

General Purposes Committee

Date:

Monday, March 5, 2012

Place:

Anderson Room

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Chak Au Councillor Linda Barnes Councillor Derek Dang

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt

Councillor Ken Johnston Councillor Bill McNulty Councillor Linda McPhail

Absent:

Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, February 20, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. DHI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC., DOING BUSINESS ASRAINFLOWER RESTAURANT, 3600 NO 3 ROAD, RICHMOND RC

(File Ref. No.: 12-8275-05/2012-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 3475478)

The Chief Licence Inspector & Risk Manager, Glenn McLaughlin, was available to answer questions.

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It was moved and seconded

That the application by DHI Property Management Inc., doing business as Rainflower Restaurant, for an amendment to add patron participation under Food Primary Liquor License No. 303143, in order to offer entertainment in the form of soft music and allowing dancing, be supported and that a letter be sent to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch advising that:

- (1) Council supports the application as the issuance will not pose a significant impact on the community.
- (2) Council comments on the prescribed considerations are as follows:
 - (a) The potential for additional noise in the area if the application is approved was considered and determined that there will be little or no impact of additional noise.
 - (b) The impact on the community if the application is approved was considered and based on no responses being received from the public notices, the licence approval would have little impact.
 - (c) The amendment to permit patron participation under the Food Primary Licence should not change the establishment so that it is operated in a manner that is contrary to its primary purpose as there has been no history of non-compliance with the operation.
- (3) As the operation of the establishment as a licensed establishment with entertainment, might affect residents, the City gathered the views of the community as follows:
 - (a) Signage was posted at the subject property and three public notices were published in a local newspaper. The signage and notice provided information on the application and instructions on how community comments or concerns could be submitted.
 - (b) Property owners and businesses within a 50-metre radius of the subject property were contacted by letter detailing the application and provided instructions on how community concerns could be submitted.
- (4) Council's comments and recommendations respecting the views of the residents are as follows:
 - (a) That based on the lack of response received from all public notifications, Council considers that the amendment is acceptable to the community.

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2. WEST CAMBIE AREA PLAN AND ALEXANDRA NEIGHBOURHOOD NATURAL PARK CONSIDERATIONS (File Ref. No.: 06-2345-01/2012-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 3456301)

Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, accompanied by Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, noted the West Cambie Area Plan was created six years ago, and spoke about the City's success in acquiring the greenway which meets the parks and open space needs for the Alexandra neighbourhood. Mr. Redpath also noted that it was recommended that the City not acquire the 15 properties identified for parkland acquisition in the Development Cost Charges (DCC) Program.

A discussion then ensued about:

- a pending application for the proposed development of Walmart in the area;
- the feasibility of having staff provide information on the current designations of the land parcels adjacent to the residential properties on the east side of Garden City Road between Alexandra and Cambie Roads, as well as comments regarding the changes to the area since the establishment of the designations;
- retention and protection of the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), and a study to assess the ESA value of the properties in the Alexandra neighbourhood;
- the importance of maintaining a connection between the Garden City Lands and Alexandra neighbourhood; and
- the public consultation process that would take place prior to any changes to the West Cambie Area Plan. It was noted that the process may take approximately four months.

It was moved and seconded

That as per the staff report dated February 15, 2012, titled "West Cambie Area Plan and Alexandra Neighbourhood Natural Park Considerations", Planning and Parks staff lead a planning process to bring forth an Area Plan amendment to remove the Area Plan Natural Park designation on 9540, 9560, 9580, 9600, 9620, 9660, 9680, 9700, 9740, 9800, 9820 Alexandra Road and 4711, 4731, 4751, 4771 No 4 Road.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued about future parks needs. It was noted that the Parks and Open Space Strategy, which is currently under development, will identify all future parks needs. Also, it was noted that the main difference between option 2 and option 3, as presented in the report, was that option 3 would allow the Committee to direct staff to make the change to the West Cambie Area Plan to remove the park designation from the 15 properties.

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The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Au opposed.

It was moved and seconded

That staff provide further information on the designation of the lots on the east side of Garden City Road between Alexandra and Cambie Roads.

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued about the type of information that staff was being requested to provide. It was noted a memo with information on the current designations, and staff's comments pertaining to changes in the area since those designations were established, would suffice.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Cllr. Halsey-Brandt

3. RICK HANSEN 25TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY CELEBRATION (File Ref. No. 11-7200-01/2012-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 3470408)

Eric Stepura, Manager, Sports & Community Events, confirmed that Rick Hansen would be attending the 25th Relay Celebration event in Richmond. Discussion took place about securing sponsorship for the event, as well as media coverage by CTV, which will provide an opportunity to showcase the Richmond Olympic Oval.

It was moved and seconded

That \$40,000 from the Major Events Provisional Fund be allocated to provide funding for End of Day events on the Richmond portion of the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Celebration.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded That the meeting adjourn (4:37 p.m.).

CARRIED

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair

Shanan Dhaliwal Executive Assistant City Clerk's Office