



## **VWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 25, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

**Victoria West Community Centre**

In Attendance: Nan Judd (Chair), Justine Semmens, Mike Medland, Derek Pinto, Dar Purewall, Doran Musgrove, Rhianna Johns, Jeremy Loveday – Councillor Liaison, Kimberley Stratford – Neighbourhood Coordinator, Recorder: Cherie Miltimore.

**Regrets:** Audrey Whittall, Bernie Gaudet

**1. Call to order:** 8:15 pm. Nan thanked members for coming to the Meet and Greet to learn more about the VWCA.

### **2. Adoption of agenda**

**Motion:** *Moved by Mike that the agenda be adopted.* Carried.

**3. Approval of minutes from September 27, 2016 board meeting** - circulated to directors. Minutes approved from June 14, 2016 included in agenda package.

**Motion:** *Moved by Derek that the minutes from September 27, 2016 be adopted as written.* Carried.

### **4. Report from Jeremy Loveday, Councillor Liaison & Kimberley Stratford, Neighbourhood Liaison**

1. 2017 Budget – Discussions with City Council for the 2017 Budget begin November 4 and will continue through most of the month. The City will host the third town hall meeting December 1. Jeremy will send list of all the ways the public can respond.

2. 25 Year Neighbourhood Plan – feedback being gathered from residents. City will use this feedback to create a summary of the topic areas and draft goal statements. Forums in December will allow residents to provide feedback on draft vision and goals.

3. Modo – This car share coop is coming to Victoria West. A parking space is being made available in the city-owned parking lot on the south end of Banfield Park. New lines have been painted in the Community Centre parking lot.

4. Vic West Park – New beginner bowl is being designed for the Skate Park. There will be some playground improvements and a fenced off dog park accessible to wheelchairs.

5. E&N Rail Trail – City to work with CRD to engage owners of the private lands to complete the installation of the E&N Rail Trail from Esquimalt Road to Victoria Harbour. Council is exploring viability of commuter train service on the E&N Corridor between Langford and Victoria.

6. Gorge Waterway Enforcement – Notice has been given to 24 vessels and four floating wharves illegally in the Gorge Waterway. Deadline is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. After this date, the city will begin enforcement to remove remaining vessels. 7 of 24 vessels are residences and the City is working with Pacifica Housing to find alternate housing. A local company is helping remove two sunken vessels from the area. Signs will be posted soon of limited mooring regulations.

Public is asked to report any long term mooring by calling 250.361.0215 Jeremy will check to see how many mooring buoys will be available for short term mooring.

7. Roundhouse Dust and Noise – Rock crushing has been going on at Bayview Roundhouse. It is not allowed as crushed rock is not being used at this site.

8. Canada 150 Funding – City of Victoria will host a family friendly, multicultural, live stage show with food and fireworks on Saturday, December 31 from 5-9pm to launch Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2017. Fireworks will be timed with those across the country.

9. New Urban Food Tree Pilot Program – residents through a community organization can apply to plant and maintain five or less fruit and nut trees in a local green space. Trees must be planted from October to November. [www.victoria.ca/growinginthecity](http://www.victoria.ca/growinginthecity)

10. City Support for Community Gardens

- Kimberley reported that Parks will set aside and deliver mulch to gardens in the Fall of 2017. Nan and Patti will sign the Banfield Park license of occupancy now mulch will be delivered. Patti noted that this delivery is too late and would like to know how much mulch will be delivered.
- Patti reported that the application for garden coordinator funding has changed from October to January and now the application is in January for January. Jeremy will look into this.
- Kimberley will follow up on the lack of consultation for a community garden in Bridge Park with Parks. VWCA will check to see when they last consulted on this project. Consultation about a future community garden may go as far back as the original development permit of the Railyards.

## **5. Executive reports:**

**President:** report included in agenda package.

**Vice president:** - No report.

**Secretary:** Derek announced that he will be resigning from the board due to a busy schedule with work and school.

**Motion:** *Moved by Derek that the applications for membership from the following Victoria West residents be approved:* Carried.

