

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Jan 28, 2019 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Avery Stetski, Board members: Michelle Peterson, Andrew Johnson, Elizabeth Cull, Benji Miskuski, John Sanderson Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development Guests: City of Victoria: Sarah Potts, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison Prospective board member: Greg Arnold Regrets:
Welcome and introductions	Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Agenda	The agenda of the January 28, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Andrew Johnson CARRIED
Minutes	The minutes of the October and November 2018 Board Meetings were presented. Motion to accept MOTION TO ACCEPT: Andrew Johnson SECONDED: John Sanderson CARRIED
Action Items	Action items were reviewed and updated. The following are carried forward and/or adjusted:
Introduction	Avery introduced Greg Arnold, a prospective board member. Greg shared his background. He is a chartered accountant who has recently moved from San Diego and settled here in the community. He is enjoying Victoria and would like to bring his skills to the Board of Directors.
Ops & Finance	Suzanne shared operational highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility rentals are consistent although parking continues to be an issue.• The new Savant database has been great for rentals and donor tracking, now using it for childcare registrations as well.• There was another break-in to one of the vans and several small fires set around the building that appear to be drug related rather than arson.• The childcare team is fully staffed now which means that program numbers can be increased to capacity.• The Preschool Educator position is still open. Suzanne provided an overview of the financial statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is the 1st quarter which is generally a bit unpredictable but nothing is particularly out of line. There are a couple of gaps that will require additional grant monies, but overall BGCA's financial position is solid.

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City Update

Sarah provided a Council update:

- Go Victoria is an opportunity for engagement, using a values based approach to plan the City's transportation future. The City is exploring how they can improve transportation safety, mobility options, and enhance the overall experience of getting around. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved.
- Strategic Planning session wrapped up last Saturday. Both "Neighbourhood Led Transportation Planning" and "Greenways" are part of the strategic plan.
- An Emergency Preparedness workshop will be hosted at BGCA in March.

Gary shared a staff update:

- Great Neighbourhoods grants – a grant for community garden was approved and the Tree Lane Estates is receiving an activity grant for a garden project. As a vertical street Tree Lane is one of the first to really use this approach for community building within a large multi-unit building.
- \$329,000 has gone out in neighbourhood grants and 101 projects have been funded.
- Montessori's natural play space project is moving ahead, hoping light bloom will be completed in the Spring
- The Day's Inn has expressed interest in some sort of activity in Arbutus Park, banner program
- Strategic Plan Grant deadlines are coming up on the 31st.

AGM

BGCA's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 25. Currently there is no set plan for what will be presented or discussed beyond the standard business. Past topics have included: community history, planning & development updates, the sewage treatment plan, 40km speed changes on Gorge Road. There was general discussion about ideas:

- Climate change – recycling, consumer information;
- Mobility presentation – some sort of interactive City workshop;
- Showcasing BCGA programs & services;
- Expand on Rock Bay Celebration;
- Take the AGM on the road, to a local pub or similar;

There were also questions about whether or not the date is set and if it could be moved. Suzanne will look at the Societies Act to see what the new rules are around timing of AGMs.

For Discussion

Board Recruitment

Avery spoke about the need for more active Board recruitment efforts. The board is dwindling in number, Jeff has stepped down as he's relocating to Toronto. Avery asked all Directors to reach out to their connections (neighbours, businesses) to invite and/or encourage active involvement in the Association.

Vice-Chair

Elizabeth has agreed to take on the Vice-Chair role. Avery asked for a motion to appoint Elizabeth.

MOTION: Andrew Johnson

SECONDED: Michelle Peterson

CARRIED

Committee updates

Community Advisory Committee

- The commitment agreement was presented at a community meeting on Jan 21st. Six people attended.
- Avery & Elizabeth met with the professors Royal Roads who will be conducting an assessment, as a year-long project, to measure outcomes from the Commitment Agreement.

Land Use

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- Sandman Inn – the developer has submitted a proposal to expand the hotel to the full scope of the property. LUC has given feedback that the massing is too large at the south end of the property.
- Cool Aid – 210 Gorge Rd has come back with a 5 storey building. It does not fully align with the local area plan but it is getting close. Cool Aid has hired a communications consultant.
- Speed/Francis – the proposal is with planning, coming up to public hearing soon.
- 475 Gorge Rd – Green Hart Health & Wellness was successful in their rezoning.
- Mayfair Mall has applied for a signage change asking for 1400 sq ft of signage along Douglas
- VI Brewery is submitting a proposal for a brewpub.
- 43-55 Gorge Rd E – the proposal is for a 5-storey rental building that would replace two aging single family houses.
- PHS Douglas St – They have applied for a Temporary Use Permit for a 22-bed treatment program
- Victoria Press Building – a brewpub has been added to their proposal
- LUC will be writing a letter of support for Ian Laing’s proposal for the car dealership, with residential above.
- 3080 Washington Ave – this development will be replacing two houses, it will include a green corridor to connect through to Carol which is great news for the City and the community.

VCAN

- VCAN has developed a terms of reference. Avery has shared the VCAN terms of reference with the board and asked for feedback by Feb 2nd.
- Avery will be meeting with Andrea Hudson to talk about CALUC.

ACTION: Everyone will read the VCAN Terms of Reference and give feedback to Avery by Saturday, Feb 2nd.

Reminders

ACTION: Submit biographies to Rachel for the Annual General Meeting

ACTION: Fill out volunteer time in Track it Forward.

Business Mixer

Darryl from Day’s Inn has expressed an interest in hosting the next business mixer and would like to help increase the profile of the neighbourhood. Ideas were shared around heritage, hydro wraps, etc. Andrew asked to be connected to Darryl. Rachel will send an email.

ACTION: Rachel will send an email to introduce Andrew & Darryl.

Review Action Items

ACTION: Everyone will read the VCAN Terms of Reference and give feedback to Avery by Saturday, Feb 2nd.

ACTION: Everyone will update their hours in Track it Forward and & send updated bios in to Rachel

ACTION: Rachel will send an email to introduce Andrew & Darryl.

ACTION: Submit biographies to Rachel for the Annual General Meeting

ACTION: Fill out volunteer time in Track it Forward.

IN CAMERA

7:00 pm – There was a motion to move the board discussion to In Camera

~Next meeting March 25, 2019~