

Date: June 30, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Vic West Community Centre (521 Craigflower Road)

Members in Attendance: B. Gaudet President, J. Casler Secretary, M. Medland, Treasurer, D. Carr Past President, A. Whittall, R. Rombs

Regrets: J. Meredith Vice President, N. Judd, D. Purwell

Others in Attendance: Councillor Loveday
5 members of the public

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda for the board meeting of June 30, 2015

MOTION

That the agenda as amended to show removal of grant items related to the Community centre committee for the Board meeting of June 30, 2015 be approved

**Moved and seconded
Carried Unanimously**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the board meeting of May 26, 2015

MOTION

That the minutes for the Board meeting of May 26, 2015 be approved.

**Moved and seconded
Carried Unanimously**

3. Report from City Hall

- City Hall Report from Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Loveday provided a brief update on items related to Vic West. He spoke of how the Roundhouse development went through a successful Public Hearing for the commercial phases and was very well received by council & public. He said that he helped facilitate a meeting between Dockside residents and representatives of developments for the affordable housing component at Dockside specific to privacy concerns. Related to this, Loveday indicates that Dockside reps have since reported back on the two major concerns of current residents regarding proposed entrances to Affordable housing units and the privacy of both the affordable housing units and surrounding residents.

On issue of Banfield park being designated as sheltering space, Loveday spoke of having received many emails in opposition to this idea and so Council is quite

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sure that Banfield park is not the best place. In response to a question of what makes a park a good fit for being a designated sheltering space, Loveday spoke of bus routes, centrality of social service providers, proximity to residential housing as well as topography & geography of site.

On issue of sewage treatment at Banfield park, Loveday spoke of how the site being tagged as “Yellow” means that it could still work with certain restrictions. Related to this, Loveday invited board members and residents to weigh in online via ethelo so that they can comment on proposed solutions.

Loveday indicated that the Pandora bike lanes are coming back to GPC and then Council with a recommendation for a two way cycle track. He encouraged everyone to weigh in online.

In response to questions about harbour places and the harbour marina, Loveday spoke of how he met with Bob Evans & the Victoria City Manager & that Bob Evans believes that because the site is federal lands additional city approval is not needed. Loveday also spoke of how concerns continue to be received about the continued existence of green fencing at site. On issue float planes, Loveday indicated that he has a motion written with Lucas (to come forward to GPC in July) to request that Transport Canada come and talk to the City after the election. This will be brought forward in July. If and when meeting gets booked, Loveday will alert Vic West.

ACTION

Loveday to provide September update on development parameters for when permits expire for the harbour development. Will also follow up on site fencing

In response to a question about Vic West park, Loveday spoke briefly of public engagement planned this year to gather input related to what sort of changes folks would like to see at Vic West park. Once this input is gathered, associated improvements to the park will be planned for in 2016.

In response to questions about the request for a meeting from Neighbours team, a brief discussion ensued on how it is meant to explore how the city can best support needs of the VWCA into the future and how the association can leverage the city. BG indicated that he responded for either end of month meeting for August or September.

In response to questions about development of Bridges park & community consultation in Railyards from Patty P, Loveday spoke of how the park is to be a community amenity. He wasn't sure of consultation requirements related to it though so he committed to finding more information. It was discussed how this park is meant to be a Natural City park.

In response to questions about whether painted crosswalks at City Hall represent precedent for community painting on streets and whether similar possibilities exist for village creation on Craigflower, no commitments from Loveday were made.

4. REPORTS

A. President - Bernie Gaudet

BG spoke briefly of how there will be no meeting in July or August for the community association and that he still has to get in contact with Jim for strategic planning. BG will be sending out a Doodle poll related to having the board convene again in September to discuss next steps in strategic planning process and how and where to use the community process that was involved in producing the Vic West map a few years back.

B. Vice President - Jack Meredith

Absent - No report

C. Treasurer - Mike Medland

- May VWCA Financial Statements

MM spoke briefly to the Financial statements that had been emailed out.

MOTION

That the May VWCA Financial Statements be received.

**Moved and seconded
Carried Unanimously**

ACTION

MM will provide comprehensive report on New Youth Project Accounting Due September Board Meeting

D. Secretary - Jaclyn Casler

- New Members for approval:

MOTION

That Bob Nicol & Trish Chruszlz of Russell Street, Tammy Brookes of Tyee Rd, Carmen Burnay Regatta Landing, Alice Madsen Edward Street, Keith Preston Regatta Landing, Joanne Balchin Raynor Ave, Roseanne Harvey Catherine Street, Sheila Soward Cooperage Place & Natalia Ferreira Tyee Road be approved as members of the Victoria West Community Association.

