



VWCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2016 7:00 P.M. at the Victoria West Community Centre

In attendance: Nan Judd, Mike Medland, Jaclyn Casler, Audrey Whittall, Doran Musgrove, Dar Purewall, Robin Rombs. Honoured guest: Shellie Gudgeon

Regrets: Justine Semmens, Bernie Gaudet, Rhianna Johns

1. Adoption of agenda.

Motion: *Moved by MM that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.*

2. Approval of minutes from October 27, 2015

Motion: *Moved by MM that the minutes from October 27, 2015 be adopted as written. Carried.*

3. Presentation of the 2015 VWCA Vision Award. NJ presented the award to Shellie Gudgeon in recognition of her exceptional leadership in promoting community awareness and raising the profile of the Victoria West community.
4. Report from City Council Liaison, Jeremy Loveday touched on the following:
 - International marina plans going back to the City Land Use Committee for decision on development permit revisions including variances.
 - Dockside Green-\$450K held by the developer for affordable housing is going back to the City.
 - Also at Dockside, City staff is looking into concerns about parking noted in the VWCA Land Use Committee review of Dockside's affordable housing development proposal.
 - Updates to the CALUC process are being considered by the City.
 - Rock Bay will need to be rezoned to allow development of a sewage treatment facility. The BGCA and the VWCA will be consulted in the process.
 - Derelict boats in the Gorge fall under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard only when the boats are submerged, as was the case recently. City is working to determine which boats in the Gorge are derelict and which are live-aboard.
 - Reminder that the City's 2016 budget is available online and input is being taken.

Kimberley Stratford introduced herself in her new role as the Neighbourhood Coordinator assigned to the VWCA. As part of the Great Neighbourhood initiative, Kimberley will be a key point of contact and assist her assigned community associations by providing advice, coordination and information about City activities and requests for service in neighbourhoods.

5. Executive reports:

- President: in her report NJ noted:
 - The BC Hazmat Oil Spill Response Workshop Saturday Feb 13th. VWCA has been invited to send two representatives.
 - City Council has reviewed the JSB public realm designs developed by a design charrette the fall. They will be presented to VW residents in a community meeting in the near future

- News that \$50K from an earlier phase in the development of Dockside Greens is being held in trust for amenities in Victoria West. Before assigning the funds, the City will consult with the community. The VWCA has expressed a desire for the money to be regarded as “found” money and not be used for projects that would otherwise be funded by the City.
- OCP: the process to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Victoria West is scheduled to begin in March.
- Vice president-no report
- Secretary-no report. Jaclyn Casler has stepped down as secretary and will sit as an unassigned director on the board.
- Treasurer. November & December 2015 financial reports presented by the treasurer.

Motion: *by MM that the November and December 2015 financial statements be approved. Carried.*

Motion: *by RR that executive reports be received. Carried*

6. Committee reports as required

- **Centre committee**- no report. Chair Justine Semmens sent regrets.
- **Communications**- Chair Dar Purewall presented the VWCA website brief developed after a 6 month website needs assessment. The brief will guide the design of a new website for the VWCA.
- **Finance**- Chair Mike Medland announced members of the 2016 finance committee: Mike Medland, Jo-Ann Youmans, Dave Wolowicz, Randy Nicholson and Nan Judd ex-officio.

Motion: *by MM to ratify the membership of the VWCA 2016 finance committee. Carried.*

- **Food security**- Chair Robin Rombs announced that the next community potluck will be held February 13th and handed out fliers with the details. Patti Parkhouse, Food Security Collective Coordinator announced that Hannah Roessler’s Environmental program class at UVic has chosen the Vic West Community Garden for a class design project. Hannah is the new VWCA part-time Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator who is recruiting and training volunteers to care for the three gardens managed by the FSC.
- **Governance**- Chair Rhianna Johns sent regrets. NJ presented revised Terms of Reference for the Food Security Collective. One minor change was identified by PP.

Motion: *by RR that the revised Food Security Collective terms of reference be approved as amended. Carried.*

- Harbours- Chair Audrey Whittall announced that she had circulated the minutes of the January 20th meeting of the Harbour committee to the board prior to the VWCA board meeting. (Attached)
- Land use- no report

Motion: *by AW that committee reports be received. Carried*

7. New business- NJ circulated comments received from two community members regarding potential environmental risks to the Gorge and the Harbour by situating a sewage treatment facility in Rock Bay. Diane Carr offered to organize a forum to which local experts on sewage treatment options would be invited to present alternative options not being considered in the CRD Core Wastewater Treatment process.

Motion: *by NJ that the VWCA supply the venue for a forum for consideration of the concerns with all the current options being proposed by the CRD for public consultation and viable alternative options from qualified vendors to those proposed by the CRD. Carried.*

DP offered to contact Amanda Gibbs from the Eastside Public Consultation team for the CORE 7 wastewater treatment options to determine if she and the team would be available to present the CRD CORE options in Victoria West.

8. Questions/comments from the floor
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Motion: *by DP that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*

Following the adjournment of the business meeting leaders of the October 31, 2015 visioning session provided an update on their project:

1. Change the name of Esquimalt Road – Nan Judd shared that the project she and Jo-Ann Youmans had undertaken was stalled when Nan was elected President by the VWCA board.
2. Conversion of vacant land adjacent to railway tracks by Mary St. – Michael Nation, Paul Hatfield, Grant Keddie and Patti Parkhouse. The property may be upgraded by the City as part of the walk and bike paths being improved on the E&R corridor. A decision will be made in 7-10 months and in the meantime Michael and his team will have a work bee in the spring to build and plant planters to beautify the property.
3. Community bulletin boards (physical and virtual) – Dar P reported that a number of sites for community bulletin boards have been identified.
4. Signs identifying Vic West – Robin Rombs. Signs at the entrance to Vic West off the ends of the JSB and the Ellice Street bridges are being recommended along with signs on the Westsong Walk Way, Esquimalt and Craigflower Roads.
5. Food Security Collective – Patti Parkhouse. A micro grant application for signage in the Banfield Commons community garden is being submitted to the City. Three designs for a roof over the Cobb bench in Banfield Commons are on display in the front foyer of the Centre. Input from the community is welcomed.
6. Establishing connections between Vic West's eastern and western areas – Adrian M. No report
7. Russell / Langford / Front community amenity – Suzette Dalmage. No report
8. Larger dock @ Banfield Park – Jack Meredith reported that the idea of increasing the size of the dock at Banfield Park has received positive feedback. Jack is talking to Mayor Helps.
9. Alston Rd enhancements – Patti Parkhouse reported on behalf of the group that a neighbourhood living room for the Alston Road right of way is at the planning stage. A Resilient Neighbourhood grant was received to assist in the development of the concept.
10. Speakers series- Diane Carr undertook to create a speakers series for the community.