

Victoria West Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015

Board Members Present: Bernie Gaudet (Chair), Mike Medland, Kim O’Leary, Nan Judd, Dar Purewall, Robin Rombs, Doran Musgrave, Audrey Whittall (Acting Secretary)

Regrets: Diane Carr, Jaclyn Casler, and Jack Meredith

Guests: Ben Isitt, City Councilor; Members: Louise Wood, Simeon Goa, Frank Gatto, John Mullane, Justine Simmons, Robin Dunbar

Bernie Gaudet called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Agenda: It was moved by Nan Judd, and seconded, that the Agenda be approved.
Carried

Adoption of Minutes of January 27, 2015 meeting. It was moved by Kim O’Leary and seconded, that the Minutes be adopted. Carried

Business Arising: It was moved by Nan Judd, and seconded, that the Draft Policy for Procedures and Protocol of Directors Meetings be tabled until the next meeting. Carried.

Report from City Hall: Bernie introduced Ben Isitt, Member of City of Victoria City Council who then addressed the meeting.

Ben encouraged residents to attend a City Planning meeting to be held on March 23 at 7:00 pm, which will cover areas such as the City Strategic Plan, Budget, and Priorities. He encouraged residents to bring suggestions to the City. Ben also mentioned the Victoria West Community Association Orchard and Food Security Program. Ben suggested that the 7 kilometers of land owned by the City was a possible area for the City to increase food security.

Questions from the public regarding crosswalks in some areas such as Hayward & Wilson were discussed. Ben suggested that the Community might have suggestions regarding crosswalks, which should be part of the Policy. In the interim, Ben suggested that residents circulate a petition, signed by community members, to Mayor and Council that outlines their interest.

Bernie asked about the process regarding rights of way, etc., and suggested possible discussion regarding City Grants to the Centre, which has more recreation programming than any other center in the City. Bernie then thanked Ben for his report from the City.

Report: President – Bernie highlighted items from the Association Strategic Plan and the need to focus on it, following the current work to strengthen the management framework of the Association. He mentioned Fund Raising Policy and the Resilient Neighborhood Initiative. It was moved, and seconded, that the President’s Report be accepted. Carried.

Report: Treasurer - Mike briefly reviewed the January Financial Statement, and moved acceptance of his Report, which was seconded, and Carried.

Financial Committee Terms of Reference: It was moved by Nan Judd, and seconded, that the Financial Terms for the Finance Committee be approved. Carried.

Report: Secretary – In the absence of the Secretary, Bernie Gaudet moved that Ellen Rowe, and Emily Zhong be approved as members of the Victoria West Community Association. The Motion was seconded and Carried.

Report: Communications Committee – Dar Purewall briefly discussed the Committee Operation Plan Update, the Communication Guide, and ongoing business. Dar then moved the Communications Committee Action Plan be accepted, seconded, and Carried.

Report – Community Centre Committee – The Community Centre Committee Action Plan received from Kim O’Leary and moved by Nan Judd, was seconded and Carried.

Report – Projects & Events – In the absence of Jack Meredith it was moved by Nan Judd that the recommended revised terms of reference for the Projects & Events Committee be approved. Carried.

Report - Governance - It was moved by Nan Judd, that Governance Committee Terms of Reference, revised February 2015 be approved, seconded and Carried. Further, it was recommended that an update on the Projects and Events Committee Action Plan be received, and was approved.

Report - Food Security Collective – A note from Ava re Food Security was mentioned, as well as suggestions re events and possible risks that the Board should be aware of. It was suggested that the Board accept revised terms of reference and may want to include landowners, developers, etc., as partners. It was suggested the risk factor requires disclaimers. A motion to accept the Food Security Terms of Reference was defeated. A motion to table the report was Carried.

Report - Harbour Committee - It was moved by Audrey Whittall that the Harbour Committee Action Plan be tabled until the next Board meeting. Carried.

Report - Land Use Committee – It was moved by Doran Musgrove that the Land Use Committee Revised Terms of Reference, and Action Plan, be tabled until the next meeting. Carried.

Transportation Committee – It was recommended that the Transportation Committee focus on areas of concern such as the sidewalk at Banfield Park.

New Business - The President recommended the Board accept an invitation from Shellie Gudgeon to attend a series of events regarding amalgamation.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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