

Victoria West Community Association Board
General Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2011

In attendance: Mike Medland, Louise Wood, Rueben Bronee , Jack Meredith, Nan Judd, Marne Jensen, Bernie Gaudet, Megan Parish and Joy Illington.

Regrets: Audrey Whittall, Grant Keddie, and Mark Fournier

Call to Order: 7:05

Presentation:

Marg Gardiner, a member of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association made a presentation on air quality issues and studies that their Association has been involved in. She answered questions and concluded by inviting the Victoria West Community Association to join in the studies and to request a testing station to continue studies in the Songhees area.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Jack Meredith moved/Motion to approve agenda

Carried

2. Approval of Minutes:

Rueben Bronee moved/Motion to approve minutes of May 31, 2011 Board Meeting

One correction to the remarks of Councillor Alto re: the OCP referring to a park as “proposed”- that is an existing park.

Carried

3. Old Business:

Nan Judd responds to request from floor to have minutes of Committee of the Whole meetings available. The Board has unanimously approved that minutes will be posted to the web site- with the exception of matters such as personnel or legal advice that are dealt with in-camera. Nan congratulated the Food Security group for another very successful community potluck. 62 people attended the Summer Solstice celebration potluck- rave reviews on the food.

4. Business from the Floor: none raised

5. a) President’s Report- Nan Judd

The 2011/12 agreement for the Y to provide an out-of-school program has been signed. The proposed MOU for the Grow-A –Row program as a partnership between the Food Security group and LifeCycles and the Victoria Compost Centre has been approved by the Board and signed. She thanked Victoria West resident Leanne Hill who has volunteered to coordinate the program.

One new membership application from H. DaSilva-Taylor of Wilson Road was presented. Louise Wood moved/ Motion to approve the membership.

Carried.

5. b) Treasurer's Report-Mike Medland

A 3 page Financial Report for May 2011 was provided: noting assets, liabilities and net assets, revenue and expense for the general fund, centre and other funds, and also noting budget and year-to-date revenue and expenses for those categories. The Association is currently running ahead of budget, thanks in part to facility rentals, and to projected revenue from the camps to offset the lack of income from the Y program for the summer months. In response to questions about staff costs, Mike said the report shows we are in line with projections for staff salaries.

Bernie Gaudet moved/Motion to accept the Financial Report for May 2011.

Carried

5. c) Report from City Hall-Marianne Alto provided her regrets that she was not able to attend.

6. Committee Reports

a) Communications: Louise Wood and Rueben Bronee

Louise presented the results and an analysis of 58 responses to the on-line survey asking how people use the website and like to receive information. More than 10 % of the membership has responded so far which is a positive result for on line surveys.

Louise also presented the proposed organization of the new website and took suggestions from the floor about making it more efficient to access information. Rueben presented the signs under consideration for the Centre- these options will be provided for the membership to comment on.

b) Transportation: Jack Meredith

Jack presented the results of the City's work on the Craigflower Road improvement project and received many comments and questions from the floor. There was a strongly voiced opinion that although the City had solicited input that they were not following the suggestions they had received-specifically on raingardens rather than concrete fill-ins, and on angling crosswalks. Appreciation was expressed for the comprehensiveness of the Transportation Committee report.

c) Community Project and Capacity Building: Grant Keddie

Patti Parkhouse presented a report in Grant's absence. She introduced Ava – a resident of Victoria West, member of the Association and an accredited chef who is prepared to facilitate a community kitchen program of cooking, canning and food preparation. This will link to a network of other community kitchens in James Bay and the Pearkes area for instance, that participate in programs involving the community and for people in need and could be part of a program of the Centre. Patti was asked to work with Mark Fournier and with Suzette Delmage, Centre Coordinator to outline the next steps necessary to bring this proposal to life as a program.

Patti reported the 1st workshop of the Grow-a-Row program is to be July 11 at 6:30 on winter vegetables.

The Capital Mental Health program of recovery will also participate with the Food Security program to do clean-up on Monday mornings of Banfield Commons.

The Corn Roast has now been set for Saturday Sept 17 in association with local businesses who preferred that date, and will involve a lantern festival and a chalking event on Raynor Street.

d) Land Use: Bernie Gaudet

Bernie mentioned that the comments received on the OCP had been summarized and placed on the website.

e) Harbour: Audrey Whittall

Audrey sent her regrets but sent a report to the Board. There was a request from the floor to ask that a petition being circulated by Cathy and Yogi Carolsfield to preserve the Gorge Waterway Association be signed.

Next general meeting date: Sept 27, 2011 as the Board will not be holding general meetings in July or August.

Louise moved/ Motion to terminate the meeting 9:10 pm.
Carried.