



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

Present: Christopher R., Past President
Gary R., Vice President
David F., Treasurer
Margery D., Secretary
Thomas F., Member At Large
Rod H., Board Member
Jim B., Board Member
Valentina P., Board Member
Maja J., Board Member
Rebecca D., Board Member

Staff: Jennifer T., Community Recreation Supervisor

Guests: John Irwin, Park Board Commissioner

Absent:

Recorder: Gary C., Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Anita R., President
Joanna F., Board Member
Michael D., Board Member
Claire W., Board Member
Meghan M., Board Member
David C., Board Member

I **Call to Order:** at 6:36 PM by presiding officer Gary R.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

Margery D. would add "Broadway Plan" under New Business.

Moved by: Jim/ Seconded by: Chris

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

CARRIED

III **Approval of Minutes from February 19th, 2019**

Moved by: Jim / Seconded by: Chris

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the February 19th, 2019 are adopted.

CARRIED

IV **Park Board Commissioner's Report**

- A motion was moved by John pertaining to a warming station in Oppenheimer Park and helping those who are homeless and living in the park. The motion looks at temporarily implementing a warming station in the park, providing 24 hour access to washroom facilities, storage and other ways of helping individuals.
- There are proposed sites for synthetic turfs at parks. Some concerns voiced regarding synthetic turfs are that they are not popular, can only host a few sports like soccer and the turf area are often quite small.
- John would like to invite the Board for a walk around the area to look at possible areas that can be designated as a pocket parks. Gary R. brought forward issues at the pocket park located at 18th and Main. The pocket park has a problem with garbage and the lack of greenery that were intended to be grown to provide shade in the area.
- VanPlay has moved from direction and goals to policies. Regarding asset targets, there were concerns raised about the status quo set for community centres instead of increasing the target. Services should be increased for community centres. There are also tensions surrounding the topic of bikes and parks and whether riders should be travelling to or through parks.

V Financials

- No report.

VI Committee Reports

A. Childcare Committee

- Philosophy on how childcare operates. In the beginning, women children and families were supported. Control cost to customer, but staff were neglected. This has now evolved and it is important that staff make a living wage. More consideration is being placed onto employees and their welfare.
- Funding for the Childcare Fee Reduction needs to be renewed this year. The increases in fees are greater than what it has been in the past. Doing so, requires the Childcare to provide an explanation to the Ministry. It has been agreed that there will be increases for Our House, Out of School Care and Preschool. Fees at the Preschool increased by about 11%, Out of School Care will increase by 5% and 3 Corners Day Care fees will increase by \$150. Letters will be sent to parents regarding the increases. These increases are needed to generate enough income to support the change in remuneration for employees. By September, the new package of benefits and increases would be finalized. A review is being done on the 3 year budget to determine how the Childcare can recover the costs and come out without a deficit.
- All increases this year are going to be due to staff costs. Expenditures are usually balanced by revenue. An information summary will be provided to the Board when it becomes available.
- Amy, the Administrative Assistant who was covering a maternity position, may be coming back from medical leave on April 1, 2019. Vera was hired last month to help out with administrative work. There have been 3 new staff at 3 Corners to fill vacant positions and now the centre is fully staffed. The extra \$1 in wages really has really played a factor.
- There will be a couple of workshops for staff in April and some other workshops in May for the Childcare Committee.
- The Our House Child Care has passed all inspections. The licensing officer has asked if they could feature the Childcare in their monthly newsletter that is distributed to child care providers. The Officer was impressed with the program's setup and curriculum approach.

B. Pool Committee

- No report.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- Help Bring the DUDE back advertisement was submitted and will be a part of the Spring/Summer brochure. Clarification is needed on how much money still needs to be raised and if there are any grants from the city will be received. At the moment, it's unclear as to whether the campaign is eligible for grants as the statute is a renewal of an old statue and not a new installation. There is a form that can be filled and submitted to see if the campaign would be eligible. Chris will look into the funds and how much more needs to be raised. T-shirts have been made and the design of it cost \$250 from a local designer.

Moved by: Jim / Seconded by: Chris

THAT the advance payment of \$250 will be reimbursed to the Board for the design of the visual for the campaign.

CARRIED

- The Board thanks Thomas and Megan for their work on the campaign.

D. Park Committee

- No report.

E. Program Committee

- No report. Meeting was cancelled.

F. Executive Committee

- Josie Padro would like to access the archives to see if there are any photos of outdoor pools in Vancouver. She has a Facebook group dedicated to remembering Vancouver outdoor pools. Cath will be helping out and pulling out the archives.

- It has been decided at the Executive Committee meeting that the Leadership Day Camp subsidy will remain the same as previous years and continue to offer subsidies with no limitation on the number of weeks to those who need it and qualify with the LAP.
- The centre may be designated as a clean air shelter during the summer. Jennifer will keep the Board updated on whether this will proceed or not.
- There will be some changes to the lobby space in the centre. There may be indigenous art work set up and also possibly a change in the security desk.

VII Staff Report

- Jennifer would like to thank everybody for their assistance for the Childcare in the months in need.
- There was in water incident in the 529 Office over the weekend. Everything had to be pulled out and moved downstairs. The Meeting Room 1 will now be a shared space and the 529 program will now operate out of the room once a week.
- There was some feedback received regarding registration times. For the first time, registration will now fall on a Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 9:00AM. Registration methods, online, phone and in person will all be at the same time now.
- Diana is acting Youth Coordinator with additional responsibilities city wide until the beginning of May. She will still work out of Mount Pleasant CC.
- Betty is retiring after 41 years working in the Parent and Tot program. Her last day will be April 3rd and there will be a celebration planned that will involve the participants in the program. The Board would like to give a \$250 Safeway Gift Certificate, a plaque and cake to Betty for her many years of dedicated service. Chris will talk to Al to have the plaque signed and numbered.

VIII President's Report

- No report.

IX New Business

A. Vanplay

- There has been a draft released for the Strategic Big Moves portion of the VanPlay. Margery went to the recent meeting and it wasn't a session to provide feedback or participate, but to present the report. There are three strategic big moves of the plan: equity initiative zones, interconnected network and asset targets; all which are based on per capita. There wasn't any mention about pools they are covered in VanSplash.
- The Park Board and City were getting some assets from the development of the new Oakridge facility. Access to the public park is through the mall. This raises concerns and questions such as the accessibility to the public and whether it would be restricted by the mall personnel.

B. Broadway Plan

- There is a survey available online until April 7th. They are looking to gather feedback for the development between Clark and Arbutus. The survey looks at housing and parks. At Kingsgate mall there is a consultation, talk Vancouver Survey and it provides opportunity for public to provide input and look at concepts. The survey will take approximately 37 minutes.

X Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm. Next Board meeting to be scheduled on April 16th, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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