

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Jan 22, 2018 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Melissa Huston Board members: John Sanderson, Michelle Peterson, Tracy James, Andrew Johnson, Samuel Jang Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development; Leann Finlay, Integrated Family Services Team Leader Guests: City of Victoria: Geoff Young, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison Vic PD: Sean Hand, Community Resource Officer Regrets: Desmond Brisbin, Avery Stetski
Welcome and introductions	Melissa welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Leann Finlay, Integrated Family Services Team Leader. Leann provided an overview of her role and programs at BGCA.
Vic PD Update	Sean Hand has been the Community Resource Officer for Burnside as of Jan 1, 2018. He provided an update on his time so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doing a lot of outreach to prevent entrenchment of camps in parks• My Place has reopened and is taking folks from First Met, to date there have been no calls to My Place. It opened 40 mats in the core, hoping to help with the overflow in Burnside Gorge.• Rock Bay Landing has been experiencing vacancies with no-one out front, it's been positive.• Monitoring the Douglas street community to ensure that congregation doesn't become entrenched there in the corridor. Looking at 97 housed since November• The population from Choices will be moved into the Tally Ho. Sean will inform the board as he can.• In the last quarter, calls to the Douglas corridor area went from 6 to 14 and Sean is looking into it to get more in depth information on the nature of the calls and any subsequent issues.
Agenda	The agenda of the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept, with changes MOTION TO ACCEPT: Tracy James SECONDED: Andrew Johnson <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Minutes	The minutes of the November 2017 Board Meeting were presented. Motion to accept both regular and web minutes: MOTION TO ACCEPT: John Sanderson SECONDED: Tracy James <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Action Items	Action items were reviewed and updated. The following are carried forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTION: Tracy & Desmond will explore carrying out the Activity Grant for a block party in Sumas/Manchester area.

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Financials

Suzanne provided an overview of the financials.

- The centre has received some unexpected funding
- Increased funding for Community Chest program

Ops

Suzanne provided highlights around operations:

- MSP reductions have been halved as of Jan 1, 2018
- MCFD provided a one-time uplift to help with early childhood programming
- Still working on a streamlined operating agreement for all community and seniors centre
- Gaming increased funding this year
- There was a break-in in December, nothing was lost, footage was shared with VicPD. Still waiting on parts for the window repair

Council Updates

Geoff shared a council update:

- Douglas Corridor bus route work will begin soon. The construction process will be disruptive but rapid bus will be beneficial in the long run.

City Update

Gary shared a City update:

- The City is holding a Development Summit on Feb 5, 5:30-8:30pm at the Art Gallery. It would be good to have representation from Burnside Gorge.
- A Great Neighbourhoods Grant has been approved for a multicultural festival at Tree Lane estates.
- Strategic Plan Grants are due Jan 31st
- The City is decommissioning large display cabinets from the downtown core. Communities can apply for a grant to cover installation in neighbourhoods. Community would then manage the ongoing maintenance.
- The Arts & Culture department has a maintenance budget of about \$5000 to help touch up the lower portion of the Bridging mural.

New Business

Annual General Meeting

- Feb 26 – Melissa, Sam, Michelle, & Avery are all up for re-election at the AGM. If anyone up for re-election can't attend they will need to send their confirmation in writing a week ahead of time

Neighbourhood Small Grants

- Victoria Foundation has been running the Neighbourhood Small Grants program in Hillside-Quadra. They're expanding the program to include Burnside Gorge in 2018.
- Grant applications must have a minimum of two applicants from different residential addresses.

Board Hours

- Michelle found the Track it Forward app and will forward it along to Board members to use to track volunteer time.

ACTION: Michelle will send an invite to the board to use Track it Forward

Committee updates

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- Michelle's been attending the Tally Ho redevelopment meetings. The December 20th was more positive than earlier meetings. Scott McGregor was the facilitator and people felt heard and validated. Michelle and Vickie Jackson met with Cool Aid's new real estate manager to talk about community engagement moving forward, encouraging them to focus on getting community feedback on what a well integrated facility would look like.
- Geoff shared that the development at 736 Princess will be going to Committee of the Whole on Thursday. The recommendation from staff is to deny the application. There was general discussion

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and agreement that the Board should send a letter to Council in support of staff's recommendation. Tracy will draft something and send it out.

Strategic Planning

- Suzanne has some notes that she can share from a management meeting after the fact. This will be tabled to the March meeting for discussion.

Prospective board members

- Suzanne has met with two prospective board members who will be submitting their applications shortly

ACTION: Tracy will draft a letter to council re 736 Princess supporting staff's recommendation to turn down the proposal

Review Action
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ACTION: Tracy will draft a letter to council re 736 Princess, supporting staff's recommendation to turn down the proposal

ACTION: Michelle will send an invite to the board to use Track it Forward

Adjournment

7:40pm

~Next meeting March 26, 2017~