



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

Present: Anita Romaniuk, President
Gary Richmond, Vice President
Margery Duda, Member At Large
David Fielding, Treasurer
Rod Hashimoto, Board Member
Alex Burton, Board Member
Jim Bennett, Board Member

Regrets: Christopher Richardson, Past President
Thomas Fahey, Member At Large
Michael Dubelko, Board Member
Rojina Farrokhnejad, Board Member
Joanna Fraser, Board Member

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

Guests: Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner

Absent:

I **Call to Order:** at 6:35 PM by presiding officer Anita Romaniuk.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

- A. David would like to add item, Online BC Societies Act, under New Business.
- B. Anita would like to add item, Lobby Furniture, under New Business.

III **Approval of Minutes from January 17th, 2017:**

Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Jim

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the January 17th, 2017 are adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV **Park Board Commissioner Report**

- A. In the January 23rd Park Board meeting, there was a discussion of the Vancouver Aquarium motion for a plebiscite to not bring in cetaceans. The motion didn't pass, but it has been sent to staff to report on the feasibility of conducting a plebiscite and a review of other options. Permits for the construction of the expansion of the facility have been issued.

- B. BC Hydro is waiting for the results from the public consultation. The proposal is to have underground substations under Park Board and School Board land. They have expressed the need for a decision soon because of fiscal year end requirements at the end of March. One of the big issues is the loss of usage for 5 years while the substation is being developed.
- C. There have been 2 recent incidents at Stanley Park. Additional Park Ranger patrol has been implemented until 11pm and a new Gator was purchased for use for the patrols.
- D. People, Parks and Dogs strategy is at the stage of public discussions. There will be a meeting coming up on Feb 25th, Mar 1st and Mar 4th.
- E. The 3 storey space for a restaurant has leased at Harbour Green Park.
- F. A flag pole has been erected to celebrate National Flag Day at Queen Elizabeth Park, the highest point in the city. A local flag shop donated the flag to Park Board to celebrate Canada 150.
- G. Half of the trees planted down by Creekside have been damaged by beavers. Wired mesh was placed around the trees to protect it, but it keeps getting vandalized and removed.
- H. Margery had forwarded questions to Casey regarding VanSplash. There were focus groups that had gone to Park Board and on the survey that there were 5 stakeholder meetings held and 150 groups invited. Questions that the Mount Pleasant Pool Committee had were:
 1. What was the selection process for focus group participation?
 2. Why were MPCCA and VSPOP members not invited to participate?
 3. Will we be provided with a report which includes more detailed information including which groups did participate?
 4. Will there be a full report out on the context of the focus groups, and what information was provided as a basis for discussion?
 5. Were any youth groups invited to participate?
 6. Will MPCCA and VSPOP be invited to future focus groups for the VanSplash survey?
 7. In the past, members of the public were contacted if a topic they had expressed an interest in was on the agenda of an upcoming Park Board or Committee meeting. MPCCA did not find out about the February 6th VanSplash agenda item until the meeting was over, despite the fact that MPCCA members including our Pool Committee members have been represented at every Park Board and Committee meeting related to aquatics. Why was there no communication to our board that this topic was on the agenda of the Park Board Committee meeting?

Casey will be following up with answers to the questions from the Project Manager and will push forward that the Mount Pleasant Pool Committee would like to be involved for Phase 2. A budget for a pool is planned, but it would be for a regular pool as opposed to a destination pool Margery has noted that there is a lack of destination pools in the city and would be something to consider for the 10 year strategy.
- I. Gary inquires how much influence would Park Board Commissioners have over the decisions of Vancouver Aquarium. Casey notes that there is an agreement on the lease of the space. When the motion came up, the commissioners were inundated with emails interested in ending captivity.

V Financial Report:

- A. No report.

VI Committee Reports

- A. Childcare Committee
 - 1) The playground at Our House had areas where the wood was rotting. After some discussions, Park Board replaced it and now the repairs have been completed. The playground looks great.
 - 2) It has been busy the last couple of months. Staffing during through the weeks of snowfall was challenging, but it worked out. The GI outbreak lasted 5 week. Policies and procedures were

reviewed and everything is in the clear now. The training for the two new program supervisors has slowed down due to the

- 3) There will be a workshop at the centre that is presented by staff from Children's First of Vancouver. The workshop will be about the Wave 6 Early Development Instruments (EDI) results that were released by Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP).
- 4) The children presentation has been moved to March. If there are any questions, please email them to Kim or talk to a committee member.
- 5) A 2 year extension has been received to the operating agreement with the City of Vancouver. The Child Care Reserve Grant provides a funding amount of \$62000.
- 6) Kim has been in contact with Vanessa Kay from City of Vancouver regarding new space in the area for childcare. Vanessa has stated that the City is looking to for potential developers to add childcare spaces to their projects.
- 7) Previously, private contractors were not required to show their certificate of insurance, but moving forward, they would need to.
- 8) Enrollment has been full after the registration policy was changed and it has had a financial impact. Alex suggested looking at scaling enrollment #'s according to demand.
- 9) Alex suggested that the Board be also involved with any updates and discussions regarding new childcare spaces being developed. The community will become denser as more developments starts to rise. It would be something to consider, but would need to keep in mind that any expansions should not hamper the current programs being offered at the centre.

