

Victoria West Community Association
General Meeting Minutes – Feb 7, 2012
7pm - Victoria West Community Centre

Board Members in attendance: Mike Medland, Jack Meredith, Nan Judd, Mark Fournier, Audrey Whittall, Reuben Bronee, Bernie Gaudet, Joy Illington and Brittany Gamble..

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Jack M.

Motion passed.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of October 25, 2011. An explanation of the date of these minutes is as follows: the meeting of Nov. was the Annual General Meeting. There was no general meeting of December. The general meeting of January was postponed to Feb 7, 2012.

Motion proposed by Mark F.

Motion passed.

3. Old Business

There was no old business raised.

4. Business from the Floor

None raised.

5. Reports:

a) President's report- Nan Judd

The President introduced new Board members and the Committees they are heading. Brittany Gamble is heading the Environment and Parks Committee and Jack Meredith is heading the Community Projects and Capacity Building Committee (about to be re-named.) Mike Medland is acting Vice-President. Brooke Hayes is on leave due to illness and we wish her a complete recovery and look forward to when she can re-join the Board.

All other Board members remain in the same positions which can be seen on the website at www.victoriawest.ca

The Boys and Girls Club will be providing services to run an Out-of-School program in September 2012 as the Y will be ending their contract in June, 2012.

The Community Centre Coordinator Suzette Delmage has provided her resignation for March 31, 2012. We are very grateful for her work in getting our Centre up and running and wish her all the best for her new endeavours.

b) Secretary's Report-Joy Illington

New membership applications by S Price of Wilson St. and G. Pascucci of Belton Ave. were received. Motion by Bernie G to accept these memberships.
Motion passed.

c) Treasurer's Report- Mike Medland

The December 2011 Financial Report showing a draft budget, Centre funds and Association funds were provided to the Board in advance. The Treasurer reported that expenses at the Centre were running at about 17% of year to date and revenue appears to be on track., although it is always a bit low in December as allowances are made for the holiday closure. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Brittany.
Motion passed.

d) Report of City Hall- Councillor Lisa Helps

Lisa Helps could not attend this meeting however she will be attending the Mardi Gras Potluck on Feb 19 at 5pm and the general meeting on Feb 28 at 7pm.

6. Committee Reports

a) Communications -Rueben Bronee

Rueben introduced the new VWCA website and Louise Wood demonstrated it. Louise was thanked for the huge volunteer effort that she has dedicated to this. Suggestions were received about making the site more searchable and the contacts to the Centre and to Directors easier.
The Association's web costs have been reduced by almost 80% as a result of this Committee's work and it is greatly appreciated.

b) Transportation - Jack Meredith

Craigflower Road improvements beginning at Catherine and going to Coventry are beginning. Another place-making session has been advertised for Sunday Feb 12 so that peoples' concerns and preferences can be conveyed to the City. Johnson St bridge approaches will be discussed at the next Land Use Committee meeting in March or April. The E&N Trail has been holding off activation until safe crossings have been negotiated. Speed indicator signs should be on Craigflower- about the same time as the construction projects begin.

c) Community Projects & Capacity Building -Jack Meredith

Jack explained a name change to simplify the Committee's purpose was desirable. He proposed it be called Projects and Events Committee. Brittany moved the motion. Motion passed.
Revised Terms of Reference for the Committee were sent in advance to the Committee and were approved.

There are 26 events planned for 2012, including some events for Vic West Urban Farmers. (VWUF) Patti announced that a pruning workshop would be held Feb 12, and a food event on Feb 18 . Contact Patti, Project Coordinator, VicWest Food Security Collective email: vicwestgarden@yahoo.ca
Vic West Fest to be held on May 12 will have a call for volunteers soon.

A funding request was made to allocate \$500 for Vic West Art Quest. Jane Baigent explained this will assist them to hold an Art Walk at the same time as Vic West Fest this year- primarily for posters and the brochure.

A funding request was made to allocate \$200 to the Coordinator of the Community potluck dinners. This is mainly to fund coffee, tea and milk for dinners and up until now has been funded by the event coordinator herself.

Both requests were the subject of motions which were voted on and passed.

d] Community Centre- Mark Fournier

Mark reviewed the business planning process as it connected with the strategic planning session of Oct 2011. The Committee is interested in including more volunteers and is currently discussing how to facilitate community engagement as a way of finding out what the community wants and needs. He welcomes input through the website: communitycentre@victoriawest.ca

e) Land Use Report- Bernie Gaudet

Recent business of the Committee included a proposed small lot subdivision on Pine St, the Point Hope presentation for development plans and the Johnson St. bridge approaches which are not yet fully designed and which Vic West community has a real interest in affecting. Future meetings will include more detailed presentations on Point Hope and on the Johnson St. Bridge.

e) Harbour Report- Audrey Whittall

The Committee will shortly have a water tour of boats that are moored off Banfield Park without permission, lease whether they have tenants aboard or not. There are currently about 16. There is continued concern about “watersquatters” and the environmental and navigational hazard they may pose. This will further work that is being done to call for the various jurisdictions concerned to unite in their efforts to take action to regulate and limit this.

f) Parks and Environment- Brittany Gamble

There are plans for a natural playground for children, an environmental video series, and some proposed art projects. More details will be added in the future.

4. Next Meeting Date:

Annual General Meeting will be Feb 28th at 7pm.

Call to terminate the general meeting at 8:40 pm