

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Apr 23, 2018 at 5:30pm

Present: **Chair:** Avery Stetski,
 Board members: John Sanderson, Melissa Huston, Michelle Peterson, Jeff Nelson, Elizabeth Cull, Tracy James
 Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O’Neill, Manager, Communications & Development; Travis Chater, Community Recreation Coordinator
 Guests: City of Victoria: Geoff Young, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison; Brad Dellebuur, Assistant Director of Transportation
 Regrets: Andrew Johnson

Welcome and introductions Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced guests.

Manager presentation Travis introduced himself and provided an overview of his background and the Community Recreation Coordinator role.

Presentation Gary & Brad presented on the 2019 City Budget

- City wants to be more transparent in how the budget evolves, gathering feedback
- 85% of operating budget is already set
- Remaining 15% is capital - this is where neighbourhoods can have say
- Budgetary goals are aligned with the City’s strategic plan

Brad also shared some planned future transportation projects in Burnside Gorge 2019

- Paving of Gorge Rd – Carroll to Balfour
- Paving of Gorge Rd – Carroll to Washington
- Paving of Frances Ave – Burnside to Douglas
- Audible Pedestrian Signal: Burnside @ Harriet

2020

- Paving of Bay St – Government to Douglas

2021

- Paving of Douglas – Discovery to Pembroke
- Audible Pedestrian signal: Gorge @ Washington

Next steps

- Compiling feedback from the Associations
- If there are safety concerns about public right of way, contact Brad’s office. Other concerns may require broader neighbourhood support

Agenda The agenda of the April 23, 2018 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept, with changes

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Melissa Huston SECONDED: Elizabeth Cull

CARRIED

WEB

Minutes

The minutes of the March 26 2018 Board Meeting were presented. Motion to accept both regular and web minutes:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Melissa Huston SECONDED: Jeff Nelson

CARRIED

Action Items

Action items were reviewed and updated. The following are carried forward:

ACTION: Rachel will put the available activity grant out to the Board and networks.

Ops

Suzanne provided highlights around operations.

- BGCA reports to the City annually. It shows leverage in terms of what the City is able to provide (through Associations) through investment and what the agency does with it.

Council Updates

Geoff shared some thoughts on transportation and the way that street use changes over time:

- Crosswalks were removed at one time because they were seen as unsafe, now public opinion has swung the other way, Geoff defers to the traffic department
- Sidewalks are meant to benefit property owners but they often would rather use the space as parking
- Road width can be a challenge for developers when there is a need to give up space for bike lanes
- Fort Street is a good example of change, traffic will definitely move slower now with the installation of bike lanes
- The Galloping Goose is a great asset for the neighbourhood but there are some safety concerns around lack of lighting, excessive speeding of bikes, and conflicts of use

City Update

Gary shared a City update:

- One My Great Neighbourhood Grant application received from Burnside Gorge. Montessori School to install a natural play space in Cecelia Cove
- The City is currently seeking resident feedback on the draft Climate Leadership Plan
- Neighbour Day is on Sunday, May 6th

New Business

Avery provided an update on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The Committee membership includes: community members (Avery, Michelle, Elizabeth, Jeff, Vickie Jackson, Nicole Celine), BC Housing, all the Housing providers (Cool Aid, PHS, Pacifica), City of Victoria, CRD, Island Health, Rob Fleming, Coalition to End Homelessness, and residents of supported housing
- CAC is co-chaired by Avery & Heidi Hartman (BC Housing)
- Looking for independent third party to look at measurements of success, BC Housing will be sending out RFP. If it works, they'll roll this model out across the province

Board Committee Participation

- There was general agreement that committee participation could be open to non-board members
- There was a decision to hold off on assigning committees until strategic planning process is complete

Board Executive Appointment

- There was a motion to re-appoint the current Executive.

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Tracy James SECONDED: Elizabeth Cull

CARRIED

WEB

For Decision:

LUC Membership

- Nick McGeachie is interested in joining the LUC. He's a UVic grad and lives in the Sumas Manchester area.

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Tracy James

SECOND: Michelle Peterson

CARRIED

Committee updates

Melissa reported on Strategic Planning

- Jeff, Melissa and Elizabeth had their first meeting and it went well. They are hoping to have something to present at the next board meeting.

LUC

- Community Meeting next Monday, May 30th. Ian Laing will be presenting a proposal for a mixed use building with a high-end car dealership at ground level and housing above.
- Cedar Grove hasn't come to city council, but they've been invited to come to a community meeting again to share revised plans. Avery is meeting with Leanne Taylor in the Planning Department next week. The project has a lot of non-conforming elements and the City's recommending changes.

Review Action Items

ACTION: Rachel will put the available activity grant out to the Board and networks.

ACTION: Suzanne will forward response from BC Housing if it comes in

ACTION: Michelle will create & manage a Board calendar

ACTION: Committee chairs will forward meeting times to Michelle to include in the calendar.

Track hours

There was a reminder to board members to enter their hours in Track It Forward.

Adjournment

8:10pm

~Next meeting May 28, 2018~