B. Pool Committee

- 1) No report. Margery addresses the concern brought up by Alex regarding the location of a new pool. The Pool Committee continually reaches out to the public and there are very few that are opposed to the idea of placing the new outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park. The master plan for the park shows that there is space available for a pool, but coming up with an alternate location can be an option.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- 1) No report.

D. Park Committee

- 1) No report. People, parks and dogs study has public consultations coming up and David will make an attempt to attend.

E. Executive Committee

- 1) The Childcare presentation will be in March and the RISE presentation will held in April.
- 2) Credit card and \$300 petty cash has been authorized for Kim.
- 3) Financial statements may be distributed early to staff to provide overview comments. Prior to Active Net, the delay was about 1 month. Now with Active Net, there is a delay of 2 to 3 months. Rod notes that if there is to be notations, they are just comments that can't be proven until the actual statements are received. It is suggested that the financial statements only be accepted, not approved.
- 4) The Executive approved up to a maximum of \$1000 for the youth camping trip.
- 5) Angela, the seniors' worker, has requested more hours. This will be considered for the next budget.

- 6) The Executive Committee recommends that the Board does send a member to the BCRPA this year due to the cost, lack of interest and value. Alex and Rod expressed that there is interest in attending BCRPA. Rod notes that there is value in going and that it would be a good experience for Board members and staff. David suggested that if an individual does go, a report should come back to the Board. Future attendance to BCRPA events will still be considered.
- 7) A reminder that the cheques are processed every Friday and signatures are needed. If a member is away, please notify others via email.

F. Program Committee

- 1) No report.

VII Staff Report

- A. RISE leader will begin next week. The successful candidate is Jessica Savoy, the leader for last year. She has been doing some great work. There will be some more hours to work with.
- B. Harvey Eng is retiring at the end of June. Make sure you get the invite to the retirement party.
- C. Park Board meeting motion approved for an Association to be formed for Creekside Community Recreation Centre. The process will begin after the JOA has been dealt with.
- D. Tomorrow is anti-bullying day.
- E. There was a Park Board in-service at the end of January. A workshop covering mental health was put together by a staff from Vancouver Coastal Health.

VIII President's Report:

- A. No report.

IX New Business:

A. Community Arts Grant Request of Funding

- 1) The Community Arts and Cultural Grant, a matching grant, is being offered by the City of Vancouver. Sarah Van Borek was contacted and she had expressed interest in being the artist for this project. Art is hard to quantify, so the amount that the City provides, the Association will match. If there is not a surplus at the year end, the funds used to match the grant will be taken out of the accumulated surplus. Alex likes the idea of it, but would like to see something more formalized. The JOA will place Associations under more scrutiny with budgeting and it needs to be demonstrated that accumulated surplus is needed to support projects such as these in the community.

Moved by: David / Seconded by: Gary

THAT the Board approves \$1500, up to \$5000, matching the approval amount from the City of Vancouver for the Community Arts and Cultural Grant.

CARRIED – In favour: 6, Abstain: 1

B. BC Societies Act

- 1) A new online application has been implemented. Reporting of information such as the list of Board of Directors, date of birth, the date of the annual general meeting, and attendance levels for the AGM, are all done online now. David will begin the process and will seek Rod's assistance.

C. Lobby Furniture

- 1) The lobby furniture came with the building, but the City has stated that they will not replace or repair them. The furniture needs to be reupholstered. There are funds in the vending account

that may be used to reupholster the furniture that would cost less than purchasing new ones. We will investigate and report back.

D. JOA Update

- 1) Public hearings had finished on Thursday. Representatives of 11 Associations met on Saturday to draft up issues that still need to be addressed. A 31 page document was created and then it was condensed to 17 pages. Some of the concerns brought up are the CIF, autonomy, dispute resolution, and memberships. It would be best to have lawyers from both sides to discuss the issues.

X **Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Next meeting on Tuesday March 21st, at 6:30pm.***

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