



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, November 15th, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Our House, 123 W. 16th Ave

Present:

Anita Romaniuk, President
Christopher Richardson, Past President
Gary Richmond, Vice President
Margery Duda, Member At Large
Thomas Fahey, Member At Large
Jim Bennett, Board Member
David Fielding, Board Member
Joanna Fraser, Board Member
Magdalena Blasiak, Board Member
Rojina Farrokhnejad, Board Member

Regrets:

Rod Hashimoto, Board Member
Michael Dubelko, Board Member
Alex Burton, Board Member
Petra Pelsma, Board Member

Staff:

Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services
Darwyn Hermann, Recreation Programmer II
Kim Hempler, Child Care Manager
Gary Cho, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner
Sarah Johnson, Guest

Absent:

- I **Call to Order:** at 6:40 PM by presiding officer Anita Romaniuk
- II **Acceptance of Agenda:** Amend item 5, the date of the meeting minutes from October 11th, 2016 to October 18th, 2016.

Moved by: David / Seconded by: Magdalena – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III **Introduction of Sarah Johnson**

The Board welcomes Sarah Johnson. Originally from Ontario, she has been living for 3 years in BC. She resides in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood and works in mental health care. She has expressed interest in being involved with the community and joining the Board. Members of the Board and staff introduced themselves to Sarah Johnson.

IV Acknowledging Retiring Executive Members

Gary brings forward a motion to recognize the work and contributions made by retiring Executive Members, Rod and Christopher. It is noted that real volunteerism isn't easy and that it is often frustrating disappointing and time consuming.

Motion: Be it resolved that the 2016/17 Board of the MPCCA congratulate and commend our retiring executive members for the work and dedication.

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: David – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V Approval of Minutes from October 18th, 2016 and October 25th, 2016: ***Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Jo – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

VI Park Board Commissioner Report

- A. A note has been sent to Anita to clarify process and timing regarding the JOA process. If document is presented to Commissioners in December and approved, then there wouldn't be an opportunity to change the document. Park Board Commissioners legally can't be involved with the current negotiations. All proposed legal arrangements presented to the Park Board must be a public process. The Commissioners have decided to sit in on these meetings, but they can't negotiate, consult, discuss or converse on anything. In order for Commissioners to even look at the JOA document, it has to be presented publicly. Christopher Richardson thanks the Commissioners for listening in on the negotiations. Public hearings are in mid-December and that would allow 2 weeks to review and provide feedback.
- B. There is an approval to build a flag pole and flag to be erected at Queen Elizabeth Park to commemorate National Flag Day. QE Park is the highest point in the city.
- C. Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy was proposed. Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator of Access Services, proposed the policy to support residents of Vancouver with uncertain or no immigration status who fear detention, psychological or physical harm, or deportation when accessing Park Board services.
- D. Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the need to raise the awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and to include those afflicted with ASD in the community. Park Board staff will be trained and educated on interacting with persons with ASD. The staff will investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with ASD.
- E. The decrease of the percentage to 2% for Community Investment Fund is not enough to fund the Park Board core programs. It has been mentioned that the CC would have input on where the Community Investment Fund would be contributed to. The funds are intended to be put towards programming, but not maintenance.
- F. Thomas requested an update on the Aquatic Study, but there is no update as of yet.
- G. There are currently 21 unnamed parks. The process of naming a park is a structured process done in groups of 2s. A 5 member naming committee consists of 2 regular and 3 temporary members. The recommendation from the committee would then be brought to Park Board for approval. Once the naming is complete, the 3 temporary members are disbanded and the 2 permanent members would work with 3 new temporary members.

VII Financial Report:

- A. No financial report.

VIII Committee Reports

A. Childcare Committee

- 1) 3 corners will send a letter of intent to extend for the lease. The letter will be sent and a written confirmation will be provided from the City.
- 2) Interviews will be done this week and there have been both internal external candidates that applied. Instead of having a centre supervisor, there will be 2 program supervisors. This would provide more support for children, parents and staff.
- 3) A new contract has been sign with a new cleaning company. The new company will start in January.
- 4) The playground at Our House is now almost complete. Park Board did the work at their cost and planted the new hedges. Many thanks for Kelly Bodkin for spearheading this.
- 5) There is an Open House hosted by Melanie Mark to commemorate National Child Day. The event is held on November 21st from 3pm to 6pm at her office.
- 6) The Child Care assessment is now complete. Approximately 30 minutes will be needed to present the report. Anita will work with staff to see when would be a good time to have the presentation.