**Residents of Victoria West:** *Jane Cheng – Arm St, Paulette Coupal – Craigflower Rd, Meg Emslie – Raynor Ave, Liv Fredericksen – Wilson St, Roanna Haggith – Wilson St, Juliette Hebert – 109 Wilson St, Elie Hofer – Cooperage Pl, Maureen Ketcheson – Songhees Rd, Michelle Lizotte – Central*

*Spur Rd, Alastair Mont – Russel St, Sarah Ravlic – Catherine St, Pablo Restrepo-Gautier – Mary St, Valentyn Shmygelskyy- Beth Smith – Wilson St, Elizabeth Zinner – Songhees Rd*

**Friends of Victoria West:** *Denise Brady-Jones – Gorge Rd East, Chelsea Carroll – 870 Lampson St, Frank Farcus – West Bay Terrace*

**Treasurer:** Mike reviewed financial statements for August 2016 (included in agenda package) and he presented the VWCA Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (circulated to board members). The draft budget projects a deficit for the Centre due to a part time volunteer coordinator position.

Mike reported that this deficit is well within the capacity of the association and grants may be applied to help with funding.

**Motion:** *Moved by Nan that the VWCA August 2016 financial statements be approved. Carried.*

**Motion:** *Moved by Mike that the draft 2016-17 VWCA budget as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved. Carried.*

**Motion:** *Moved by Nan that executive reports be received. Carried.*

## **6. Committee reports:**

**Centre committee:** minutes from September 22, 2016 meeting included in agenda package.

Justine recommended that the expenditure of the marquee sign be moved as an expense to the next year so VWCA has more opportunity to apply for gaming grants.

**Motion:** *Be it resolved, in that the Victoria West Community Association board has approved the installation of a new EMC LED fascia marquee sign for the Community Centre, at this time the board wishes to establish a reserve fund from the 2015-16 operation to fund the acquisition and installation of the sign in the amount of \$15,000. Any excess funds to be returned to the centre fund following installation. Moved by Justine. Carried.*

**Communications:** minutes from September 22, 2016 included in agenda package.

**Executive:** No Report.

**Finance:** minutes from September 12, 2016 committee meeting included in agenda package.

**Food Security Collective:** October 2016 Report to the Board included in agenda package.

Patti reported that the Food Security Collective has been awarded a My Great Neighbourhood Grant from the City of Victoria for developing signs for the community gardens. A sign will be made for Banfield Commons and signs will be made to identify the plants in Banfield Commons and the Banfield Park Community Orchard.

**Governance:** Minutes from June 30, 2016 meeting included.

Rhianna reported that there will be a proposal for an evaluation policy, that the HR review captured some of the governance work and that the committee will need to work on the New Society's Act.

**Harbours:** no report included.

**Land use:** no report included.

**Motion:** *Nan moved that committee and project reports be received.* Carried.

## **7. New business**

### **Annual General meeting November 29, 2016:**

- Committee reports are now due to Dar Purewall.
- Nominations are open for directors' positions. Members can elect up to 8 directors, in addition to the four continuing directors, at the AGM.

**Vision Award:** Discussion on Diane Carr's contributions to our community and why she would be a good candidate for the vision award this year.

**Motion:** *Nan moved that the 2016 Vision Award be awarded posthumously to Diane Carr for her vision and leadership in the community.* Carried.

**8. Questions/comments from the floor** – Rhianna reported that there are not enough before and after school spaces in our community. Some parents are leaving Vic West Elementary, their community school, to go to other schools where they can get child care. Rhianna wondered if the private sector could be helpful if the school, Boys & Girls club or the Centre could not provide more spaces.

**9. Announcements** – VWCA now has a new organizational chart. Nan would like people to review it and give their feedback.

## **10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** *Nan moved that the meeting be adjourned.* Carried.