

Burnside Gorge Community Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

**Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Elizabeth Cull	
	<b>Board members:</b> Michelle Peterson, Avery Stetski, Mangat Vohra, Kirsten Mah	
	<b>Staff:</b> Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Seval Kecicioglu, Communications & Development Coordinator	
	<b>Guests:</b> City of Victoria: Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison; Vanessa Normore, Community Recreation Coordinator	
	<b>Regrets:</b> Greg Arnold, Ryan Hart	
<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>Agenda</b>	The agenda of the June 26, 2023, Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Avery Stetski	SECONDED: Kirsten Mah
	<b>CARRIED</b>	
<b>Information</b>	Vanessa introduced herself and talked about her experience and current BGCA role.	
<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes of the May 29, 2023, Board Meeting were presented.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Avery Stetski	SECONDED: Kirsten Mah
	<b>CARRIED</b>	
<b>Action Items</b>	Action items were reviewed. No item is being carried forward:	
<b>City Updates</b>	Gary provided city updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Heritage Advisory Committee is looking for members</li> <li>● 'City Vibe' online guide has all the events, activities and musical shows and the public can access it on the City of Victoria's webpage</li> <li>● Music Strategy Grant is open for applications</li> <li>● MGN Local Champions will submit their MGN Grant application with the BGCA sponsorship</li> </ul>	
<b>Report on Strategic Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recruitment and Retention of staff               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The benefit providers had a presentation for the board members about the RRSP matching.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Relationship with Business Community – Avery               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on the business mixer</li> <li>○ Businesses seem excited about the mixer as they have identified concerns about crime impacting their businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Relationship with the BG Community – Kirsten/Michelle               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 'Who to Call' list is updated. It has all the hotels' information and it's available to send out</li> <li>○ Community meetings will be quarterly unless there is development presentation or something urgent.</li> <li>○ Further discussion about the future projects of the committee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communications – Elizabeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elizabeth, Suzanne and Seval came together and talked about the communications plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
LUC Updates	<p>Avery provided updates on Land Use and VCAN.</p> <p>LUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3106 Washington Ave. projects presented. There will be 4 townhouses behind the existing houses. The project was liked by the LUC and the letter has been submitted to the city.</li> </ul> <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates</li> </ul>
Operational	<p>Suzanne presented the operational and financial reports.</p> <p>Operational Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Early Childhood Educator jobs are posted on the website and after the recruitment registration will start.</li> <li>● Cool Aid offered 11 garden beds to the people on 210 Gorge Rd. and this information is shared with the Cecelia Ravine Community Garden waitlist</li> </ul> <p>Financial Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overall the BGCA is about 10% deviation from the budgeted and actual</li> <li>● FSS has a surplus but will be pushed to the next fiscal</li> <li>● Housing Outreach surplus is from the rental supplement Community Chest Money.</li> <li>● Childcare initiatives were unplanned so it shows as a surplus</li> <li>● Burnside Boutique’s revenue is consistently going up.</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elizabeth, Avery, Suzanne met with the city staff (Facility operations manager, Bylaw Supervisor and park operations representative and our neighbourhood liaison) and VicPD Community Resource Officer to discuss the issues in the Cecelia Ravine Park and the public bathroom. There was brainstorming about what could be done to make it better and safer. The City and the police department heard the concerns of the community and they are aware of the problem. There will be another meeting in July.</li> </ul>
Action Items	<b>ACTION:</b> Seval to check map poster printings at Staples
Tracking Hours	Board members were reminded to fill out their hours on Track it Forward.
	The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Next Meetings:**

- **Board Meeting on September 25, 5:30pm**