

Burnside Gorge Community Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

**Monday, May 30, 2022 at 5:30pm**

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<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered a land acknowledgement.																
<b>Agenda</b>	The agenda of the May 30, 2022 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept with changes																
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<b>Action Items</b>	<p>Action items were reviewed. The following items are being carried forward:</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> The Community Engagement team will ask some follow-up questions at future community meetings to get a better sense of what information people would like to see on BGCA's Facebook page</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Staff will update the membership list in the new year</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Marianne will share affordability grid for the rapid deployment of affordable housing and language referencing local area plans.</p>																
<b>City Update</b>	<p>Gary provided a staff update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reconciliation Dialogues are running right now, tonight and on July 11.</li> <li>● Get Growing – BGCA's plant distribution event has already happened but more events are running through to early June.</li> <li>● My Great Neighbourhood grants are well underway.</li> <li>● City Vibe, the City's event guide for the summer, has been published.</li> <li>● The City's Summer Camp registration is open.</li> <li>● CRD is offering a grant program focusing on waste reduction. They're offering \$3000/project on a first come first served basis.</li> </ul>																
<b>Operations</b>	<p>Suzanne gave brief operational highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Manager has been hired for the Thrift Store. She's young and a long-time volunteer at BGCA. She has excellent references and strong fashion knowledge. She's starting part-time right away, moving to full-time once her notice is up at her current job.</li> <li>● Vanessa Normore is back as the Community Recreation Coordinator.</li> <li>● Finalizing hiring for Camp Survivor</li> </ul>																

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Selkirk happened on May 28. The weather wasn't great early in the day but it was well attended event and the beer truck was a great addition.</li> <li>● The Community Centre has been fully re-keyed now.</li> <li>● The quote for the dryer vent came in higher than what the City anticipated. Suzanne and the City are in discussions about possible solutions and alternatives.</li> </ul>
<p>Strategic Planning Priority Area Updates</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Development – Elizabeth (Clean &amp; Safe, Graffiti)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Graffiti team received some volunteer shirts. They were at Selkirk recruiting additional folks, now about 25 strong.</li> <li>● Clean &amp; Safe teams are active at Howard Johnson, Capital City Centre and Muncey Place. Waterview has been slow to start.</li> </ul> <p>Community Engagement – Kirsten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The last meeting was held on May 19 to talk about two projects - 1) a map of hidden gems in the neighbourhood and, 2) revitalization of Cecelia Ravine. Next steps that were identified include: monthly meetings to engage more actively with residents in shelters and supported housing, as well as first nations; reaching out to UVic and CRD regarding mapping; connecting with Victoria Placemaking Network to identify quick wins.</li> </ul> <p>Organizational Strength – Suzanne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuing with recruitment &amp; retention efforts.</li> </ul> <p>Financial Health – Suzanne / Avery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Greg &amp; Suzanne met and went over the various accounts, identified where there are opportunities to increase earning power on money that's not required for operating. Greg is reviewing the options and will forward some recommendations along for Suzanne to look at.</li> <li>● Thrift Store – the schedule has been pushed, looking at opening on July 16. There are some increased costs to meet Saanich's requirements and difficulties sourcing some stock for things like shelving but otherwise the renovations are running smoothly.</li> </ul>
<p>LUC &amp; CAC Updates</p>	<p>Avery provided updates on Land Use and VCAN.</p> <p>LUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2816 Irma is on the agenda for a Community Meeting on June 13. This is a high-density townhouse development, with 7 units proposed for the lot as the developer is trying to maximize the site. They are also asking for a lot of relaxations. LUC has received 30 objections from neighbours so far.</li> <li>● Cool Aid is applying for a 2-year Temporary Use Permit to continue using the Mayfair Hotel as overflow housing for tenants in their various buildings that are under construction.</li> <li>● Cool Aid is also bringing forward a proposal for 722 Discovery, in conjunction with the redevelopment of the white spot block.</li> <li>● 2615 Douglas – The Press Building is coming to public hearing for some changes including the addition of a brew pub.</li> <li>● 2300 Douglas – this is a self-storage unit business and will be coming forward soon.</li> </ul> <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The last VCAN meeting focused primarily on the missing middle. The group was split with North Park, Hillside Quadra, &amp; Burnside Gorge all in favour and other neighbourhoods against it.</li> <li>● VCAN will be meeting with David Eby on June 7</li> </ul>

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	<p>Elizabeth provided an update on the Community Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAC is meeting this month. Things have been quiet.</li></ul>
BGCA Communications	<p>Rachel provided an overview of BGCA's current communication channels. There was general discussion around how the board can be more actively involved in supporting agency communications and providing content. The newsletter will be a standing agenda item so the board can brainstorm content ideas for upcoming issues.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Rachel will make the BGCN a standing agenda item <b>ACTION:</b> Rachel will send out the BGCA photo release form to the board</p>
Peer Assisted Care Teams	<p>Kirsten is interested in having CMHA come to a community meeting to present about Peer Assisted Care Teams, to show that there are alternatives. The team is expecting to launch in the summer and peers will be matched with a professional. There was interest from the board to learn more. Kirsten will reach out to see if CMHA can come and present on the Peer Assisted Care Teams when they're up and running.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Kirsten will reach out to see if CMHA can come and present on the Peer Assisted Care Teams when they're up and running.</p>
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	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.</p>

**Next Meetings:**

- **Board Meeting on Monday, June 27, 5:30pm**