

## For Approval

### Victoria West Community Association Board Meeting Minutes May 25, 2010

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Present: Jo-Ann Youmans (Chair) Mike Medland, Grant Keddie, Nan Judd, Patti Parkhouse, Megan Parrish, and Jody Watson, Carolyn Morris, Bernie Gaudet, Michael Hawkins, Diane Carr and Audrey Whittall.

Regrets: Louise Wood, Joy Illington and John Luton, City of Victoria Councillor.

The business meeting was preceded by an Extraordinary General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

*1. Approval of minutes April 27, 2010:*

Amendments:

- Item #4: Parents are prepared to pay \$60 per year.
- Item #7 Amended to correct spelling of Mike Medland's sir name.

*Moved by Audrey Whittall to approve the amended minutes.*

Carried

*2. Approval of agenda:*

*Moved by Jody Watson to approve the agenda with the following addition:*

- Biosolids waste management under the President's Report.

Carried

*3. New Business:*

Issue: Boats moored on bay off Banfield Park.

- City is taking hands off approach for now.
- A letter objecting to the mooring of boats for safety reasons was sent to Transport Canada by Barry Hobbs of the **Harbour Ferries**
- Jody Watson reported that Transport Canada's responsibility ends at the Selkirk Trestle so the Harbour Authority has no jurisdiction over the Banfield Park bay. However, TC has some responsibility under the Navigable Waters Act but their stance is that the moored boats do not pose a safety hazard.
- There is a City owned water lot off Banfield Park outside of which the boats are moored so the City does not accept jurisdiction.
- The same mooring issue exists in Esquimalt and the RCMP Marine Unit patrols there regularly.

- The Town of Sidney has passed a bylaw to limit mooring of boats in their local bay and if boats are moored beyond the time limit set by the Town, boat owners are charged moorage.
- DND has derelict boats removed from their waters but the City of Victoria does not want to do the same and incur the costs of removing the boats.

Action: Jody will follow-up on today's meeting of local mayors to determine whether any decision was taken with regard to the moored boats issue.

*Moved by Grant Keddie that the VWCA write to the City of Victoria and Transport Canada expressing concern with the moorage of boats off Banfield Park.*

Carried

4. *President's report-Jo-Ann Youmans:*

*I. Y Transition:*

- Jo-Ann provided a quick update regarding staffing, the proposed contract with the City to operate the facility, closure of the building in August for improvements.
- For the month of July, the Y will continue to operate their daycare and the Pheonix Programme will continue to operate in the facility.
- Jody Watts acknowledged Jo-Ann for the hours of work she has done to facilitate the association taking over the operation of the facility and programs.

*II. New members:*

*Moved by Grant to approve the following new members: Julie Brown, Jen Burbaum, Suzette Delmage, Steve Wilson, Naomi Adams, Donna Jonas, Gary Katila, and Marilene Pomerleau.*

Carried

*III. Biosolid Waste Management*

- The CRD did not respond to Jo-Ann's invitation to a community meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed facility resulting in the cancelation of the meeting.
- Jane Baigent offered to regularly email the CRD and the Core Area Liquid Waste Management group to request a meeting for the purpose of answering questions from the community regarding the proposal to build a biosolids facility in the Upper Harbour.

Action: Jane will draft a letter to the CRD and the Core Area Liquid Waste Management group to request a meeting for the purpose of answering questions requesting a meeting with the community and forward the letter to the board for vetting prior to the letter being sent.

5. *Treasurer's Report-Mike Medland*

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

Carried

6. *Parks & Environment-Jody Watson:*

- Interpretive signs are being erected and will be unveiled on Ocean's Day June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Tree planting in Banfield Park to be scheduled.
- Repainting in Vic West Park will include the skate board park
- Concerns expressed regarding pick-up of garbage and refuge in our parks.

7. *Harbour Report-Audrey Whittall:*

- A written report was provided. Audrey referred to the recent article in the Focus Magazine regarding the proposed marina on the North Shore of the harbour.

8. *Communications Report-Louise Wood.*

- Submitted in writing by Louise who was not able to attend the meeting.

9. *Community Gardens Report: Patti Parkhouse:*

- Patti showed a basket of edible plants that she brought in from the Banfield Park Community Garden and encouraged members to explore and pick the plants growing in the garden.
- Grant reported that the Vic West Fest was a huge success this year thanks to volunteers who gave of their time and talents.

10. *Announcements:*

- The next meeting, scheduled June 29<sup>th</sup>, will be moved forward to July 7<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Y's use of the gym for their move out on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the first general membership meeting in the new Victoria West Community Centre.

11. *Adjournment:*

*Moved by Grant Keddie to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Carried.*