



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, April 16th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

Present: Anita R., President
Gary R., Vice President
David F., Treasurer
Joanna F., Board Member
Jim B., Board Member
Valentina P., Board Member
Claire W., Board Member
Meghan M., Board Member

Staff: Jennifer T., Community Recreation Supervisor
Darwyn H., Recreation Programmer II

Guests: Rich Carmona, Guest
Dominic Lao, Guest
Shaniece Angus, Guest

Absent:

Regrets: Christopher R., Past President
Thomas F., Member At Large
Maja J., Board Member
Rebecca D., Board Member
Margery D., Secretary
Rod H., Board Member
Michael D., Board Member
David C., Board Member
John Irwin, Park Board Commissioner

Recorder: Gary C., Administrative Assistant

I **Call to Order:** at 6:36 PM by presiding officer Anita R.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

Quorum has not been met. Members present reviewed the agenda and accepted it.

III **Transportation Presentation**

- Rich and Dominic from City of Vancouver provided a presentation on the planning project for the Mount Pleasant Industrial Area. In 2013, there were changes made to the light industrial zone to enhance the area for job growth and adapt to growing and modernizing business needs. In 2017, zoning updates to the digital district area were approved by Council to increase job space, support the innovation economy and allow for larger buildings.
- The planning project looks at maintaining a reliable transportation network to ensure access to all business and recognize the industrial nature of the area. Currently, analysis includes technical studies, planning processes in adjacent neighbourhoods and land use updates. There is an online survey at and current recommendations listed online at Vancouver.ca/mpia. Feedback on the recommendations can be submitted to mtpleasant.transportation@vancouver.ca. Next step in the process is the presentation on transportation strategy on recommendations to City Council.
- Parking spaces and the lack of it in the area was raised as an issue by Gary R. Details pertaining to parking hasn't been looked at this current stage of the process. Feedback from other attendees have been provided

IV **RISE Presentation**

- Shaniece Angus is the RISE (Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment) leader for Mount Pleasant Community Centre. She has been working with the program for the past 2 years. A presentation is provided on the program, what has been accomplished and what the goals are. Last fall, there were a series of workshops focused on Indigenous culture, art and food.
- During some outreach sessions, there was feedback received regarding the front lobby and the security. It is often seen as intimidating with the current setup and the goal is to soften the look of security personnel and

incorporate Indigenous art work around the security desk. The Board would like to see that the selection of the art work have the ability to be unattached and moved to a different location if needed. In addition, a layer of plexiglass should be installed as a layer of protection from wear and damages.

- **MOTION: Moved by Gary / Seconded by David**

THAT THE BOARD approves \$2000 towards an indigenous art project on the lower part of the security desk. **Members present voted in favour of approving the motion. Remaining votes will be gathered via email. 8 members voted in favour.**

- An application has been submitted to the Neighbourhood Matching Grant to have collaboration between the 3 Coastal Nations to create an art piece with an acknowledgement that the centre sits on the unceded and traditional land of the Coast Salish Peoples.

- **MOTION:**

THAT THE BOARD formally recognizes that the Mount Pleasant Community Centre sits on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples – Squamish, Tsleil Waututh and Musqueam Nations.

Members present voted in favour of approving the motion. Remaining votes will be gathered via email.

V Approval of Minutes from February 19th, 2019

- Members present reviewed the previous meeting minutes and accepted it.

VI Park Board Commissioner's Report

- No report. Regrets received from Commissioner Irwin.

VII Financials

- There was a meeting in early April with Kim and she provided an update on government grants and funding. Chelsey and Cathy did prepare preliminary financial statements and the Association is in a good position. More detailed statements will be provided at the next Board meeting. It was budgeted for the current year that there would be a deficit of \$103000, but to date, the Association is standing at over \$300000 in surplus. The surplus is due to higher revenue and lower expenses than anticipated.
- Gary thanks David for keeping financial statements in order and understandable.

VIII Committee Reports

A. Childcare Committee

- The Child Care provides services to 270 children and 238 families. These numbers highlight the importance of the program. The \$103000 deficit budgeted was to account for the 2% raise given to child care employees at the end of September, but with Kim being conservative and running with fewer staff, expenses were lower than anticipated. In the next few months, there will be a review of the 3 year budgetary cycle. There will be challenges faced in the future with step increase and other issues.
- There have been some childcare closures across the region due to the lack of staff. There are new opportunities coming up in the city with more child care centres being opened, but with the current challenge faced in operations, it is unlikely that the Childcare Committee suggests getting into other opportunities. The committee continues to focus on providing the best possible service to the customers.
- A renewal application has been submitted for the Childcare Fee Reduction initiative, but due to higher than history average of fee increases, there might be a delay in receiving funds from the government. Customers may have to face higher increases first then receive credit and reduction when funds are received.
- The Childcare Committee is going to have a workshop in May. Gary would like to acknowledge and thank Anita for attending a lot of the Childcare Committee meetings.

