

Victoria West Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes – Oct 30, 2012
7pm - Victoria West Community Centre

Board Members in attendance: Mike Medland, Jack Meredith, and Joy Illington

Regrets: Nan Judd, Mark Fournier, Audrey Whittall, Bernie Gaudet, and Brittany Gamble-Sims.

NOTE: The Board required 4 members to have a quorum so although the meeting was held, no decisions were taken at the meeting. Mike conducts meeting as Vice-President as there are 2 people there to make reports and about 10 members of the public in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

No motion to approve.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

No motion to approve minutes of Sept 25th.

3. Reports:

a) Secretary's report- Joy Illington

The Secretary presented 3 new member applications but no motion could be made for membership. Current membership is at 418.

b) Treasurer's Report- Mike Medland

The Treasurer presented the draft Financial Report for the month of Sept. covering the budget, year to date revenue of the Association and of the Centre and expenses to date.

No motion to approve Treasurer's report.

Patti Parkhouse asks what decision has been made about the funds for the CornRoast which were donated in a barrel marked donations for future Cornroasts. No decision has been made as the Board has not met since Sept 25th when she last asked that question. She expresses great frustration saying she has been asking this since last year.

She is told that Board members will be polled and she will receive a decision before our next meeting.

Mike explains the proposed Task Force on Fundraising for 2012-13 and circulates the draft Terms of Reference.

Both Jack Meredith and Denis Fredette volunteer for the Task Force.

Jane Baigent questions the Corn Roast, Vic West Fest or the Gorge Swim Fest events being included as fundraising- this is not their purpose-community building is.

Michael Major comments that the Board seems to be preoccupied with money to run the Centre and not with community building any longer. He suggests that the ToR be discussed along with this topic at the AGM.

Lisa Helps offers to do a visioning session for the community one Sat or Sun in January- she has lots of experience as a facilitator. She is thanked for the offer- we will follow-up.

Our intention is to circulate the Terms of Reference and to ask for participation from our membership on the Task Force.

c) Centre Manager's Report- Kate Longpre

Kate gives the highlights including Santa's Breakfast, rentals for advance polling, planning for programs for spring/summer.

d) Report of City Hall- Councillor Lisa Helps

Lisa talks about the initiative of orchard in parks as part of pilot project for food in public parks., she appreciates that Vic West and Downtown Res. Assoc will get quarterly bridge progress updates as an efficiency, and she apologizes that she will be unable to attend the AGM.

4. Committee Reports

a) Land Use - not available

b) Harbour- not available

c) Parks and Environment-

Ted Jackson makes a presentation on behalf of the anti-Ivy League. This is a group of citizens who some years ago formed under the auspices of this Committee (Parks and Env.) to pull ivy and other invasive weeds from Banfield Park. They have broadened their reach with the City's encouragement and are now doing part of the Gorge along the Galloping Goose. The City has suggested they put up a sign explaining what they are doing and why. The League requests the use of Vic West Community Assoc. logo to put on the sign. He agrees it would be a good idea to keep a bit better contact and offers to be the contact person for the group.

He is told that Board members will be polled and he will receive a decision before our next meeting.

d) Community Centre Report- not available

e) Community Projects & Events -Jack Meredith

A slide show of recent photos is given. Jack asks Patti to present info on the Hereward Park orchard design and the Bamfield orchard pilot. Hereward is a contest that the Vic West Food Security group and Transition St won and is basically still to be approved in order to get the money for purchase of materials. There is an enthusiastic group at work participating in design and a second design night will be held. "Money for design but no trees" as Patti put it. Bamfield fruit orchard is "Trees but no money for design". The City will supply trees and mow and water them but the VWCA is expected to prune and harvest. Patti will supply through volunteers the work and tools necessary but does foresee some costs which she is still negotiating with the City for. She is encouraged to see the City take these baby steps for a pilot for food security. **She needs a decision about whether the Board supports this initiative. She is told that Board members will be polled and she will receive a decision before our next meeting.**

f) Transportation - Jack Meredith

A brief report is provided on the current status of the plans for lighting, and planting the commercial area where the Hemp store and Red Wheat Bakery is.

g) Nomination Committee- Joy Illington and Jack Meredith

A brief report is provided on the current status of recruitment of candidates and the three present are introduced at the meeting: Denis Fredette, Rebecca Kennel and Simeon Goa. The AGM for Tuesday Nov 25 at 7pm and a Vision Award to be given to Denise Savoie and for apple pie to be served are announced.

5. No Business Carried Forward.

6. New Business:

Ali Edgell makes a brief presentation for a Vic West Emergency Prep Committee. She had previously prepared a detailed plan which had been circulated to the Board. She wants to do this in assoc. with the VWCA, she wants to integrate our plan with VEMA, she notes Fairfield and James Bay Community Assoc both have Emergency Prep Committees and she says the ones in Saanich are eligible for public grants due to their connections with community assoc. She collected a list of volunteers at Corn Roast so there is plenty of interest and she volunteers to chair the Committee, if we approve one.

She asks for a decision about whether the Board supports this initiative. She is told that Board members will be polled and she will receive a decision before our next meeting.

7. Announcements:

Next Potluck in December 16?

8. Next Meeting Date: AGM Nov 27th 2012 at 7pm