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Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 5:30pm

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

Welcome and introductions Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda The agenda of the May 27, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Benji Miskuski SECONDED: Greg Arnold

CARRIED

Minutes The minutes of the April 29, 2019 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept

MOTION TO ACCEPT: John Sanderson SECONDED: Elizabeth Cull

CARRIED

Action Items Updated

- Avery is still working on a fundraiser to replace Ride for Refuge. Suzanne shared that she has let the organizers know that BGCA will not be participating this year. There was a brief discussion about whether or not an event is needed or if a month-long campaign would suffice using a campaign website for a dedicated fundraising period. Avery will enlist other board members to help pull something together. Avery will send out a note to recruit volunteers to help
- John will forward the contact for the Gorge Access initiative to the board.

ACTION: Avery will send a note out to the Board to enlist help with creating a fundraising campaign for BGCA.

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City Updates Sarah provided a council update:

- 950 Kings Rd – this site is currently owned by the Capital Region Hospital District (CRHD) and zoned for hospital/mental health. A new amendment has been proposed that would allow for community inclusion in the development process. The City is hoping to get stakeholders in a room together to discuss an option that works for everyone
- Crystal Pool – the City is looking at the project through an equity and inclusion lens. North Park will be bringing a presentation to council on June 6th. The City recognizes that there is not currently an equity and inclusion policy in place. Sarah encouraged everyone to watch the meeting and send feedback.

Gary provided a staff update:

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- Cecelia Ravine Park Grand Opening will take place on June 8th, from 11am-1pm. There will be hot dogs and refreshments as well as some brief remarks.
- Gary attended the Selkirk Waterfront Festival on the weekend and had a lovely time there with his kids.
- The City has been working on a civic leadership program for citizens to take to build capacity to become champions for their neighbourhoods. They will be looking for participants, if there are people in the neighbourhood that would be a good fit please let Gary know.

Ops

Suzanne shared operational highlights:

- Selkirk was a success, thanks to everyone who came out. The weather was great and all the feedback has been positive so far.
- The front desk team has been trained in Occupational First Aid bringing BGCA in line with Worksafe requirements.
- BGCA applied for extra funding for Canada Summer Jobs and the application was successful
- BGCA won the Community Partner Spirit Award with United Way
- BGCA has raised 75% of what is needed to replace one of the aging vans. \$28,000 was received from provincial capital funds, \$10,000 from Harbourside Rotary, and \$5,000 from Warm Heart Foundation.
- Issues with fires, campers, vandalism, and debris are continuing at the Centre, particularly behind the youth centre.

For discussion

Budget Meeting for July

- Budget meeting has been booked for Monday, July 15. Avery will host.

Hillside Quadra

- 950 Kings – Hillside Quadra has asked all of the neighbourhoods to submit a letter of support for their cause to maintaining green space and a neighbourhood hub in the community. The Board agreed to send a letter of support. Avery will draft something and send it out.

ACTION: Avery will draft a letter for Hillside Quadra's greenspace initiative.

For information

Community Advisory Committee

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for September.
- Avery asked for more representation from mental health and addictions as they would be really beneficial to have in the CAC. Cheryl Damstetter has been recommended as a contact. Suzanne will share Cheryl's contact info with Avery.

LUC

- There will be a Community Meeting on June 3rd. Sandman is presenting a revised plan which has improved over their original proposal.
- 3020 Douglas – Tally Ho is bound by three-year Temporary Use Permit (TUP). They required an extension which LUC supported provided that they were substantially underway by the end of the existing TUP.
- LUC had an informal discussion with the people presenting the Speed Street proposal. There is a close to \$1M amenities package. They are hoping to meet with Avery to talk about using some of the amenity dollars to build affordable housing that the community would support.
- Scott building – the developer has purchased a neighbouring lot. LUC didn't feel another community meeting would be required as the purchase and revised plans improved on their original proposal which was already well supported.

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Strategic Plan

- Dave Wittington is going to meet with Suzanne and Elizabeth on June 7th to discuss the process and sort out next steps.

Gorge Waterway

- John has been attending the meetings around improving access to the Gorge Waterway. They're looking at different access points and developing a proposed plan for improving access. If anyone is interested, contact John. At the last meeting he was the only person from Burnside Gorge.

ACTION: Avery will check in with Suzanne and reach out to Cheryl Damstetter.

Review Action Items

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Track hours

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

6:30

Adjournment

~Next meeting June 24, 2019~