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Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Apr 29, 2019 at 5:30pm

Present: **Chair:** Avery Stetski
Board members: Michelle Peterson, Elizabeth Cull, John Sanderson, Andrew Johnson, Greg Arnold
Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development
Guests: City of Victoria: Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison
Regrets: Benji Miskuski

Welcome and introductions Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda The agenda of the April 29, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Michelle Peterson

CARRIED

Minutes The minutes of the March 25, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Michelle Peterson

CARRIED

Action Items Action items were reviewed and updated.

ACTION: Avery will send a note out to the board to recruit volunteers to help develop some sort of dedicated fundraising campaign to replace Ride for Refuge.

ACTION: John will forward contact info for his contact at Selkirk Montessori along to Andrew to talk about access to the Gorge.

ACTION: Strategic plan update will be tabled to next meeting.

Ops Suzanne shared operational highlights:

- BGCA was success in their bid for the Youth & Family Counsellor contract with the School District
- Fundraising is a focus, particularly for Family Self Sufficiency & Youth Self Sufficiency
- City of Victoria has completed a wall in the storage room to separate servers from the rest of the equipment.
- May 26th is Selkirk Waterfront Festival and the Rock Bay event falls on same day. It would be great to have strong board presence, particularly at the Rock Bay event.

Rock Bay Celebration The Number is organizing a Swap & Shop event on May 26. Rock Bay Ave will be closed and the event includes a motorcycle swap meet, bike show, vintage clothes vendors, food & Victoria Beer Society's Pop-Up Beer Garden. BGCA will have a booth and Andrew will be at the BGCA table for the day.

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City Update

Gary shared staff update:

- May 5 is Neighbour Day. Gary will be down at Cecelia Cove on Friday, May 3 from 10am-11:30am to promote neighbour day and answer people's questions about the City.
- The participatory budgeting process has been inviting applications for projects for youth. Public will be able to vote on ideas starting on car free day.
- My Great Neighbourhoods grants just closed on the 15th, currently in the review phase. Two grant applications came from Burnside Gorge. The Number proposed a lightbox installation with maps of the concrete canvas murals. A second application was received for a multi-strata social in the Selkirk Waterfront. Fall intake is September 1 – October 15. There will be little less than half the budget left.
- The Neighbourhoods team are looking for ways to be working in the community a few hours a week. Gary will follow up with Suzanne about the possibility of using space at the Centre.

For discussion

Selkirk Waterfront Festival

- The festival is coming up on May 26. Travis is still looking for volunteers, particularly for setup and tear down. Anyone interested in volunteering should get in touch with Travis.
- Suzanne shared the history of the event starting at the old Burnside Elementary. The festival has been held down at the Selkirk Waterfront since the early 2000s.

Rock Bay

- Swap & Shop will be the kickoff of the Number's fundraising efforts for BGCA for 2019

Gorge Rd

- There was discussion about leveraging the history of Gorge Rd as the high street for community development efforts.

For Discussion

Updates

Community Advisory Committee

- The Advisory Committee is meeting April 30 to discuss ending the good neighbour agreement for Rock Bay Landing and figuring out ways for business and community members to bring issues forward. VicPD will be presenting on crime stats for the neighbourhood.

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- Sandman Hotel may opt to organize their own community meeting on June 3 if they are able to organize it in time. Otherwise they will be at the regularly scheduled community meeting for June 17.

VCAN

- VCAN is sending a letter to council asking them to follow the Official Community Plan unless there is a compelling reason not to which would benefit the community. Avery will send the letter out to the board for review.

Strategic Planning

- Tabled

ACTION: Elizabeth will follow up with Dave regarding the strategic plan.

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Review Action
Items

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Track hours

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

7:00 pm – Motion adjourn

~Next meeting May 27, 2019~