connection
 - Barbara H: calling the development PR staff on the phoney claims and lack of options
 - Carol Day: value of statements from our MPs and MLA Linda Reed support letters
 - Shane M: change of councillor support and the length of the public hearing
 - Lauris Williams: volume of letters to the editor - well-explained the complex issues
 - Shane M: Jim as our filter kept our facts straight - applause for Jim***
 - Jim: displays a copy of the folder sent to the ALC and talks of the website content

- Carol Day: strength in the logo and repetitive branding, (Bruno's first bumper sticker)
- Jim: bilingual messaging and the GCLC took the leadership on our cause
- Arzeena: other NGOs recognize our victory and use ours as a model for success
- Jim: says to keep on reminding council, we changed McNulty's mind

8:13 President's Report — where do we go from here?

- Jim: upcoming challenges, discussions of the MOU, CLC influence, City staff
- Carol S: difficult to change the position of the CLC staff, should put focus on MLA John Yap, the newly appointed MoS for Climate Action
- Arzeena: leads discussion due to Jim taking a break (Jim lost voice due to hoarseness)
- Carol Day: further the involvement of the MPs with our actions
- Olga: urban zoning to unite the zoning of all levels of government
- Gordon K: response to the inaction of the "H-B and Brodie three"
- Nathan: Anyone to lease the lands?
- Jim: partnership possibilities

8:25 Hand out the yellow newsletters to members

8:27 Vice President's Report by Arzeena Hamir: lessons from Terra Nova Rural Park

- Terra Nova was recognized as a major land development in Richmond's history
- vision of GCL is an expansion of what TN provides but with greater accessibility
- over 600 student involvement, growing seeds to table, Fruit Tree Sharing Farm, community gardens with a 2 yr waiting list, site of workshops, composting display, kitchen, room bookings, cooking workshops, Earth Day location, free water, iron chef competitions, community built and driven, corporate group involvement, 15,000 lbs of food donated
- GCL is much more visible and accessible to residents and tourists

8:35 Save Richmond Farmland Society presentation

- Marion Smith, Pat, and Penny present a \$500 donation from their assets
- Jim: thanks them for the early leadership and successes
- Carol Day: suggests to write a letter to the media to thank them further
- Marion: shares some of the experiences with hand deliveries and farmer connections
- Penny: describes the change in Evelina Halsey-Brandt from farmland-protection advocate

8:45 Thanks for the AGM organizational assistance: Arzeena, Shane, Michael, Jessica, Bruno, Mary Gazetas (Mary arranged venue; unable to attend because of family matter)

8:46 Call for other business — none

Adjournment and Farm Tour

Minutes taken by Michael Wolfe, email questions to boqberry@gmail.com