



MOUNT PLEASANT
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

Present: Anita Romaniuk, President
Christopher Richardson, Past President
David Fielding, Treasurer
Thomas Fahey, Member At Large
Margery Duda, Member At Large
Jim Bennett, Board Member
Alex Burton, Board Member
Joanna Fraser, Board Member
Michael Dubelko, Board Member

Regrets: Gary Richmond, Vice President
Rod Hashimoto, Board Member
Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner

Staff: Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services
Kim Hempler, Child Care Manager

Guests:

Absent:

Recorder: Gary Cho, Administrative Assistant

I Call to Order

II Acceptance of Agenda

Alex would like to add giii) Summer camp for refugees.

Moved by: David / Seconded by: Jim

THAT the Board accepts the amended agenda for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III Approval of Minutes from May 16th, 2017

Moved by: David / Seconded by: Thomas

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the May 16th, 2017 are adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV Park Board Commissioner Report

A. No report.

V Financial Report

- A. Approval of the 2017-2018 budget. There is a projected \$11k deficit for the 2017/2018 budget. Program revenue are a little more conservative for the year. The biggest change in revenue and expenses will be found in the Childcare. There will be an increase in Childcare fees, which will cover the wage increases and higher maintenance costs. Primary costs for maintenance for 3 corners are a shade structure. Things should be more stabilized in Childcare this year, in comparison to last year. Parking continues to be a problem, affecting participation levels and the number of programs as well. A few programs have left for centres such as Sunset and Trout Lake that have free parking. Overall, the programs are healthy and the numbers should improve as density increases in the area.

Moved by: David / Seconded by: Margery

THAT the Board accepts the 2017/2018 budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI Committee Reports

A. Pool Committee

- 1) Car Free Day. Attendance at Car Free Day was good despite the rain. There was some good uptake at the booth. There were many attendees that had feedback and were really engaged. Many had signed the petition for the pool in Mount Pleasant.
- 2) VanSplash Aquatic Study. Draft recommendations came to the Park Board meeting and there were no outdoor pools planned. There was an outdoor leisure pool recommended for Killarney Community Centre, an outdoor pool spray pad at Britannia Community Centre, a destination natural pool by the Fraser River, and a harbour desk in a prominent location. It was also recommended by the consultants that the outdoor pools be decommissioned and be replaced with a destination pool and spa. The Pool Committee continues to be vocal about this and engaged with the media.

B. Childcare Committee

- 1) A small revision on the report provided, on the enrollment page under Our House Preschool, it should say September 2017 Enrolment under the second list.
- 2) Gary is involved with speaking to the City in regards to maintenance issues and recently, a new irrigation system has been placed. There are some trees and grass that are dead and will need to be replanted. A budget will need be placed for landscaping costs. The kitchen cabinets are going to be refinished and the interior will be repainted. Gary is working with the City to determine the best approach for the least amount of disruptions. The interior of the Our House facility will also be repainted, which will take place over the course of two weekends. There is also a pressure reducing valve that needs to be replaced, which will cost \$2000 to \$2500.
- 3) There was a survey done for other facilities for priority spaces and waitlists. The Childcare committee has discussed this and recommends:
 1. Continuing the practice for spaces and waitlist. A written policy is now in place.
 2. To strive for a 60% 3 Corners enrolment target for those who live and/or work in the area.
 3. First priority for Our House OSC spaces to be given to those within the Simon Fraser Elementary School catchment.
 4. Monitor the enrolment yearly and if the results are significantly different than targeted, then consider further prioritization.

If a space does become available, it would be posted on the website for 2 weeks. At a certain time when the responses come in, there will be a short list for that one spot and then priority would be given to those who live and/or work in Mount Pleasant.

Alex brings up the concern regarding the priority given to employees as it may be a conflict of interest. Would the child have to leave if the employee leaves the organization? There is also a

concern in terms of defining the Mount Pleasant area as it hasn't been consistent on maps. There could be problems caused for the Association by having to screen applicants for the childcare spaces.

Moved by: Alex/ Seconded by: Thomas

THAT the space and waitlist policy be referred to the Childcare Committee for review and to report back with a specific recommendation with regards to intake policy with and without the geographic component.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4) There is a parent survey that went out to the parents and they are to be returned at the end June.
- 5) A thank you to Anita, Gary and Wes for working to get the port-a-potty replaced at the park.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- 1) No report.

D. Park Committee

- 1) No report.

E. Executive Committee

- 1) The artist of the wooden statue at Dude Chilling Park is currently looking for donations to Bronze the statue. Initially, \$10,000 dollars was the amount that the artist asked for, but the estimated cost of the statue is about \$65000. The Christopher Foundation will provide \$30,000 dollars, if the artist is able to raise the other \$30,000 from additional sources. \$2500 was a suggested amount for a donation from the board. There is a sign at the park looking for donations. Christopher would like to help the Artist raise enough funds for the statue by approaching private donors and local businesses.