B. Pool Committee

- No report.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- Marketing Plan for the fundraiser has been provided to the Executive. Points covered were: new sponsorships and contributions, business contributions and supporters, presentation materials, sales materials, media plan and celebration. The Rio Theatre has agreed to help with the fundraising thanks to Mike Wiebe. The Rio will be

showing the Big Lebowski on Thursday April 18th. A portion of the door will be donated and there will be t-shirts sold at the event. Help is needed for the table at the event, which will be at 5PM.

- Thomas connected with Al Sayer who created the image on the t-shirts and Alex received a quote of \$1300 + tax for 100 t-shirts from his t-shirt printer. Donations items are needed for perks on Indiegogo; many businesses have donated, but more giveaways are needed.

MOTION: Moved by David / Seconded by Gary

THAT THE BOARD approves a total of \$1706.54 to cover the expenses of the Dude Chilling t-shirts, artist image for the t-shirts and the graphic designer who designed the brochures.

Members present voted in favour of approving the motion. Remaining votes will be gathered via email.

- Help is needed with the fundraising campaign and social media. Perhaps 2 or 3 hours of hired help is needed to focus on promoting the event and other aspects of the fundraising campaign. Another idea for promoting the campaign is to have a booth at a farmers market with a Dude Chilling statue with a cut out for people to place their faces and take photos. The photos can be shared on social media to promote the campaign.
- The Board would like to thank Megan and Thomas for all the work and progress that they have made with this project. Their great work does not go unnoticed.

D. Park Committee

- No report.

E. Program Committee

- There are the two motions that were presented at the beginning of the meeting. Remaining votes will be collected via online.
- The Access Policy is being formalized. Darwyn advised that he will be presenting the Access Policy for formal approval from the Board. Current policies were developed throughout the years, so a complete policy needs to be developed and approved.
- The Mount Pleasant Festival is coming up on July 20. Spider Verse, Incredible 2 and Minuscule: Valley of the Ants are the movie choices available for the event. Other events in the summer are Car Free Day, Celebrate Mount Pleasant and Mural Festival. The Association should look at give aways or edibles at these events to attract more of a crowd to the table. Food will be taken into consideration.
- There may be a possible viewing of the website at the next Program Committee meeting. Childcare information is still pending, but other information has been submitted to Kristiina to be updated.
- There are 4 scheduled events for the upcoming season. These events are hosted by June and Keely from Popcorn Galaxies. They will also be present at the Mount Pleasant Park Festival.

F. Executive Committee

- Anita and Claire are going to the BCRPA event. If anybody is interested in attending the APG meeting on behalf of Anita, please let her know.
- Gary Wozny has asked that all Association use a template that he has provided to calculate fees paid to the Vancouver Park Board. Chelsey and Cathy are aware of the template and there will be a workshop for Treasurers to attend.
- There was an opportunity to discuss VanPlay at City Lab on April 7th. The public was invited to attend and provide their feedback.
- Gary brought up discussion regarding housing and impact on programs. With the Broadway Corridor changing and the area developing, the centre will ultimately be affected and hopefully the centre will be able to provide input.

IX The Staff Report

- Park Board received feedback regarding the 9AM registration start time. Park Board has changed their registration time to 7PM. Registration for Mount Pleasant falls on a Saturday at 9AM in the morning now. Three methods of registration will also be available: in person, over the phone, online.
- Darwyn hasn't made an official date for his retirement, but he is looking at late October/Early November. Jennifer will be moving to a different site and Brenda will be coming off of her maternity leave.

X President's Report

- No report. Topics covered under Executive.

XI New Business

XII Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm. Next Board meeting to be scheduled on May 21st, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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Online Meeting

I Online Meeting

- An online meeting was convened by Anita for those unable to attend the Board meeting. The following motions were presented:

MOTION #1:

THAT THE BOARD approves a total of \$1706.54 to cover the expenses of the Dude Chilling t-shirts, artist image for the t-shirts and the graphic designer who designed the brochures.

CARRIED

MOTION# 2

THAT THE BOARD approves \$2000 towards an indigenous art project on the lower part of the security desk.

CARRIED

Board members who were present all voted in favour of both requests. Margery Duda, Chris Richardson, Thomas Fahey, Maja Jensen voted online in favour of the two motions. There are two stipulations that the Board had placed.

1: The artwork be attachable/detachable from the Security Desk in case the desk is removed in the future and the artwork can then be mounted elsewhere in the community centre.

2: The other is that the artwork be covered with a material that will prevent it from being scratched or bumped or graffitied or otherwise marred.