B. Pool Committee

- 1) No report.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- 1) No report. Alex is currently in the CCA meeting at the centre.

D. Park Committee

- 1) No report.

E. Executive Committee

- 1) A meeting will be arranged to understand the accounting systems and processes that are in place. There will be multiple meetings and Kim will be involved in the meetings that highlight the impacts on child care.
- 2) A reminder that the Christmas party is on December 4th and it will be at the Whip. Please bring a designated driver or find another mode of transportation if you plan on having drinks.
- 3) The redesign of the website has been placed on hold, but recently, our current webmaster has provided an offer to transfer the existing content of the website to Wordpress. Kristiina Oinonen has offered \$1000 to do this, which is a great offer. This would provide access to the staff to edit the content at any time, instead of having to wait for Kristiina to make the updates. Rojina has generously offered to migrate the current website to a Wordpress platform for free.
- 4) A meeting needs to be arranged with Cathy to see if the form has been filed to CRA for the GST applied to rentals. GST was applied to rentals after the HST was defeated in 2011. After clarifying this with Cathy, the prices on rentals will be reviewed.

F. Program Committee

- 1) Fall programs have been improved this season, there is better registration.
- 2) Snack Shack is a program facilitated by youth and it has been very successful. The program is a fundraiser and the youth are gaining important skills.
- 3) Darwyn is working with Park Board to check if it is OK to collect information and how it is used. The information collected will be used for e-marketing. Currently, instructors are already

collecting contact information for electronic communications. The other component is taking photos and the usage of it for marketing purposes.

- 4) Darwyn is taking on the task of investigating the centre's current position with electronic marketing. The technology committee may need to be reconstituted with members who have expertise and knowledge with this area.
- 5) The Program Committee is looking to work with Sarah Van Borek again on a new project. There are some other new art projects that will be coming.

IX Staff Report

- A. Roundhouse has a fulltime communications association staff member that does all the marketing for the centre. The work that the staff does include the brochures and all of the social media for the centre. It might be something that Mount Pleasant CCA can explore and perhaps collaborate with other centres.
- B. Mount Pleasant CC has always been a leader for new processes and policies. The staff have always taken creative initiative to improve areas that needed attention.
- C. Interviews for the Recreation Programmer I position will be held on November 25th. If any Board Members are interested in sitting on the panel, please let Wes know.
- D. Approximately \$17000 of gaming grant will be received again.

X President's Report:

- A. JOA. If the meeting is held in mid-December, we will have to jump on hiring a lawyer at reviewing the JOA. There wasn't a need to hire a lawyer for the second draft as the findings by a lawyer hired by Kerrisdale CCA was shared. Alex and other CCAs are looking at a strategy to get media coverage on the JOA to inform the public. The Board is comfortable with Anita, Alex and Christopher to be the liaisons for any media involvement.

XI New Business:

A. Position of Secretary and Treasurer

- 1) Margery has volunteered to accept the position as Secretary and step down as Member at Large.

Motion: Be it resolved that Margery Duda is hereby elected and appointed to the position of Secretary.

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: David – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2) The Board is still looking to fill the position of Treasurer. David has expressed interest in this position and will speak to Rod, Chris, Wes or Darwyn. Chris and David will meet afterwards to discuss this further.

B. Website

- 1) Already discussed in 8E.

C. Strathcona Community Centre Association funding request

- 1) Strathcona CCA is seeking support from other centres for their request to Park Board for additional funds. They are financially distressed, serving the many needs of the community. Funding will go into programs, a Participation Fund and Food Security Coordinator position.

Motion: Be it resolved that the President co-signs the letter in support of Strathcona Community Centre Association.

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: David – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XII Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Next meeting on Tuesday December 6th, at 6:30pm.

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