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Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Avery Stetski Board members: John Sanderson, Greg Arnold, Benji Miskuski, Michelle Peterson Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development Guests: City of Victoria: Sarah Potts, Council Liaison Prospective board member: Jaimie Van Delft
Welcome and introductions	Regrets: Andrew Johnson, Elizabeth Cull, Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Agenda	The agenda of the June 24, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept MOTION TO ACCEPT: John Sanderson SECONDED: Greg Arnold CARRIED
Minutes	The minutes of the May 27, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept MOTION TO ACCEPT: Greg Arnold SECONDED: John Sanderson CARRIED
Action Items	Action items were reviewed and updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John will forward the contact for the Gorge Access initiative to the board• Avery will send a draft of the invitation for Cheryl Damstetter to join the Community Advisory Committee to Suzanne for feedback
Prospective board member	Jaimie Van Delft and his wife have been living in Burnside Gorge for four years and they recently had a baby. Jaimie's background is in the Navy as an electrician and maintenance supervisor. He is looking forward to learning more about the agency and the work of the board.
Ops	Suzanne shared operational highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City has opened voting on Participatory Budgeting projects. BGCA's youth team has proposed a Gorge Waterway Expo as one of the projects. Suzanne encouraged board members to vote, the link has been sent out.• There are continuing issues with security around the building, drug use and paraphernalia, vandalism. Suzanne has received security recommendations from police and a private security company to remove the two picnic tables beside the youth centre. She is also in conversation with the City about finding a way to block off the rocky slope at the back of the building.• Suzanne asked if the Board would be interested in having program managers come in again starting in September to introduce themselves and share information about their teams and programs. There was general agreement. Suzanne will organize. Suzanne presented an overview of the financials for the last nine months. Overall BGCA is on target.

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ACTION: Board members will review the Participatory Budgeting link and cast their votes.

ACTION: Suzanne will set up a schedule of managers starting in the fall

For information

PHS - Douglas Street Community

- Businesses have brought forward serious concerns with the parking lot outside the shelter.
- As part of the Community Advisory Committee Avery has set up a meeting with PHS and business representatives to discuss issues and potential solutions. Avery will follow up to determine if there is any improvement.
- Avery to check in with BC Housing as part of the original agreement for the shelter was landscaping management to prevent issues but it does not appear to be happening.

LUC

- Sandman Inn came to a Community Meeting on June 3. Their proposal was well received by the community. The parkade will have two green walls, along Gorge Rd and along the Co-op Gas property.
- PHS is applying for a temporary use permit for overdose prevention/safe consumption on site at the Douglas Street Community. LUC wrote a letter in support as this is already happening on site.
- 210 Gorge Rd going to public hearing on Thursday, June 26. LUC is anticipating push back as the project is still not what neighbours want. The two main criticisms are: the mix of tenants is still too far outside the recommendations laid out in the Regional Housing First Strategy; and 2) the proposal does not align with the local area plan. Avery will be requesting that some sort of mitigation factors be imposed by Council.

City update

Sarah:

- The City is hosting a Town Hall on accessibility. It will be held at the Conference Centre. They would like to gather as much input as possible
- Inclusionary Housing Policy is in development in an effort to increase affordable housing stock. The City is looking at rental rates and density bonuses around amenities for thresholds of affordability. Less than 60 units would be cash-in-lieu and developments with over 60 units would require 20% at affordable rates. There has already been some success with the interim policy. There are some challenges with rentals in strata properties but this is only one part of the housing strategy and will be monitored closely.
- The City is working on a mental health and addictions project that will be unfolding over the summer. This is a strategic objective to pursue community wellness including: prevention, education, integration of services and also advocacy of other levels of government where appropriate. The City will be looking to involve community throughout the process for engagement.
- Strategic Plan Grants have not yet come before Council.

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Prospective board member

A motion was made to appoint Jamie Van Delft to the BGCA Board of Directors

MOTION: Benji Miskuski

SECONDED: Greg Arnold

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Review Action
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Budget meeting

The budget meeting will be held on July 15 at Avery's. Quorum is needed. If any board member cannot attend, please let Suzanne know as soon as possible.

Track hours

Reminder to everyone to fill out your volunteer time in Track it Forward

6:45

Adjournment

~Next meeting July 15, 2019 ~