**Moved and seconded
Carried Unanimously**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

E. Communications - Dar Purwell

Absent - No Report

F. Community Centre - Diane Carr

DC spoke of how the New Youth project is complete and work has begun on programming for the fall. Re: Summer schedule - there will be camps for preschool and school age kids in August and Drop in classes will resume again in September. DC indicated that two new janitors have been hired for the centre and that Micro-grant submissions for building planting boxes (if successful) will be used for August children programming.

G. Events - Jack Meredith

Absent - No Report

H. Governance - Nan Judd

- Governance Committee Minutes May 2015
Were briefly discussed.

- Roberts Rules of Order related to assemblies, meetings, & procedures
Were briefly discussed.

- Directors Meeting Draft Governance Policy

It was briefly discussed how this new policy represents a substantial change by trying to offer ability to be informal sometimes because bylaws for VWCA meetings set out that we use Roberts rules.

- Executive Committee Terms of Reference
Only discussion on this item was a request for use of language "him or her"
- Communications Committee Terms of Reference
Not discussed because DP was absent.
- Discussion paper regarding amendments to Bylaw 35- Election of Directors

Marne Jensen was in attendance in place of NJ to speak to this issue - BG introduced it as a way of ensuring that fresh faces occupy and attend the board due to 6 year limitation. On question of pros & cons of directors serving more than 3 terms the following points were raised about the 6 year limitation:

Con = doesn't allow for fresh blood, make incumbents lazy about recruiting new blood.

Pro = fills a seat that would otherwise be vacant, keeps the society active, some times the people you have are the best you've got.

On the question of whether the fourth term is the final term or is it continuous, it was agreed that perhaps more clarity is needed.

A subsequent discussion ensued on whether clarification is needed for efforts of the nominating committee as well as questions of whether there are criteria for specific board seats in issue of board membership. It was highlighted how these criteria (once defined) could be held out against criticism from the community for keeping folks on the board. It was agreed that a vigorous nominating committee is required for soliciting new members to the board.

A vote was held on whether or not to make changes to the bylaw regarding changes to the Board Term limits in accordance with the Discussion Paper. The result of this vote: 6 to change & 3 to keep as is.

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A vote was then held on whether or not to use the Terms of Reference of the Nominating committee need to be addressed and criteria strengthened for selection and mandate to find subsequent board members. The results of this vote were: 10 for making these changes & 1 to keep as is.

RR & BG both commented on how the nominating committee is hard work

Everyone agreed though that it is important to be proactive on nominating committee as a preferences over retaining old members even though they're needed to keep the association active.

MOTION

That all attached documents from the Governance committee be approved:

- Directors Meeting Draft Governance Policy
- Executive Committee Terms of Reference (as amended)
- Communications Committee Terms of Reference

Moved and seconded

Carried

JC was Opposed

I. Food Security Collective - Robin Rombs

RR spoke of how activities during the last month were taken up with grant writing. He also spoke of recent issues with deer getting into the orchard either through the gates or under the gates. Regarding the outstanding issue of accident from Vic west fest when car drove into garden, there are apparently 2 options for repairing the damaged fence: 1) ICBC or 2) home insurance for replacement costs. The response from MM was that homeowner insurance does not provided the necessary coverage for this issue.

ACTION

AW will email contact info for insurance adjuster to Patty

J. Harbour - Audrey Whittall

AW spoke of how the Committee has been in touch with many representatives, but have not yet been contacted by developer despite assumption that application will have to go back to square one. On issue of Selkirk waterway, AW indicated that final approval is in the hands of the province and that no response is expected until September. On issue of air quality in the harbour, the committee is trying to estimate impact of removal of old buses from harbour as well as introduction of new boat from cruise ship terminal.

K. Land Use & Transportation - Doran Musgrove

DM spoke briefly of an offer received from the City to consult on the Burnside Gorge Douglas area plan and based on general interest at the meeting will coordinate a follow up. Regarding the previous CALUC meeting held in the gym, DG indicated that a summary is now available of resident concerns and that this summary will be sent to the City and also published on the VWCA website.

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L. Resilient Neighbourhood Resource Table (RNRT)

RR spoke briefly on the wrap up party held last weekend, that future plans are still unresolved but that RNRT organizers are planning for one final meeting in September to facilitate transition for organizations.

6. New Business

A brief discussion ensued on whether and how to arrange for a public question period at the start of Board meetings so as to make it easier for members of the Vic West Community to get involved in association process.

ACTION

How to generate good discussion - To be discussed at next retreat.

Related to this discussion also ensued on timing of Council updates during Board meetings and the following motion was passed:

Motion

That an interim requirement be established whereby the opportunity for City Hall updates occurs at the end of the monthly board meeting.

Moved and seconded

Carried

JC & DM opposed.

7. Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.