

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30pm - VIA Zoom

Present:	Chair: Avery Stetski Board members: John Sanderson, Greg Arnold, Michelle Peterson, Elizabeth Cull, Sarah Wagstaff, Sara Maya Bhandar, Kyle Empringham Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Rachel O'Neill, Manager, Communications & Development Guests: City of Victoria: Sarah Potts, Council Liaison; Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison Regrets:
Welcome and introductions	Avery welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Agenda	The agenda of the June 22, 2020 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept with changes MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Michelle Peterson CARRIED
Minutes	The minutes of the May 25, 2020 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull SECONDED: Kyle Empringham CARRIED
Action Items	Action items were reviewed. The following items were carried forward: ACTION: Sarah Potts will look into whether or not there is a cap on numbers in hotels and get back to the board. RESULT – dependent on hotel, looking at capacity. Paul's was capped until the initial group was stabilized (incremental increases to ensure folks are stabilized) ACTION: Sarah Potts will send out the new updated public hearing process. RESULT- Residents can submit feedback in writing, by video, by calling in to council.
City Updates	Sarah <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground in Topaz set to open next week, BC housing has assigned someone to the remediation• City passed a motion to investigate an alternative response to mental health, addictions, and social issues similar to the CAHOOTS model from Eugene, Oregon.• Mayor Helps has launched a local campaign for a distributed model of housing. The Mayor is calling on other mayors and councils in the region to: 1) support modular housing with supports in principle - signalling to the province that their local government is willing to partner in addressing the regional challenge of homelessness; and 2) call on the federal government to match the provincial funding for module housing units.• CRD is convening a Regional Vulnerable Populations working EOC group (emergency operations centre). Working on securing housing across the region and support those still unhoused. More details next meeting.• BC Housing/Island Health housing and health team are working with different social service providers in an ongoing way to ensure the correct supports that work for people are in place in temporary housing.• Sarah is working on expanding the clean and safe teams of SOLID particularly around Travel Lodge

and Howard Johnson.

- Public Hearings are evolving again as M192 is replacing M139. These are ministerial orders that are amending the public hearing process under the state of emergency. More details after Thursday.
- Paladin has been requested to join the next Comfort Inn CAC meeting to discuss coverage and mobile routes.

Gary:

- Arts & Culture now allowing block parties again, Gary will forward information along to Avery. Steps in the process include: poll residents for support, have a safety plan for keeping it under 50 people and if numbers increase there must be a physical distancing plan to keep people/bubbles separated. Gary shared the template used by the Building Resilient Neighbourhoods group which has been promoting 'far-aparties.' <https://resilientneighbourhoods.ca/far-aparties-physically-distanced-gatherings-with-neighbours/>
- The City is receiving grant applications from residents in Burnside Gorge for the new My New Great Neighbourhood grants. There is an interest in lighting projects, CEPTED assessments at Tree Lane and training.
- The City will be opening a new grant stream, Everyday Creativity Grants. More information will be available soon.

ACTION: Gary to send information package out from Arts & Culture regarding new block party protocols

Ops

Suzanne shared operational highlights:

- There continues to be a mix of staff working from home and in the office to keep numbers in the building low and allow for safe distances.
- There are plans to start up some support groups in the larger rooms that will accommodate safe distances between participants.
- Travis is working with instructors to resume some recreation programming in the summer
- Summer camps will be up and running next week, all with reduced numbers
- The new bus had arrived. Spectrum will contribute \$12,000 annually and it will be stored at Spectrum when they're using it. Suzanne is in negotiation with the School District about parking costs to park the buses on the field.
- We have secured an anonymous donor for FSS with a three year funding agreement for a total \$240,000. This includes \$90,000 for asset development which is a huge boost for the program.
- Funding for the additional food programming ends this week.
- There is funding in place to continue the hazard pay for childcare workers and subsidize low registration until end of August.

Financials

- Suzanne gave an overview of the financial statements.

For Decision: The budget meeting needs to take place the week of July 13th. Avery will send out a doodle poll.

ACTION: Avery will send out a doodle poll to book the budget meeting

For Discussion: Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The CAC met last week. All service providers were asked to have clean and safe teams in place for all of the new hotel placements.
- Cool Aid's Crosstown proposal has been approved and will be going ahead.
- All of the hotel locations have private security but not all sites are fully staffed yet.
- The CAC is trying to reinforce the need for really clear communication from service providers with

regards to what they're doing.

Comfort Inn CAC

- Comfort Inn CAC has a meeting coming up on June 25.
- Mary Morrison from Island Health came and provided a detailed description of the wrap around services being provided on site - nursing clinic, overdose prevention, etc. There was a question as to whether or not the same level of service will be available at other sites.
- Victoria PD is reinforcing the importance of reporting.
- Feedback from community members are that there are more sirens which may be a sign of trouble or may be a sign of people getting help.
- There are still concerns about Topaz Park and BC Housing has suggested that Palladin Security could expand their focus to look at issues outside of the hotel.
- It was made clear that the community wants to hear what has been done rather than what service providers and/or BC Housing say they will do.

Community update

- The Burnside Gorge neighbours group is meeting a few nights a week.
- There's a desire to have more community member representation on the CACs. The neighbours group don't understand the amount of work that BGCA has been doing so Michelle is putting together a timeline and history to share with the group so that they have some context for the history of this issue in the community.
- There is a need for strong communication and listening, neighbours need to feel heard.
- There was general discussion about how the board could use more of an appreciative inquiry approach as we move forward with these issues.

LUC

- The Chown Place development proposal is going to council this week.
- The former Wilkinson Steel site, across from the Community Centre, has an interested developer who is looking to create an indoor baseball training site for kids. Parking is a challenge on the site.
- There are not a lot of development proposals coming through right now.

Business Improvement Association

- One of the challenges with BIAs is that the tax bill goes to the landlord so there may be some obstacles.
- Sarah Potts has been in contact with Michael Hill and he's offered help to get it established. Avery will get in touch with Michael.

Communication plan update

- **Avery reminded board members that he is the first point of contact if anyone has questions about board business, process, etc.**
- **Elizabeth put forward a suggestion to explore a communication plan/strategy for BGCA. Kyle, Sarah, and Sara Maya all expressed interest in joining a sub-committee for communications.**

Pacifica Project

- Avery asked if any board members be available and interested in reading through the proposed operating agreement between Pacifica & MCFD. This is the funding agreement for the capital grant. Sara Maya volunteered to help.

Review Action Items

ACTION: Avery will send out a doodle poll to book the budget meeting in July.

ACTION: Avery will get in touch with Michael Hill to help with the creation of a BIA for Burnside Gorge

ACTION: Sara Maya will help review the proposed funding agreement between MCFD and Pacifica.

Track hours

Reminder to everyone to fill out your volunteer time in Track it Forward

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

~Next meeting July 15th, 5:30pm~