

Victoria West Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2012
7pm - Victoria West Community Centre

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

Regrets: Joy Illington

Before the meeting began, Nan presented a farewell gift to Suzette, who gave a short speech. Refreshments were offered before the meeting came to an official beginning.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve amended agenda (circulated by Nan prior to the meeting) by Reuben.
Carried.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February 28th, 2012.
Brittany amended 4C – the motion was sponsored by Brittany, not Jack.
Motion to approve by Mike as amended by Brittany.
Carried.

2. Old Business

There was no old business raised.

3. Business from the Floor

No business was raised from the floor.

4. Reports:

a) President's report- Nan Judd

i) Kate Longpre's start date was officially announced as April 16th. She will take the position on as full time. Jamie and Cherie will continue as part time positions for the evenings.

ii) Two new applications for membership were presented:

B. Jones of Songhees
K. Ramsey-Cline of Central Spur

Motion to approve by Bernie. Carried.

b) Treasurer's Report- Mike Medland

The Financial Report for February 2012 was provided in advance. The Treasurer reported that revenue at the Centre was ahead in rentals, expenses were slightly below, as was programming (but he mentioned that it has been a slower winter overall). The centre has received its City grant for January – April of 2012. The balance will be in July.

It was announced to the public that we received an \$800 hiring credit from the federal government- attributed to the Association's account.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Jack.
Carried.

d) Report of City Hall- Councillor Lisa Helps

- Noted that the council is considering moving grant money to a more competitive system (Civic Investment Strategy), which she said will force a review of processes and values. (No more "money out the door because it has always been that way" - it will be more accountable)
- Member brought up the concern of the definition of value – is it qualitative or quantitative?
- Proposed three year cycle – would be more secure funding.
- Bernie recommended proposing a review of contract vs. Grant applications
- The official community plan by law is being released this upcoming Thursday. Any feedback should be directed to the council.
- This OCP would be based on a 30 year plan, but it was recommended by a member that we have 1-2 months for input.
- She would like to hear more questions/comments/feedback from the community and requested members come to meetings prepared with some, or attend her regular coffee hours.

6. Committee Reports

a) Communications –Rueben Bronee

A member asked about the e-mail distribution list; it was stated that the board is working on a communications policy that acts as an umbrella over all media and other communications.

b) Community Projects & Events –Jack Meredith

Jack listed some of the upcoming events, and announced the release of the VWF poster. A member asked about community displays at the VWF.

The Gorge Waterway Action Society requested to re-join VWF and host an aquarium display, and requested a letter of support from the association for their grant application. Jack will work with her to get details sorted out.

Audrey and Jack will work together on ideas for the Gorge Waterway Festival in August.

Volunteers for Vic West Fest were invited to contact Jack at 250-588-2525 or projectsandevents@victoriawest.ca

c) Transportation - Jack Meredith

- filed his report in advance
- Announced the start of sidewalk construction alongside the shops on lower Craigflower.

d) Land Use Committee- Bernie Gaudet

- See Report filed in advance
- Next meeting on May 15th

e) Community Centre Report_ Mark Fournier

He recommended that we need to evaluate the costs of waste management, and possibly look into the costs of composting.

- Social media will be utilized more
- See his report filed in advance

f) Harbour Report- Audrey Whittall

- see Report that she filed in advance

g) Parks and Environment- Brittany Gamble

- The Environmental video series started on March 7.
- Will be contacting Darb regarding having a table at VWF
- Will prepare a letter to distribute to local businesses regarding graffiti

New Business:

Mark mentioned removing the 50 km/h sign along Craigflower, since it is now a 40/30 zone. Lisa Helps stated that would be an issue that needs to be presented to council.

Patti expressed concern regarding the walkability of the trail along the train tracks crossing Esquimalt Road. There are fences blocking a safe route – we need a gate. It was brought up that a portable speed display sign would be nice to have along Craigflower to encourage drivers to slow down.

Next monthly Board Meeting will be Tuesday April 24 at 7pm.

Call to terminate the general meeting at 8:50 pm.