



# Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

**Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

**Present:** Rod Hashimoto, Treasurer  
Gary Richmond, Secretary  
Thomas Fahey, Executive At Large  
Joanna Fraser, Member At Large  
Jim Bennett, Member At Large  
Petra Pelsma, Member At Large  
Rojina Farrokhnejad, Member At Large  
David Fielding, Member At Large  
Alex Burton, Member At Large

**Regrets:** Christopher Richardson, President  
Anita Romaniuk, Vice President  
Magdalena Blasiak, Member At Large  
Michael Dubelko, Member At Large  
Margery Duda, Executive At Large  
Darwyn Hermann, Recreation Programmer II

**Staff:** Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services  
Kim Hempler, Childcare Coordinator  
Gary Cho, Administrative Assistant

**Guests:** Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner  
Rosa Aravena, Community Youth Worker

**Absent:**

- I **Call to Order:** at 6:30 PM by presiding officer Thomas Fahey.
- II **Acceptance of Agenda:** *Moved by: Jim/ Seconded by: Rod - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- III **Approval of Minutes:** *Moved by: Rod / Seconded by: Jim - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV **Presentation – Rosa, Community Youth Worker:**
  - A. Youth Council consists of 10 members, together they work on events such as family night, pink t-shirt day, a buddy reading program with the library and a workshop working with other peers. 2 representatives are part of the city wide youth council.
  - B. Jr Volunteer Group started this year and they are planning events for their peers. A bake sale has been planned and the proceeds will go towards future events.
  - C. Summer Leadership Program started off with a total of 52 youth last year. The program runs similar to a daycamp, but it focuses on leadership and there are out trips involved which are partnered

with other community centres to reduce cost. 2 summer grant applications for the program has been submitted.

- D. R.I.S.E (Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment) evolved out of ALIVE's Gen 7 Aboriginal Youth Role Model Program, and is currently delivered in 5 local Community Centres as a partnership between ALIVE, the Vancouver Parks Board and the MoreSport YELL Program. A youth from this program, Jessica, was hired and is now one of the staff.
- E. Outreach has expanded to schools within the area. Rosa attends programs at schools to develop relationships and recruit students to programs such as Nighthoops. These youth are now a part of the centre and attend the centre frequently.
- F. The mural behind the Nice Café on 8<sup>th</sup> avenue is now complete. In Bloom: An Ode to Vancouver, was created in collaboration with the City of Vancouver, Mount Pleasant BIA. The youth from the centre was participated and helped with the concept and painting of the mural.

#### V **Presentation – Kim, Act. Childcare Coordinator:**

- A. Registration for Fall has started, 80% full. Summer daycamp registration starts on April 20.
- B. MCFD minor capital funding grant, 2 grants were submitted at the end of March. One was for children's furniture update and the other one was for the landscaping at Our House. The grant of \$2000 each, one should cover the cost of the children's furniture. As for the landscaping, a quote of approx. \$6000 was given. Once funding has been received, we can submit back to the Ministry we can make a note that another application would be submitted next year.
- C. Funding is available to set aside a contingency fund for the Childcare, but it will have to go through the budgeting process. Last year there were no large capital replacement items from the Childcare, so it's not in the current fiscal budget. It is recommended that the Childcare look at items that need to be replaced and submit a proposal to have a contingency fund for the next fiscal year.
- D. Confirmation has been received from the City that the application for the Childcare reserve grant has been approved.

#### VI **Financial Report:**

- A. Revenue to date for programs is \$407,693 and expenses are \$206,924. The revenue for Association funds has dropped roughly \$92,000; revenue was a total of \$822,437 for last year and this year it is \$700,198.
- B. There has bit of a significant variance in the budget, registration now is different with ActiveNet and the values may be slightly off. Day care registration value needs to be investigated for the variance.
- C. Membership amounts have yet to be accounted for; the monies should be distributed once the JOA is completed. The amount is roughly \$10,000.