Moved by: Alex/ Seconded by: Jim

THAT the Board authorizes the Executive Committee to donate up to \$2000 to the project, subject to a minimum matching donation of \$2000 from local business, individuals or other sources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Program Committee

- 1) Kristiina Oinonen has submitted a proposal for updating the website and turning over content into a new platform. She had stated that the cost would be \$1000 and some add on features which will cost about \$300. The content can always be changed later by staff, but it would be a new layout for the website. Kristiina currently is the desktop publisher for the centre and she is contracted by many other community centres. The update of the website has been a work in progress for quite some time and has never moved forward. She currently is paid a monthly rate to manage the current website.

Moved by: David/ Seconded by: Alex

THAT the Board approves the acceptance of the proposal that has been submitted by Kristiina Oinonen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2) The submission for the art grant as not selected. The feedback regarding the application submitted was that it did not articulate connection or support in the community. There were 6 grant applications from other centres, but none were selected.
- 3) The Mount Pleasant Festival is coming up on Saturday July 29, 2017. Moana is the featured film and Anita will be speaking on behalf of the Association Board before the movie starts.

- 4) The Program Committee has reviewed options to improve the seating situation at the centre. The previous set of seats received good feedback and the Program Committee would like to recommend purchasing two more for upstairs.

Moved by: David/ Seconded by: Margery

THAT the Board approves up to \$2100 to purchase two beam seating units for the upstairs hallway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5) The ENS cube for the lobby display will cost approximately \$2075. The unit will be would improve marketing of programs and events at the centre. There was 70000 visits just in the month of May alone. This is the only product that has been approved by the CoV IT department. Alex likes the idea, but there is not enough information on the boundaries on the content being displayed. Christopher states that the Board should approve and move forward on the understanding that there will be cooperation and the content will be kept neutral.

Moved by: David/ Seconded by: Michael

THAT the Board approves the purchase of ENS unit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6) The centre is out of Mount Pleasant shirts that are used for Daycamp Staff, Parent and Tot Staff. Each shirt would \$9.50/shirt for just 1 print at the front; shirts with a back "STAFF" print would equal out to \$14.50 each. This is a discounted pricing from the large quantity being purchased.

Moved by: Jo/ Seconded by: Michael

THAT the Board approves \$1000 to purchase approximately 100 t-shirts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII Staff Report

- A. No report.

VIII President's Report:

- A. There will be a volunteer appreciation event this Saturday at noon. Anybody who is free and is interested in coming please email Ny or Darwyn.
- B. David mentioned that there will be some recognition for Anita. Someone from the Board should introduce Anita and thank her for all the work that she has done. Alex stated that he could drop in briefly. Four members from the Board will be attending. Jo suggested that Margery should be recognized as well for her work with the pool.

IX New Business:

- A. Summer Camp for refugees
 - 1) There is a group called East Vancouver Newcomer Camp that was featured in the Vancouver Courier last week. Alex had a phone conversation with Duncan Bernardo, who is operating the camp out of Kensington Community Centre. They have a Government of Canada grant that covers all the counselor's salaries. They focus on specifically on kids of refugees. The camp runs for 2 days a week for 8 weeks, teaching English, sports and school yard games. This gives the kids an advantage in assimilating into society and school. There is a second camp that is running out of Surrey. The camp is free for the kids of refugees and the costs work out to \$500 per child that covers the cost of transportation and snacks. The website and videos is all done by donations by volunteers. Alex would like to propose:
 - a) Alex would like to write a letter on behalf of MP to other CCAs to sponsor 1 child and MPCCA will do the same. Darwyn suggested bringing the kids to the climbing wall as well for free. Alex states that there is a concern that the program does not have enough money

to get off the ground and they need roughly \$3000. The focus on the camp is on language and playground skills.

Moved by: David/ Seconded by: Jim

THAT the Board asks Alex to write a letter to CCAs to seek support of the program and also a \$500 donation towards the program.

8 in favour/1 abstain

B. JOA

- 1) Park Board wants the CCAs to sign by the end of September. The CCAs has asked for the deadline to be extended to October, but Park Board was reluctant. The document needs to be sent to the lawyer to see if we need any changes to the constitution of bylaws. There is a bit of a complication, as we have asked for 2 additions to the appendices, but no responses have been received. One of the additions requested is the vending machine revenue that is shared with the Vancouver Public Library. The second addition requested was naming 3 specific parks (Guelph, Mount Pleasant, Robson) of being involved with program and events.

Margaret Mason has stated that there is nothing major that would cause trouble along the line. As this in negotiations, CCAs have to compromise. David proposes an earl September meeting that would only have JOA on the agenda. There should be 2 meetings in September, one regarding the JOA and another one before the signing of the JOA. Alex suggests that the dates be scheduled now. It is proposed that the meeting for the JOA be on September 5 and the membership meeting be on September 19th.

Moved by: Alex/ Seconded by: David

THAT the Board holds a meeting on September 5th to discuss the terms of the JOA and to vote on the recommendation and that the Board holds a special meeting on September 19th to ask membership of the MPCCA to vote yay or nay on the JOA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

X **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm. Next meeting to be on September 5th, 2017 at 6:30pm.**

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