

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Nov 26, 2018 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Avery Stetski, Board members: Michelle Peterson, Andrew Johnson Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development Guests: City of Victoria: Sarah Potts, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison Regrets: Jeff Nelson, Elizabeth Cull, Benji Miskuski, John Sanderson
Welcome and introductions	Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sarah Potts.
Sarah Potts	Sarah was on the Together Victoria slate. She works for Our Place Society and chose Burnside Gorge because she enjoys the neighbourhood. She is interested in the challenges and opportunities.
Agenda	Agenda could not be approved due to lack of quorum.
Minutes	Agenda could not be approved due to lack of quorum. Tabled to next meeting.
Action Items	Action items were reviewed and updated. The following are carried forward and/or adjusted: ACTION: Avery will reach out to Tracy regarding the letter to the City's transportation department. ACTION: Avery will check with John about the Strata event, if it's not going forward money will be redirected to a Beau Dick memorial mural in Rock Bay ACTION: Avery will draft an email to new councillors to invite them to learn about the neighbourhood and BGCA.
Ops & Finance	Suzanne shared operational highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Audit meeting will be held on December 10th. Quorum is required at the meeting and signing authorities are needed.• The annual Employee Engagement survey is done. The management team is in the process of sorting results.• There has been an increase in unfortunate activity around the Centre. Van windows have been broken several times and several fires have been lit in the back area. Police and bylaw are aware. Suzanne provided an overview of the financial statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The numbers are not final, the auditors will make some adjustments for amortization and similar, but the end result will be close.

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City Update

Sarah provided an update on Council:

- City business is rolling along as usual. Council is currently working on the budget as well as the Strategic Plan.

Gary shared staff update:

- Great Neighbourhoods grants are over-subscribed. The committee has to make some hard decisions. Two applications were received from the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood, one for the Community Gardens and one for Tree Lane Estates.
- Strengthening Community Participation – the workshop in October was well attended. Mike Hill has put together a great presentation to be sent out to neighbourhoods.
- Leaf pickup dates for Burnside Gorge are December 2nd and 31st
- Montessori's natural play area project in Cecelia Cove will be going ahead soon. The project is being scaled down and is currently being reviewed by Parks.

Fundraising
Event

Andrew shared an idea that he is exploring around creating a signature event in Burnside Gorge to generate funds for the Association. He has reached out to contacts at The Number to generate some interest. The event would leverage and celebrate the uniqueness of Rock Bay such as live music, industrial maker spaces, breweries and food, and art. There was interest in having a longer conversation with the larger board to explore ideas.

Committee
updates

Community Advisory Committee

- The draft agreement is close to being finalized. There are some challenging pieces that are outside of BC Housing's areas of accountability that involve other agencies such as Island Health or Victoria Police Department.

Land Use

- Speed/Francis – the previous tower proposal has been redesigned. The new proposal is now two towers, one at 13 storeys and one at six storeys. They will be rentals with a mix of affordable and market rates.
- LUC will be meeting with Jennifer at Chown Place to discuss their proposal for seniors & family housing
- Cool Aid came back to Land Use with minimal changes to 210 Gorge Road E. Their proposal is still well outside of the Local Area Plan. Sarah asked to meet with Avery and Michelle to get some history and background on the project.
- LUC will be meeting with the team from Capital Iron soon to revisit what might fit in this parcel of land that they are selling.
- VCAN is currently discussing becoming more of an advocacy group and what that might look like in practical application. Avery will keep the Board updated.
- City CALUC group is meeting on Thursday to discuss Terms of Reference, processes, the funding structure per meetings, etc.

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Appointment of
Vice-chair

Avery will send a note out to the Board to see if anyone would be willing to take on the role of Vice-Chair. Michelle might consider it if nobody else is able.

Board Christmas
Party

The Board Christmas Party will be held at Avery's. Avery will send the doodle poll results out later this week with a confirmed date.

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Review Action
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Track hours

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

Adjournment

7:00 pm

~Next meeting January 28, 2018~