



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

PUBLIC HEARING

February 4, 2008 7:03 p.m.
Council Chamber
City Hall

NOTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

REGRETS:

Councillor Calvin Donnelly

STAFF:

Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Acting City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Bev Grieve	- Acting Director of Development Services
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance and Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

Mayor Wright made a statement regarding the conduct of the Public Hearing.

BUSINESS

1. [Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008 \[a bylaw to establish the definition of an emergency housing shelter; create the Comprehensive Development Districts \(E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street\) \(CD-16\); and rezone 402 East Columbia Street from Community Commercial Districts](#)

(Medium Rise) (C-2A) to Comprehensive Development Districts (E Fry – 402 East Columbia Street)(CD-16)

- a) The Director of Development Services summarized the intent of the bylaw and gave a description of the proposal.
- b) The Corporate Officer advised of the written submissions received in response to the Notice of Hearing.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- [Fraserside Community Services Society supporting the rezoning application](#)
- *Advisory Planning Commission report dated January 22, 2008*
- *Blair and Brenda Donaldson opposing the rezoning application.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- *Letter from David Cary for New Westminster Citizens Advisory Committee and New Westminster Parole District support the application.*

CARRIED.

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

- c) The Mayor invited persons having an interest in the above bylaw to address Council.

Dave Brown of the Lookout Society and a resident of the City was present to support the project.

Jamie McEvoy spoke in support of the project as different kinds of facilities are needed in the community to address all the needs. He spoke of the need for services including housing, counseling, drop in centre, housing start up kits, like skills training, clothing and furnishing bank for those in need. This project is about stabilizing lives and helping people and is compassionate and practical.

Roslyn Cassells, an employee of the Lower Mainland Purpose Society, spoke of the difficulties in placing homeless women into housing in New Westminster. She encouraged Council to support the project which will allow 12 people to have beds in New Westminster.

Sean Baiyes of 28 Richmond Street, Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society, believes that the Society reflects the values of this community. She noted there is a need to be inclusive in our community and commented that in order to have public safety, the needs of the neediest in the community must be met.

Rusty Moffat, Seniors Services Society, commented that she too has difficulties in placing her clients, noting that she often places them in White Rock. This affects the clients and the effectiveness of the service the Society can provide.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 7213, 2008 be referred to Council for consideration:

CARRIED.

All members of Council voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:24 p.m.

Certified as being a fair and accurate report of the Public Hearing.

Richard L. Page – Corporate Officer