

Victoria West Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2010

Present: Board members Jo-Ann Youmans (Chair) Mike Medland, Grant Keddie, Nan Judd, Patti Parkhouse, Megan Parrish, Jody Watson, and City of Victoria Councillor John Luton.

Regrets: Bernie Gaudet, Louise Wood, Carolyn Morris, Audrey Whittall, Diane Carr and Michael Hawkins.

The business meeting was preceded by a presentation by the City of Victoria regarding the community planning process and a monthly report from City Hall provided by Councillor John Luton.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

1. Approval of minutes February 23, 2010:

Moved by Patti Parkhouse to approve the minutes.

Carried

2. Approval of agenda:

Moved by Jody Watson to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Directors liability insurance, and
- Grant applications added to the President's Report

Carried

3. President's report:

I. Y Transition:

- A City staff report that recommends the VWCA take over the operation of the facility will go to the Council Governance & Priorities Committee this week. The report as noted by Councillor Luton will also recommend that \$105, 000 for improvements to the building and start-up costs be provided. After approval is received the City and the VWCA will negotiate the operations contract.
- Jo-Ann remarked that as we move into the operation of the facility the governance processes of the board will, of necessity, become more formal.

II. New members:

Moved by Mike Medland to approve the following new members: Rueben Bronee, Winona Waldron, Mathiew Larente, Patrick Stewart, Linda Daum, and Jim Toner.

Carried

III. Biosolid Waste Management

Jo-Ann sent a letter to the CRD requesting a community consultation about the proposed facility with Victoria West residents and was advised that Stantec Consultants will be conducting a public consultation process. Subsequently, Jo-Ann met with John Steil and Gillian Aubie Vines of Stantec, along with Vicki Jackson from the Burnside Gorge Association, to discuss issues & a community meeting; however, the consultants would not commit the CRD to a community meeting and they have not answered Jo-Ann's follow up questions to the meeting.

Action: A public meeting to inform the community about the proposed biosolids facility is still desired and Jo-Ann will contact Jane to discuss.

IV. Director's Liability Insurance

Motion: Moved by Jo-Ann that the VWCA purchase director's liability insurance and apply to the City for reimbursement.

Carried.

V. Grants:

The following grants are available to the association, funded by the City: a Base Grant for operation of the VWCA, a Neighbourhood Greenways Grant and Matching Grants of up to \$5000. Deadline to apply for grants is May 1st.

Action: Mike Medland will complete the Base Grant application and will look at the Matching Grant application. Jody will look at the Greenways Grant.

4. New business/Business arising from the floor.

I. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws:

Mike Medland addressed proposed changes to the constitution to permit the operation of a facility and to become a charitable organization under the income tax laws. He also addressed proposed changes to the bylaws allowing the election of directors for two year terms and the election of officers of the board from the slate of elected directors.

Action: The board will consider the proposed changes for approval to take forward to the membership.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Mike Medland to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Discussion regarding the status of the Community Enhancement Grant that is allocated to applying the Visions map to the utility boxes in Victoria West. Grant is still awaiting a response from the First Nations bands regarding the burial designation for the two islands.

Carried

6. *Report from City Hall—provided by Councillor John Luton preceding meeting.*

- John will verify the rumour that Harbour Air will be taking over Westcoast Air and investigate the ramifications for the number of flights in the harbour.
- John reported that City Engineering is aware of the parking issue on Selkirk by the Sunset Lodge and asks that residents report illegal parking for enforcement by the Bylaw Officer.
- Asphalt stamping has progressed on the Goose and this pathway is anticipated for use by walkers. City Engineering is aware of concerns raised regarding this type of surface for people using walkers.
- Westsong Way trees removed were deemed dangerous and the community was not consulted for that reason. When trees are removed for aesthetic reasons, the community will be consulted.
- Regarding the estimated \$30,000 owed to the community for the development of Triangle Park, Parks and Recreation reported those monies were diverted to the upgrade of Banfield Park.
- City staff are recommending that \$105, 000 be approved for improvements to the Y building
- Issues in progress include:
 - Graffiti in the community
 - Barge breaking at Point Hope—sound readings indicate no noise bylaws being broken but investigations continue into approved uses.
 - Esquimalt Road project is being tweaked for parking.
 - Hydro poles at Tyee and Regatta Landing have been moved.

7. *Harbour Report — Audrey Whittall was not present to provide the report.*

8. *Land Use — Bernie Gaudet was not present to provide a report.*

9. *Communications Report — Louise Woods*

Louise was not present but reported by email that this month the communications committee worked on the following issues:

- a. communications planning, including a long term strategic plan and short term goals such as preparing a communications survey (on-line and hard copy) and a page of info regarding the approaching changes to be available at Vic West Fest.
- b. Organizing community oriented photos with a link on our site to Flickr, a photo hosting site.

10. Parks & Environment Report — Jody Watson

- a. Discussion about how the Parks Master Plan and the Forest Stewardship Plan were going to relate to the Official Community Plan.

Action: Jody to put the question to Cameron

- b. When Jody followed up with the City regarding trees removed in Banfield Park and along the Westsong Way she was informed that the trees were considered danger trees. Jody asked the City to, in future, inform the community when trees will be removed and that the City consider leaving trees on the ground for nurse logs, rather than bucking them up for firewood.

11. Community Garden Report — Patti Parkhouse

Patti brought a basket of greenery growing in Banfield Park and is available for picking.

- a. The arbour project at the Rayne or Shine garden is incomplete.

Action: The gardeners will discuss how this will be rectified.

12. Announcements

1. The Victoria Police has an online reporting system available at: www.vicpd.ca
2. The Save the Harbour Rally will be held on April 17th at 11 am.

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Mike Medland to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Carried.