#### VII **Park Board Commissioner Report:**

- A. Park Board master plan closed in November. The intention was to create a short list of organization that proposals would be accepted from; this short list is not completed. Until this has been completed, the process will be populated on the website. There are slight delays due to the change in management.
- B. A request for proposal was issued on March 31<sup>st</sup> for an outside firm to help with the Aquatic strategy. A consultant will be obtained by early summer, community consultation will take place during the summer and continue into the fall in the indoor swimming facilities. The process will take us into early spring of next year. The objectives are:
  - Frame aquatic services in the context of supporting community and personal well being and enhancing social inclusion

- Recommend the feasibility, location and design of a new outdoor pool facility
  - Review the condition, effectiveness and performance of the Vancouver Park Board aquatics services delivery system
  - Explores and recommends new and innovative directions to meet city-wide indoor and outdoor aquatic services delivery
  - Validate optimum city-wide services levels and delivery, including metrics that measure effectiveness of service delivery
  - Match updated services metrics with an implementation plan to renew and invest in the system
  - Offer a comprehensive and robust community and stakeholder engagement strategy
- C. Commissioners will be attending on April 30<sup>th</sup>. So far 12 community centres have RSVP to the meeting.
- D. The Parks Committee has requested a gazebo for Guelph Park, a conversation regarding funding will need to be made.
- E. Nothing has progressed for the skateboard park at Jonathan Rogers Park/Mount Pleasant Park, still waiting for better season to have better feedback from the community.
- F. Creekside Paddling Centre licensing agreement has been signed. BC Mobility Opportunities Society, a part of the Sam Sullivan Foundation, is having 1 of the 6 docks.
- G. New Brighton salt marsh was approved; it's an opportunity to restore fish and wildlife habitat. Park Board is funding \$400,000.

#### VIII In-camera Meeting

#### IX Committee Reports:

- A. Pool Committee
- 1) The Pool Committee has sent letters to Park Board and carbon copied all levels of government. Members spoke with politicians at the Suzuki fundraising dinner and are pleased to hear that the letters of support are forthcoming. The Pool Committee has requested an update on the aquatic study.
- B. Childcare Committee
- 1) Completed earlier in section V.
- C. Community Outreach
- 1) Strategic Planning Process at the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House meeting was inspiring. It covered a 3-5 year plan that involved input from key stakeholders in the area. Part of Mount Pleasant Community Centre's outreach should involve a community fair. All these groups and organizations invited to the meeting had challenges making themselves visible in the community. Perhaps a community fair can be held in the gym in the Fall where service providers in Mount Pleasant can come to setup a booth for the public to see what's available in the neighbourhood.
  - 2) One of the options that can be looked at is hiring someone to setup and assist the event, along with setting up the post event meeting with the stakeholders to obtain feedback and input. Alex will coordinate with Wes and send invites to try and put together a team to facilitate this.
- D. Park Committee
- 1) 2 years ago in October 2014, the Committee drafted a letter that was to be sent to other CCA to explore their interest in sharing information/concerns about parks; however, due to the lack of contact information, this was never sent. Contact emails have now been obtained, and with the Board's approval, the letter will be sent to the Presidents of the other CCA.

**Motion: THAT the Board approves the letter to be sent to the Presidents of Vancouver Community Centre Associations. Moved by: David – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2) St. George Rainway Project, David would like to request that someone from the project come to do a presentation in the May or June meeting.

**Motion: THAT the Board approves the invitation of a member from the St. George Rainway Project to do a presentation in May/June. Moved by: David – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. Executive Committee

- 1) A letter was sent by Christopher to EasyPark to request 4 additional parking spots for the childcare. A subsequent letter received from a participant of the ballroom dancing was sent as well. A follow up will be made with Christopher to see if any response was received.

F. Program Committee

- 1) Working on updating website, a number of quotes came and are currently under review.
- 2) We will not be able to deliver a WSBC compliant training course to staff due to the criteria and experience required for the course. For now, procedures for maintenance with the wall will be dealt with High Performance Climbing Walls. The Genie lift will be used to as an alternative as well.
- 3) Staff is currently working with CMHA to offer mental health training to the centre staff and library staff. The cost of the workshop is free of charge to the staff at the centre.
- 4) Project 529 event was well received, they are currently looking for volunteers.

X **Staff Report:**

- A. Please send any requests for Casey at least 5 days earlier.
- B. Recently a Park Board arborist had a fatal workplace injury. Jody Taylor was 43 years old and a single father. He has a 10 year old daughter and there has been a fund setup for her. A dedicated bench will be placed in Stanley Park.

XI **President's Report:**

- A. No Report.

XII **New Business:**

- A. Christmas Party survey results
  - 1) The selection that was most preferred for the holiday party venue is The Whip (6<sup>th</sup> and Main). 67% of the 40 respondents had selected The Whip.

XIII **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.**

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Respectfully submitted by,



Gary Cho  
Administrative Assistant

Adopted by the Board in the meeting of

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(Date of Meeting)

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(Signature of Presiding Officer)

