

# **Victoria West Community Association Board Meeting**

**October 27th, 2009**

7:00pm – 9:30pm

Present: Audrey Whittall, Patti Parkhouse, Grant Keddie, Mike Medland, Michael Hawkins, Nan, Diane Carr, Louise Wood, Jody Watson, Bernie Gudet, Jo-Ann Youmans

Regrets: Jane Baigent, Charlene Simon

**Call to order:** 7:02pm

**Approval of Minutes** – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Moved by Bernie Gaudet, seconded by Michael Hawkins

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Mike Medland, seconded by Audrey Whittall

## **Business from the Floor/New Business**

- Terms of Reference for Nominating Committee
  - Introduced by Nan Judd
  - Call to participate on the Committee did not result in anyone stepping forward
- City of Victoria 2010 Olympic Celebration Grant
  - Discussion included the size of the grant being meagre
  - Suggestion to purchase a projector (Michael to investigate)
  - Suggestion to purchase a screen (Grant to investigate)
  - Grant to put forward the grant for funds
- CRD Initiative to re-zone land going out toward Port Renfrew

Jane Baigent provided information about a meeting tomorrow night at Uvic regarding the proposed re-zoning

## **Old Business**

- **Committee Terms of Reference**
  - Terms of Reference for Land Use committee pending discussion of Land Use Committee.
  - Terms of Reference Food Security – change to report to the Board. The Community Association is still paying for business licence. Patti to follow up

with Lee to see if Food Roots should be paying.

**Motion to adopt changes to the Food Security Terms of Reference. Mike Medland moved, Grant Keddie seconded. Carried**

- Vision Map and First Nations
  - Grant to continue pursuing approval by first nations of the Map.
  - Patti indicated the school expressed appreciation for the map, which spawned a classroom exercise to explore the community and get to know the names.
  
- **President's Report – Jo-Ann Youmans**
  - *Community Association Network CAN Status* – decision to continue as an group, will meet bi-monthly
  
  - *Needle Exchange* -Not too much news to provide, Princess street location still under discussion
  
  - *New Members*  
Clement Wehner, Russell Street

**Motion to accept new member application: Moved by Grant Keddi, seconded by Patti Parkhouse. Carried**

- **Treasurers Report – Mike Medland**

Report circulated with minutes.

- Corn roast revenues haven't been seen, but they were apparently in line with expectations
- New budget will be discussed with Board
- Suggestion to bring any spending suggestions to the Board

**Motion to accept report. Moved by Grant keddie, seconded by Audrey Whittall. Approved**

- **Community Y Report (presented by J. Youmans)**

- Steve sends his regrets
- If H1N1 case were to arise at the Community Y, the Centre would be required to shut down.

- **Report from City Hall – Councillor John Luton**

- Expressed appreciation for being a judge at the pie eating competition
- *Victoria International Marina Proposal*
  - o Not sure where province is with City's letter
  - o City pushing on Riparian rights issue, to ensure there are no adverse impacts on the adjacent park
  - o Comment regarding concern about the visual representation of the Marina in the harbour (i.e. rendering that includes appearance of boats)
  - o Concern about lack of consistency with proposal renderings
- *Harbour Airport Report*
  - o Will be forth coming in November
  - o Comment made about establishing a carrying capacity for the harbour
  - o City is trying to push the feds away from draft guidelines and toward firmer guidelines and to establish a more prescribed process for community consultation on future decision making
  - o Jo-Ann to send copy of CA letter to John that was sent to the City
- *Galloping Goose* - completed at the Railyards. Delineation of cycling and pedestrian traffic still pending.
- *E&N Rail Trail* – has begun in View Royal and Langford.
- *Johnson Street Bridge*
  - o federal funds came through, amounting to \$21million (largest grant in history), Province has not committed any funds to date.
  - o allying with other Municipalities to approach the Province in contributing for the rail portion of the project.
  - o Borrowing bylaw scheduled for a week or so, followed by counter option whereby people may generate and populate a petition for a month after the bylaw
  - o More refined renderings were shared
  - o Consultation with Victoria West community on road approaches still a commitment of the City
  - o Consultation on the approaches was discussed. Input on community in a manner that is inclusive and listened to.
  - o Exclusion of the community on the special task force due to not wanting to have “special interest” representation was described as a red herring
  - o John expressed a commitment to champion the communities interest in being an integrated part of the approach development rather than a “special interest”
  - o Jo-Ann to send note to Jane requesting she contact the City on consultation
- *Sewage treatment plant*
  - o brief discussion on locating a plant (Pacific Steel site, McLaughlan Point and BC Hydro sites referenced) and integrated resource management/co-generation option

- CRD must tell province by the end of the year what the plans are. Specific location of plants is not required
- **Transportation Report – Jane Baigent**
  - Jane to write a letter to City re-iterating the community’s interest in participating in the process of determining the approaches to the Johnson Street bridge
  - Jane encouraging others to write letters to Mike Lai if they are also interested in supporting community interest
  - Comment from a member to consider providing surveys that are unbiased
  - Comment made that the community input is being overlooked – trust level for City consequently very low
- **Communications Report – Louise Wood**
  - Louise has requested that whoever refers to the website as a source of information be sure the information has actually been posted
  - Significant learning curve around formatting issues, drawing away from time spent with content on the site; load time is time consuming
  - Sub-committee has been struck – any help is appreciated, training is provided
  - Changes to website banner may cost \$100 to reduce the number of headings
  - Suggestion that a specific form should be filled out to post anyone’s photos
  - Jane to send information to Louise for her information

**Motion to allocate \$100 to make changes to website. Moved by Louise Wood, seconded by Grant Keddie. Carried**

- **Harbour Report - Audrey Whittall**
  - Transport Canada sent letter to Paddlers, soliciting input from that particular group
  - Community Association received letter from the Deputy Minister of ILMB indicating our letter has been sent to staff for a response.
  - Media continues to be generated – some powerful media over the last week alone
  - Suggestion was made that the Community Association form an opinion on a smaller marina development and a recollection that the Community Association has officially filed letters stating it opposes “a marina” For further discussion
- **Land Use Committee – Bernie Gaudet**

- Summary reports on the following land use developments are pending:
  - o Skinner and Powderly Road re-zoning applications
  - o Bayview Properties seniors residence
  - o Dockside temporary re-zoning (parking lot and red fish blue fish)
- MOU and Charter still pending re the Neighbourhood planning process
- **Community Gardens Report – Patti Parkhouse**
  - Arbor construction planned for Rayne or Shine Community Garden using funds from grant. Quotes currently being sought
  - Work parties over the last two Saturdays – two volunteers showed up who live at Railyards and requested info on plans for building Bridges park. Community outreach and consultation will be initiated soon by Patti
  - Banfield commons work party generated only a couple of volunteer attendees
  - Hillside food security workshop – went to six backyard chicken coops. Patti is thinking of organizing a community chicken walk to profile chickens in Vic West
  - Crop at Banfield Commons is available with huckleberries and autumn berries
  - Signage plans are in the works – interest in having a common look with other community gardens
  - Suggestion to include pictures on the website
- **Parks and Environment Report – Jody Watson**
  - Vic West community is still in the queue for a Park Management plan
  - Three interpretive signs to be positioned in Vic West
- **Announcements**
  - Victoria Vital sign publication
  - AGM on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00pm. Let Jo-Ann or Nan know of any interest in active participation on the Board.
  - Royal Visit coming to Dockside Green Nov 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>

Adjourned at 9:05 pm