



MOUNT PLEASANT
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

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

Regrets: Thomas Fahey, Member At Large
Michael Dubelko, Board Member

Staff: Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services
Darwyn Hermann, Recreation Programmer II
Kim Hempler, Child Care Manager

Guests: Casey Crawford, Park Board Commissioner
Maja Jensen, Guest
Ashok Puri, Guest
Johanna Henderson, Guest
Valentina Palamos, Guest

Absent:

Recorder: Gary Cho, Administrative Assistant

I Call to Order

II Acceptance of Agenda

Revision made on the agenda. The agenda item #4 "Childcare Presentation" is intended for the upcoming AGM, not today's Board meeting. Childcare Committee report will be presented for agenda item #4 instead.

Moved by: David/ Seconded by: Rod

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

ARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III Welcome

Brief roundtable introductions are made. The Board welcomes guests Valentina, Maja, Ashok and Johanna to the meeting. The guests have expressed interest in joining the Board.

IV Park Board Commissioner Report

A. September 18th Park Board meeting

- The renewal of Brewers and Clinton Park was discussed. Cost estimate is \$1.3 million for Brewers and \$570k for Clinton.
- Water Conservation Action plan in parks was presented. It focuses on Park Board's water use and goals and principles of the plan. 11% of water is lost in leaky pipes.
- Discussions regarding balloons at parks and community centres felt that the issue is significant on what is deemed as "single use items" pollutants.
- Creekside Park is now open and it is very popular.
- Fountain at Lost Lagoon is broken and needs to be rebuilt. Currently, Park Board is looking for sponsors.
- Park Ranger safety and funding has been referred back to staff to draft a budget to submit to City Council.

V Childcare Committee

- Engagement surveys have conducted over the course of summer. This is part of the Leadership Action Plan to enhance staff engagement.
- Seeds of Empathy program is a 16 hour training session designed for early childhood settings to foster social and emotional competence. Staff in the 3-5 year old program will be attending this training. The training is held at Richmond Hilton and expenses are covered by the Ministry of Education. Kim will report back on this program.
- Ministry of Education Kindergarten Transition Initiative connects early learning leads, kindergarten teachers and StrongStart BC facilitators together. The purpose of this is to support improved Kindergarten transitions.
- OSC staff recruitment has been challenging. Many long term staff have moved on to start new careers after finishing school.
- The City of Vancouver has completed painting of both 3 Corners and Our House. The 3 Corners irrigation system was replaced and the cupboards were also refinished. Thank you to Gary Richmond for spearheading this.
- The Port-a-Potty at Mount Pleasant Park have been removed again. Wes has stated that these are seasonal and will be back in the spring.
- \$12,030 has been received from Canada Student Summer Grant to pay for partial wages of 3 students who worked as summer day camp leaders.
- The minor capital grant received from the Ministry of Children and Family Development has been used to replace a sofa at Our House.
- The Board thanks Kim for all her hard work that she has done since the start of her employment.

VI Approval of Minutes from June 20th, 2017

Moved by: Gary/ Seconded by: Jim

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the June 20th, 2017 are adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII Financial Report

- The Treasurer report is being finalized and there will be a meeting held with the auditor on Thursday. The net income for the fiscal ending August 31st, 2017 is \$67,000.

- There were revenue increases in preschool, adult, senior and community sport programs. Children, general administration, special events and rentals were down. The Childcare continues to be successful and revenue has increased for 3 corners and Our House.
- \$100,000 of funds has allocated to an internal restricted childcare account, totaling \$180,000. There may have been an error in rounding the funds for the motion passed in 2015. Previously, it was stated that a total of \$130,000 has been allocated to the childcare account. David will discuss with the auditors to see if cash flow would be affected; Christopher Richardson states that it shouldn't.

VIII Committee Reports

A. Pool Committee

- The Pool Committee has been active in engaging the community and expressing their thoughts on the VanSplash consultation process and draft recommendations.
- HCMA is recommending closures of some pools, which would be replaced by a large destination pool. The consultants have also make citations to a 2015 report that was never seen publicly.
- Gary expressed that the consultation should have not be completed by a swimming pool designing company. Rather it should have been done by a third party group.

B. Community Outreach Committee

- No report.

C. Park Committee

- Efforts to raise enough funds to bronze the statue at Dude Chilling Park are underway. The Christopher Foundation has offered to match up to \$30,000 in donations. Christopher is working with the BIA and Mount Pleasant Elementary to host events to raise funds. The goal is to have the funds in place by next spring or summer.
- Park Board has a 1986 sculpture policy that requires funds to be set aside in a contingency account. These funds are intended for maintain of the structure over the years. If there are extra funds from the Save the Dude campaign, it would be set aside for this purpose.

D. Executive Committee

- The Annual General Meeting is at 7pm on October 24th, there will be refreshments available.
- The lobby monitor installation is almost complete. There still needs to be wiring done to power the unit.
- There are a few items for JOA at the moment. Anita is waiting to hear back from Park Board staff and will keep everybody posted on any new information.
- A final copy of the Constitutions and Bylaws has been distributed. There needs to be at least 14 days' notice for the special meeting, so this will not be presented at the AGM.
- There are currently 11 positions filled on the Board and there can be a maximum of 18, with the Past President as a voting member. A vote was held to determine whether the maximum should be changed or left as is. 9 voted, 8 in favour and 1 opposed.

E. Program Committee

- Ryan Foster, a professional marketer, has expressed interest in volunteering his time to help the Association utilize social media for promotional means. He is currently providing guidance and will eventually be offering a program to the instructors as well.

- The ENS cube is loaded with content and ready to go once the monitor is setup. A neat feature with the ENS cube is that the content can also be broadcasted on the main website.
- Staff are working on email collection for the centre. Emails are a great form of advertising, especially as we move away from printed hard copies of the brochure.
- Playground report is now complete. Currently, it takes roughly 45,000 litres to fill the wading pool. The staff would like to advocate replacing the wading pool and having it changed to a user activated spray park. It is also recommended that the Park be staffed from Tuesday to Saturday as opposed to Monday to Friday. The staff have also mentioned that there be better coordination with youth summer camps to provide better leadership opportunities

Moved by: Gary/ Seconded by: Christopher

THAT the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association supports and advocates for the replacement of the Robson Park pool with a new user controlled spray park, and directs staff to express interest to the Park Board to start a public consultation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX Staff Report

- For Board members who having participated in a program in the centre need to buy a membership before the Annual General Meeting.
- The Holiday Party is currently scheduled for December 3rd at the Whip.
- There has been great supposed for the Childcare Committee, but more support is needed in other committees as well, such as the Program Committee.
- David will be away and there needs to be a second signature on the cheques. They are available to be signed on Mondays.
- 20 is the quorum for the Annual General Meeting. Please spread the word and bring others to the meeting.

X President's Report:

- No report.

XI New Business:

A. Executive Committee

- New members will be elected to the Executive Committee. Please inform Anita if you are still interested in continuing,

XII Adjournment: *Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Next Board meeting to be scheduled on November 21st, 2017 at 6:30pm.*

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