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Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Sept 24, 2018 at 5:30pm

- Present:
- Chair:** Avery Stetski,
 - Board members:** John Sanderson, Jeff Nelson, Elizabeth Cull, Michelle Peterson
 - Staff:** Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O’Neill, Manager, Communications & Development
 - Guests:** City of Victoria: Geoff Young, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison

 - Regrets:** Andrew Johnson, Tracy James, Melissa Huston

Welcome and introductions Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda The agenda of the Sept 24, 2018 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept, with changes

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Jeff Nelson

CARRIED

Minutes The minutes of the June 25 2018 Board Meeting were presented. Motion to accept both regular and web minutes:

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: John Sanderson

CARRIED

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

ACTION: Avery will follow up with Tracy James regarding the letter to transportation.

ACTION: Board members will reach out to their networks to find an alternative project for the \$1,000 Activity Grant from the City.

Ops & Finance Suzanne shared operational highlights:

- The Family Self Sufficiency program has received an Honourable Mention for the ABC Life Literacy Award. This comes with \$5,000 and national recognition. The program manager is being flown to Toronto for the awards ceremony in October.
- Ride for Refuge is this coming Saturday, we are more than 80% to our goal.
- Gorge Waterway Cleanup happened this past Saturday. There was a great turnout and some media coverage.
- Front desk is entirely new staff, board members are encouraged to introduce themselves
- Programs were busy over the summer
- Shelter units are furnished and operational, both have been used. They are working out well.
- Childcare is having some challenges finding staff and wages have been increased slightly to be more competitive. There will be some cost savings in the budget from the health tax to offset the increases.

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There was general discussion around how to raise the profile and ultimately funding of BGCA.

Council Updates Geoff had nothing to report.

City Update Gary shared a City update:

- Great Neighbourhoods Grants is open, the deadline to apply is Oct 15th.
- The City is hosting a workshop on October 13th called Strengthening Community Participation. There was a great deal of interest.

ACTION: Avery will RSVP for the Strengthening Community Participation workshop and inquire about whether there is room for additional participants.

New Business Ride for Refuge

- Donate to a team or join a team

Committee updates Land Use Committee

- Scott Building has revised their plans somewhat, LUC anticipates the project adding a lot to the neighbourhood.
- Sumas – seven unit townhouses are proposed for the two lots next to the park.
- Scotsman – the owners are talking about redeveloping the site to residential.

Community Advisory Committee

- The committee is getting closer to having a completed terms of reference and anticipates being able to have everyone sign off on it by next month.
- Trying to connect with the university to get student groups to do the third party assessment of the checks and balances on service providers.

Board Membership

- Both Melissa & Tracy have stepped down
- Avery has received a new application to join the board which he'll be sending along to group shortly.

Review Action Items All adjusted or carried forward – nothing new

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

Adjournment 6:45pm

~Next meeting Oct 22, 2018~