



Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 4th, 2004
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt, Acting Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Rob Howard
Councillor Harold Steves
Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Absent: Councillor Bill McNulty
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, **May 18th, 2004**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

3. **APPLICATION BY LES COHEN/AZIM BHIMANI FOR REZONING AT 4006 TYSON PLACE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA B (R1/B)**

(Rz 03-252974 - Report: April 14th, 2004, File No.: 08-4105-01/2004-Vol 01) (Redms No. 1216475)

In response to a query from Committee Mr. Raul Allueva, Director of Development, advised that the corner lot abutting this property, and other properties in its immediate vicinity did not have the potential for redevelopment because of the lack of length and width.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7708, for the rezoning of 4006 Tyson Place from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)", be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

4. **APPLICATION BY JEFF DOUBLEDAY AND AZIM BHIMANI FOR REZONING AT 8631 HEATHER STREET FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA B (R1/B) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA A (R1/A)**

(RZ 04-255134 - Report: April 15, 2004; File No.: 08-4105-01/2004-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1218099)

Councillor Barnes advised that she was pleased to support this Coach House design which made particularly good use of space.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7709, for the rezoning of 8631 Heather Street from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area A (R1/A)", be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

5. **APPLICATION BY ROCKY SETHI FOR REZONING AT 6291 NO. 4 ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA F (R1/F) TO COACH HOUSE DISTRICT (R9)**

(RZ 04-263874 - Report: April 20th, 2004, File No.: 08-4105-01/2004-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1220444)

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7710, for the rezoning of 6291 No. 4 Road from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)" to "Coach House District (R9)", be introduced and given first reading.

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6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, gave a brief update on Proposed Bill 27 and the lack of requirements for First Nations to consult with municipalities when requesting ALR exclusions. A brief discussion ensued on this matter and how it would impact the City.

It was moved and seconded

That letters be sent to:

- (a) *Richmond MLA's (Hon. Geoff Plant, Hon. Linda Reid, and Hon. Greg Halsey-Brandt) requesting a meeting in connection with proposed Bill 27; and*
- (b) *the Premier, with copies to Minister George Abbott, UBCM, the GVRD, the GVRD Mayors, LMTAC and the Land Reserve Commission, advising that Council has serious concerns about proposed Bill 27, and in particular about the lack of requirements for First Nations to consult with municipalities when requesting ALR exclusions.*

CARRIED

Mr. Joe Erceg, General Manager, Urban Development Division, advised Committee that staff had received for comment, an OCP amendment from the City of New Westminster with regard to a destination casino. He expressed his concerns about the lack of information received. He advised that a report will be brought to Council on this matter shortly.

Mr. Erceg then advised that he had met with representatives from the Vancouver Airport who have agreed to have meetings with staff to discuss residential land use in noise contour areas.

Councillor Linda Barnes stated that an editorial in the April 10/11 Richmond Review gave kudos to the City for its beautification program. (A copy of this editorial is attached as schedule 1 and forms a part of these minutes).

Councillor Howard advised that he had been told about vagrants using City property for nefarious activities. It was agreed that this issue would be referred to the Community Safety Committee for appropriate action.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:40 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, May 4th, 2004.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Desiree Wong
Acting Administrative Assistant

April 10-11/04

Editorial

A bouquet for civic pride

Spring has sprung and Richmond deserves a bouquet for civic pride.

Anyone travelling around the city has no doubt noticed the beautiful bulbs that are blooming on the various boulevards and rights-of-way. All this is thanks to a city beautification program.

It doesn't cost much and year-after-year the beautiful landscaping contributes a lot to Richmond's civic pride and puts other municipalities to shame.

The concept of civic pride is important in many U.S. towns, where public buildings are top-notch and beautification projects are a priority. Up in Canada, many municipalities don't take the same care. As a result, public buildings and landscapes suffer. It's likely part of the "don't tax us" mentality, where some would rather take those nickels of tax money for tulip bulbs and put them into their tank-like SUVs.

The City of Richmond also took flak in some quarters for its apparently palatial city hall. It is, however, a stunning public building and functional, too, with its various meeting rooms for public use. It's also added a little grace to a road dominated by strip malls.

The civic environment is an important contributor to quality of life. Richmond is far from perfect. The "I'm going to turn this vacant lot into another mall" mentality still lurks out there and the city could use more sidewalks and green space.

But for those who think government has no place in the flower beds of the community, we say what's the point of paying low taxes when you live in a dump?