



MOUNT PLEASANT
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Our House, 123 W. 16th Ave

Present: Anita Romaniuk, President
Gary Richmond, Vice President
Margery Duda, Member At Large
David Fielding, Treasurer
Joanna Fraser, Board Member
Christopher Richardson, Past President
Michael Dubelko, Board Member
Thomas Fahey, Member At Large

Regrets: Rod Hashimoto, Board Member
Alex Burton, Board Member
Jim Bennett, Board Member

Staff: Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services
Kim Hempler, Child Care Manager
Gary Cho, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner
Scott Clark, RISE

Absent:

I **Call to Order:** at 6:50 PM by presiding officer Anita Romaniuk.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Thomas

THAT the Board accepts the agenda for today's meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III **RISE Presentation**

- A. RISE stands for Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment. Indigenous people living in urban areas have been increasing across the country. Aboriginal people struggle to negotiate Aboriginal cultures and societal roles in the larger society. The RISE program Mount Pleasant CC has been supporting the RISE program for 4 years; community centres and neighbourhood houses are key strategic places to launch efforts. The uniqueness of the RISE program is that 100% of the funds go to the positions of the youth. The program works with local networks to encourage support, social inclusion and opportunity.

IV Approval of Minutes from March 21st, 2017

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Thomas

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the March 21st, 2017 are adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V Park Board Commissioner Report

- A. In the March 27th meeting, two motions passed to approve applications from Kitsilano Yacht Club and Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club to obtain Liquor Primary Club license. Obtaining club liquor license are much cheaper when serving club members. The higher category of license also comes with higher scrutiny by the Liquor Board and the Police.
- B. Folk Music Festival received funds from a Canada 150 grant and will be providing a free concert on the first day, Thursday July 13th.
- C. Aboriginal day event has been approved by Park Board. This is a national event where 9 other cities host the celebration on the same day. The date of the event is on June 21st and will be held at Trout Lake. There is a fire burning that is lit at the same time.
- D. Funding for the fountain at Lost Lagoon hasn't been received yet.
- E. Trees are being sold at \$10 a tree at Hillcrest Community Centre on April 29th and April 30th.
- F. The passing of JOA agreement of what the Park Board would like to community centres. Last minute amendments were made; several clauses that Commissioners felt would help encourage community centres to sign off.
- G. Margery has been in contact with the lead planner on the pool strategy and was given the opportunity to submit responses for the survey.
- H. The federal government is committed to legalizing cannabis in July 2018. Gary asks whether if the Park Board would have any regulations on smoking cannabis in Parks. Park Board has recently rejected the 4/20 event application because the event involves smoking. The prohibition on smoking technically would not change. There are thousands of inquiries regarding the enforcement of smoking in parks. To request heavier enforcement of the bylaw would require more taxes to do so. Vaping and smoking are in the same category.
- I. Another centre, Coal Harbour, has also raised concerns on parking issues. Currently, VAC provides tokens for participants to use for parking, which may be something that can be considered to address the issue here at the centre. Casey will meet with management and report back.
- J. Christopher notes that there was a problem last year where a yoga group was hosting classes at Dude Chilling Park, and the Board was disappointed that there were no enforcement of park regulations by Park Board. There are regulations, unless it is enforced, there is no point in having them. There is something in the JOA where there is compensation when one party fails to fulfill their obligations. There was a massive social media push from the organization of the yoga classes because they were negatively affected. However, there was also a large community that stated that the outdoor yoga class is exactly what the community wants. Christopher hopes that there can be some sort of intervention before it becomes an issue.

VI Financial Report:

- A. It was discussed at the Executive meeting that Cathy Hudson, our bookkeeper, would be invited to the Board meeting on May 16th to discuss the new chart of accounts and updates on a number of financial matters.

VII Committee Reports

A. Childcare Committee

- 1) Registration for September is looking good; the numbers has increased from the year before. A 3-4 year old program was created due to the previous afternoon 4 year old program having low enrollment. Adjustments will be made to program along the way.
- 2) Funding has been received from Summer Grant program for a total of 3 positions.
- 3) There has been an increase of park users coming to Our House to ask to use the washroom since the portable washrooms has been removed. Due to licensing regulations, we are not allowed to provide the public access to the washrooms. It is suggested that a clear sign be posted stating that there are no public washrooms available, due to licensing regulations and to forward any complaints or feedback to 3-1-1. In addition, the Board asks Wes to inquire about having washrooms or another alternative to address this problem.
- 4) There has been in an increase in advocacy for affordable childcare. The NDP has promised \$10 a day childcare program if they win the election. This has been talked about for many years, but the question is how this would be feasible for operators. It would definitely change the operation of the organization. In Alberta, there are two non-profit childcare facilities are piloting \$25/day childcare. Kim will update the Board on any new information.
- 5) There was a parent who lives at 10th and Ontario has expressed disappointment that there is no reservations for people who live in the catchment area. The individual has proposed to work with the Childcare Committee on developing a policy that offers local residents within the catchment, first priority to childcare spaces. There are no objections from the Board, but a good starting point would be to gather the statistics of the current participants that are enrolled. There may be some unforeseen impact to implement such an offering; the Childcare Committee will look into this matter further. Kim will also review the no waitlist policy.
- 6) Pursuant to last month's presentation, the concept of including 3 Corners and Our House participants to programs at the facility; it is proposed that the Childcare and Program Committees get together to discuss the possibilities.

