

WEB

ACTION: Board members will think about potential people to use the Great Neighbourhood grant in the Sumas/Manchester area

Financials

Suzanne provided an overview of the financial statements.

City Staff Update

Gary provided updates:

- Gary would like to get on the agenda for next month to present the city's budget for 2018.
- The City is rolling out streetlamp replacement in neighbourhoods, switching over to new LED lights.
- The City is looking at options to address the lower portion of the "Bridging" mural on the underside of the Gorge Rd Bridge. The lower half is badly tagged and unable to be restored.
- The Neighbourhoods team is working on a Block by Block neighbourhood connection initiative, looking to partner Blockwatch, Victoria Ready, and the Resilient Neighbourhoods teams.
- The City has created a draft Arts & Culture Master Plan and is looking for community feedback. There is an online survey and the deadline to contribute is September 30.

ACTION: Rachel to add Gary to the agenda for the October board meeting to present the City's budget for 2018

City Council Update

Geoff provided updates:

- There is pressure everywhere in the City for development in general but there is a concentration of supported services/facilities in Burnside Gorge. Some come to Council through the rezoning process, some are much more informally dealt with and they don't require rezoning. Some also come through requests for permissive tax exemptions. Cool Aid is seeking a tax exemption for the Tally Ho property. One of the biggest issues, where the community can apply leverage if possible, is holding facilities accountable to be run properly. There are questions around mixing populations such as the proposed shelter going into the Super 8 and further concentration of services in neighbourhoods. The community isn't mobilized in comparison to communities like Oak Bay. Encourage residents to send feedback to the Mayor and Council.

There was general discussion from the Board that council hasn't been responsive to any of the correspondence sent so far. The Tally Ho will be requiring a temporary use permit and city planning is unclear in the language of the zoning around permitted uses. There was also discussion around whether or not shorter term leases might help to build in accountability for the organizations running these facilities. Geoff encouraged the Board to write directly to Mayor & Council to express concerns about shelters and supported housing.

New Business

Super8 – shelter

- Avery is drafting a letter in opposition of the proposed shelter. It will be sent out to the Board for review by the end of the week.
- Many residents are frustrated with the process and the saturation of services in the neighbourhood.

Lost Rivers Screening

- Avery has given the Friends of Rock Bay Creek group the option to come to either the October or November community meetings and screen the film, Lost Rivers.

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Committee updates

Avery provided an update on the Land Use Committee

- IL sauvage – proposal includes a small-batch brewery, tasting room, and food trucks in the parking lot on the weekends
- 3103 Washington – proposal includes 4 detached homes with a strata. Key concerns brought up at the Community Meeting were around basements being converted into suites, street parking, increased density, and departure from the local area plan.
- 210 Gorge – Cool Aid is proposing a 6-storey building with 32 supported units and 50 affordable units. They received no support at the Community Meeting.
- 515/505 Burnside – Pacifica has proposed a 4-storey seniors' housing project.
- 2821 Irma – Pacifica has also proposed a 12-unit family housing project on the existing site.

Strategic Planning

- tabled

Rachel provided an update on the Rock Bay Landing Good Neighbour meetings

- The group has been meeting bi-monthly and they have been poorly attended. Meeting time has been moved to 5pm to allow neighbourhood residents to attend so expecting a larger turnout this month.

ACTION: Avery will follow up with Mark to talk about the Strategic Plan and next steps.

R4R

BGCA is currently at 37% of our goal in the Ride for Refuge. Avery encouraged any board members not participating in the event to donate to one of the existing teams.

Cecelia Ravine Park

The City of Victoria will be coming back to the community in October for the second phase of consultation around the redevelopment of the new park space on the far side of Cecelia Ravine.

Rock Bay Land

Avery shared that the Rock Bay Lands are being explored as a possible site for a new casino to be developed.

Review Action Items

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Next Meeting

Next meeting October 23rd

Adjournment

7:40pm