

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Nov 27, 2017 at 5:30pm

Present: **Chair:** Avery Stetski
Board members: John Sanderson, Michelle Peterson, Tracy James, Melissa Huston
Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O’Neill, Manager, Communications & Development;
Guests: City of Victoria: Geoff Young, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison
BC Transit: James Wadsworth, Senior Planner
Regrets: Andrew Johnson, Samuel Jang

Welcome and introductions Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced James from BC Transit.

BC Transit James shared an update on the Burnside Tillicum Local Area Transit Plan:

- Community consultation is currently underway
- Tree removal & replacement – more trees are being replaced than taken out, a lot of changes happening to the sidewalk and boulevard on the west side of the road, intention is to put in a buffer between the street and sidewalk
- The contract for bus shelters will be up for renewal soon. Many shelters are due for upgrades and Transit is exploring whether they could become part of this project.
- Looking at new technologies for users such as branding, digital signage (real time arrival listings at stops), pre-ticketing
- BC Transit is looking at developing an additional bus yard in Saanich as the two existing yards, at Gorge Rd & in Langford, are either at or nearly at capacity.

Agenda The agenda of the Nov 27, 2017 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept, with changes

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Tracy James SECONDED: Melissa Huston

CARRIED

Minutes The minutes of the October 2017 Board Meeting were presented. Motion to accept both regular and web minutes:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Michelle Peterson SECONDED: Melissa Huston

CARRIED

Action Items Action items were reviewed and updated. The following are carried forward:

- **ACTION:** Tracy & Desmond will explore carrying out the Activity Grant for a block party in Sumas/Manchester area.

Ops Suzanne provided highlights around operations:

- Onsite portion of the audit is complete. An audit meeting with the Board has been scheduled for Dec 11th
- Security cameras are up and operational.

WEB

City Budget

Gary presented an overview of the City's process for development of the 2018 budget. He encourages everyone to participate in the Town Hall on Thursday, November 30.

Council Update

Geoff shared a council update:

- Geoff sits on the Transit Board and is really into rapid transit. There's a continuum from local buses on one hand and sky-train types on the other with lots of steps in between. Light rail is easier to navigate, it's cost effective, and anyone can use it. Separated lanes are the biggest expense, plus some of the tech around pre-ticketing. Rapid bus is a distance along the continuum which starts to make the neighbourhood it's housed in more attractive.
- Pleasantly surprised that there was an impact on Council regarding the Temporary Use Permit for the Tally Ho site. A 5-3 vote is promising. The community's message is being heard. Cool Aid's commitment to adhere to the LAP with the future development of the site is also promising. People are slow to look at the impacts on community of the 'housing first' policy. It's not a housing only, it's not working,
- Geoff shared concerns about the Galloping Goose - it needs lighting, it's very dangerous & dark. He wasn't sure how to navigate the multi-jurisdictional challenges of the trail.

New Business

Board Christmas Party

- Avery will send out a Doodle Poll to find a date that works for everyone.

210 Gorge Rd E

- Cedar Grove should be coming out to council in the next couple of weeks. BGCA will need to respond.

ACTION: Avery will send out doodle poll for Board Christmas party

Committee updates

LUC

- Dec 11th will be a joint LUC & Community Meeting for Scott Building
- VI Brewery has gone back to the city now
- Waiting to see the proposal for the Times Colonist building

Strategic Planning

- Mark has stepped down from the Board. The Strategic Planning process will need to be revisited and new members will be needed for the committee. Strategic Planning will be brought forward to the Board agenda for January.

Review Action Items

ACTION: Tracy & Desmond will explore carrying out the Activity Grant for a block party in Sumas/Manchester area.

ACTION: Avery will send out doodle poll for Board Christmas party

ACTION: Bring strategic planning to January board meeting agenda

Adjournment

7:25pm

~Next meeting January 22, 2017~