B. Pool Committee

- 1) Margery will be sending out five questions from VanSplash survey that was sent to focus groups. Please submit your answers to Margery to compile into one submission.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- 1) No report.

D. Park Committee

- 1) No report.

E. Executive Committee

- 1) An amended version of the JOA was passed and a list of the changes was circulated. The amendments addressed most of the issues and concerns raised. One outstanding issue that remains is their ability to scrutinize retained earnings. Margaret Mason will look at the final document sometime in early May. Appendices will still need to be looked at, but it would be best to include any parks that the Association is interested in overseeing. Another item to include in the appendix is to note specific uses of surpluses. Anita will ask other CCAs to see if they are willing to share some of the points they have listed in their appendices. Each centre's appendices need to be completed before the end of September. Once it is approved by the Board, it needs to be sent to the lawyers.

- 2) Christopher has noted that there could be better reporting out from the RISE program from within the centre's staffing group with the RISE program. Since the Board has invested \$5000 to the program, it may be good to request monthly reporting out.
- 3) There was an insurance company that was seeking business with the centre with regards to employee benefits. Anita called back and was referred to another individual. Unless there is an issue with the current insurance provided, the Association can't afford the change at this time.
- 4) Rob Nijjar from BC Liberals had contacted the officer here and wanted to speak to Anita. He is the outreach worker of the federal candidate, Gabe Garfinkel, for the Vancouver Fairview area. He wanted to set up a meeting with the Board. Currently, the Executive Committee has decided to remain neutral and decline the request at this time. The Association will promote the all candidates debate through social media.
- 5) One set of seating has been approved by the Executive Committee to be installed by the Dance Studio for a trial period. Parents are often standing or sitting in the hallway while waiting for their kids to be finished in programs. The cost of one set, which has four seats, is currently on sale for \$750. The Board will need to determine whether they would be interested in buying a total of 3 sets before the sale is over. The only concern with purchasing the seats separately is the \$300 shipping fee.
- 6) April 11th minutes will need to be amended as Gary Richmond was not in attendance.

F. Program Committee

- 1) The Program Committee meeting has moved to Wednesday until the end of June.
- 2) There are several special events coming up. The Volunteer Appreciation event will be on June 24th from 12pm to 3pm. The centre will be partaking in the Car Free days event on June 18th, as well as the Mount Pleasant Day on June 3rd. The Mount Pleasant Park Festival coming up will incorporate the celebration for Canada 150.
- 3) Reconciliation - Butterflies in Spirit, a First Nations dance performance group, has been provided usage of the dance studio for free in exchange for performances at events. A few other partnerships with First Nations group include: RISE Program, Pacific Eagle High using gymnasium at reduced rates, Salish to the Sea program.

First Nations art will be displayed in the lobby. The Vancouver Park Board has approved selling of art as long as it is a sponsored Association activity.
- 4) Partnerships: Osteofit – The Committee agreed to run program at cost neutral. Special Olympics – The Committee approved to proceed with partnerships with Special Olympics BC.

VIII Staff Report

- A. The first draft of next year's budget will be presented in May.

IX President's Report:

- A. No report.

X New Business:

- A. Tupper Scholarship

- 1) The Association provided \$2000 last year towards the Tupper Scholarship, and this has been allocated in the budget already. No action is needed.

B. Dickens Spring Fling

- 1) In the past, the Association provided 1 free birthday party voucher for the silent auction. The Board would like to continue this tradition and approves the offer of 1 voucher for silent auction at the Dickens Spring Fling event.

C. Motion moved by Gary

The proposed motion came out of a Childcare employee that wanted to apply for immigration status. The following motion is to be followed when such requests are received. Each request will be handled on a case by case basis. If an employee asks to release info today and it is approved, the approval would be for one instance and it doesn't reflect any other future requests.

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Margery

Be it resolved that with respect to the release of private information, the following practices be followed:

- personal information shall be released only with a signed waiver
- information shall be released according to all regulations, legislation and best practices
- as much as possible, information (documents) should be released to employee to pass on as they see fit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Motion moved by Michael

- 1) Michael provided Anita with a motion. This will be deferred to next meeting.

XI Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm. Next meeting on Tuesday May 16th, at 6:30pm.*

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