

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Elizabeth Cull	
	Board members: Michelle Peterson, Kirsten Mah, Avery Stetski, Greg Arnold	
	Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Seval Kecicioglu, Communications & Development Coordinator	
	Guests: City of Victoria: Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison & Krista Loughton, Council Liason; Lacey Mesley, Community-Led Crisis Response Team Manager; Hannah Holmes, BGCA Childcare Coordinator	
	Regrets: Corinne Saad, Mangat Vohra, Ryan Hart	
Welcome and introductions	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Agenda	The agenda of the April 24, 2023, Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Greg Arnold	SECONDED: Avery Stetski
	CARRIED	
Information	Lacey introduced herself and informed the board about the Community-Led Response Team that runs under AVI Health and Community Services. This program provides alternative support for people who experience crises. The team of mental health professionals and people with lived experience respond to crises such as self-harm risk, suicidal thoughts, mental health crises, substance use-related advocacy & support, psychiatric crisis, psychosis and loss of reality.	
Information	Hannah introduced themselves and talked about their experience and their current role at BGCA	
Minutes	The minutes of the March 27, 2023, Board Meeting were presented. - CAC will show as a subtitle under LUC on both minutes and agenda Motion to accept.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Avery Stetski	SECONDED: Kirsten Mah
	CARRIED	
Action Items	Action items were reviewed. The following items are being carried forward: ACTION: Elizabeth to send the survey questions to members to determine if they align with Board's goals	
City Updates	Krista provided a council update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan is coming up after the budget meeting. • Arbutus Park and Arbutus Park dock will be on the strategic plan • City staff is looking for suitable street for the traffic calming project 	
Report on Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and Retention of staff – Corinne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates • Relationship with Business Community – Avery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning to organize a business mixer around September, looking for possible locations in the neighbourhood 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relationship with the BG Community – Kirsten/Michelle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey results are pulled out from the previous project ○ Maps are finished and available at the BGCA front desk and at the Burnside Boutique ● Communications – Elizabeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elizabeth, Suzanne and Sevvall will come together to see the next steps for the organization’s communications plans
LUC Updates	<p>Avery provided updates on Land Use and VCAN.</p> <p>LUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A proposal for 3106 Washington Avenue, which has 4 houses on a lot behind an existing heritage house. This proposal is coming to the next Community Meeting on June 19th <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is an initiative regarding mapping the parks, The University of Victoria dropped out of the project and they are looking for \$16000.
Standing Committee Reports	<p>Standing Committees provided updates</p> <p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main action item to meet with Vancity and KPMG. ● Discussion of having a parallel, flowing account, this way there will be a substantial interest ● Finance committee is looking at its role in terms of oversight and detailed financial knowledge. <p>Recruitment and Retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates
Operational	<p>Suzanne presented the operational report.</p> <p>Operational Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gaming Audit is complete. There was one minor compliance issue. ● Burnside Boutique now has bike racks and Tillicum Mall donated double-sided clothing racks which they use as discount racks. ● 4 new volunteers coming up to the Burnside Boutique ● Selkirk Waterfront Festival is on Saturday, May 27. ● BC Housing approved a \$34000 tech grant application ● Work is under progress for the daycare for the ages 3-5 ● Hired 2 new staff. Odessa as a Youth Outreach Worker and Ginny as a Family Centre Coordinator. Ginny is starting part-time and gradually increasing her time to full-time. ● There has been vandalism on the green roof. There is a big hole because someone tried to pull out the irrigation system. The city has been notified. ● The city has been providing us with security patrols during the night. Our cameras showed that most of the time they don’t walk around the building, so now BGCA sends daily reports and works collaboratively with the city.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new businesses
Action Items	<p>ACTION: Michelle will do research about the bigger map costs</p> <p>ACTION: Greg, Suzanne and Ryan will meet Vancity and KPMG</p>
Tracking Hours	<p>Board members were reminded to fill out their hours on Track it Forward.</p>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.</p>

Next Meetings:

- **Board Meeting on Monday, May 29, 5:30pm**