

COPE General Meeting

February 28, 2016

Marpole Community Centre

Notes & Minutes

2:00pm – meeting called to order by Co-Chair Connie Hubbs with 29 registered voting members, 2 non-voting members, and 10 guests attending.

Territorial Acknowledgement by Connie followed by Executive Roll Call (Connie Hubbs, Tim Louis, Penny Parry, Alan Cooper, Wilson Munoz, Jennifer O'Keefe, Imtiaz Popat, Anita Romaniuk, Nate Crompton, Lawrence Boxall).

Agenda approved but Minutes of the previous meeting not yet available.

Reports and Announcements:

- Jennifer O'Keefe and Wilson Munoz reported on the upcoming rally to oppose Site C (on March 13), and on progress towards a COPE housing rally later in the spring
- Imtiaz Popat/Alan Cooper motion to endorse the letter demanding repeal of Bill C51 – Motion Carried
- Gretchen Dulmage announced the March 16 PositiveLiving breakfast (in support of HIV services)
- Federal transit motion put forward by Imtiaz: That the federal government commit infrastructure funding to more buses and better transit, and that these be prioritized before transit megaprojects – Motion Carried

2:20pm – Keynote: David Ley spoke on '**Housing booms in gateway cities: implications for affordability**'

2:30pm – Open Mike: Various members responded to the keynote

2:40-4:00pm – **Vancouver Neighbourhoods Roundup**

Four neighbourhood round-up presentation teams, each spent 20 min at each of four tables.

Larry Benge – Co Chair of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods on Kitsilano
Arielle Yip and Chanel Ly – Joyce Area Residents Association (JARA), multi-racial and multi-lingual community organizing against market housing in Renfrew Collingwood

Marilyn Hogan – On the implications of rezoning and densification in the Norquay area

Imtiaz Popat – On threats to the Punjabi Market at 49th and Main Street, proposed tower and London Drugs

4:00-4:30pm – Business Meeting Continued with SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS and ELECTIONS:

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

- That the COPE by-Laws be amended to change Part5-1f (the description of the Fundraiser position) **from** “f) the fundraiser, who shall organize, produce and supervise fundraising plans and events, chair the fundraising committee and be a member of the finance committee” **to** “f) the fundraiser, who shall monitor COPE's fundraising capacity and opportunities, recommend fundraising plans and events and supervise the implementation of those that are approved, chair the fundraising committee, and be a member of the finance committee.” Moved by Tim Louis and CARRIED
- That the COPE by-Laws be amended to change Part3-2 (re notice of meetings and motions) as follows: immediately after “These meeting notices shall be given in writing” **insert the words** “to all members in good standing,” and in the second paragraph (about notice of motions) **insert the word** “similarly” immediately before the word “submitted.” Moved by Tim Louis and CARRIED

ELECTIONS as follows:

- For the position of Fundraiser, with term ending at the 2016 AGM – no nominations received
- For the position of Recording Secretary, with term ending at the 2016 AGM – Nathan Crompton nominated and elected by acclamation
- For two Member-at-Large positions one ending at the 2016 AGM and one in 2017 – Justine Davidson, Sara Sagai, and Yahara Munoz nominated, the room agrees to run a single vote, with two ballots from each voter, and that the candidate with the highest total number of votes to get the longer of the two terms.

Justine Davidson elected to the term ending in 2017, followed by a tie for second position. Sara Sagai withdraws and will run next time, Yahara Munoz elected.

NOTICE OF MOTION DELIVERED FOR PROPOSED BY-LAW AMMENDMENTS,
PROPOSED BY GRETCHEN DULMAGE

A. Quorum for General Meetings

Be it resolved that Part 3 General Meetings be amended by adding new Point 6 (existing Point 6 to be renumbered)

6. Quorum for General Meetings: When the meeting is called to order the registrar shall report the number of voting members who have registered for the meeting. Quorum shall be the greater of fifty percent plus one of this number OR twenty registered voting members.

In the event that quorum is not present when the meeting is called to order, or if quorum is lost, the meeting may still take place. However, unless and until a quorum is present no decisions (with the sole exception of decisions relating to procedure) may be made.

B. Quorum for Executive Meetings

Be it resolved that Part 4 The Executive be amended by deleting existing Point 11

11. Quorum for Executive Meetings, teleconferences or email votes shall be 50 percent plus one of incumbent Voting Executive Members including at least one Table Officer.

And replacing it with new **Point 11**, to read as follows:

11. Quorum for Executive Meetings teleconferences or email votes shall be one third (1/3) of incumbent Voting Executive Members

In the event that quorum is not present when the meeting is called to order, or if quorum is lost, the meeting may still take place. However, unless and until a quorum is present no decisions (with the sole exception of decisions relating to procedure) may be made.

4:30pm Meeting Adjourned