

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, Jan 23, 2023 at 5:30pm

Present:	Chair: Elizabeth Cull	
	Board members: Michelle Peterson, Kirsten Mah, Avery Stetski, Greg Arnold, Mangat Vohra	
	Staff: Suzanne Cole, Executive Director; Seval Kecicioglu, Communications & Development Coordinator	
	Guests: City of Victoria: Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison & Krista Loughton, Council Liason, Pacifica Housing: Carolina Ibarra, Aids Vancouver Island: Katrina Jensen, Kim Toombs	
	Regrets: Corinne Saad	
Welcome and introductions	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Information	Carolina Ibarra from Pacifica Housing presented their projects and services and answered questions	
Information	AVI presented their services targeting people in high-risk of drug poisoning and overdose drug use in the region	
Agenda	The agenda of the Jan 23, 2023 Board Meeting was presented. Motion to accept.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Avery Stetski	SECONDED: Greg Arnold
	CARRIED	
Minutes	The minutes of the October 24, 2022 Board Meeting were presented. Motion to accept.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Greg Arnold	SECONDED: Avery Stetski
	CARRIED	
Action Items	<p>Action items were reviewed. The following items are being carried forward:</p> <p>ACTION: Suzanne will connect with Greg to talk about investments</p> <p>ACTION: Corinne will draft an article on the legion mural project.</p> <p>ACTION: Board members will go through their calendars and update their hours for the year to date.</p> <p>ACTION: Corinne will work on an article to highlight the new mural on Gorge Road E</p>	
City Updates	<p>Gary provided a City update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● My Great Neighbourhood grants starting in April. Placemaking and Community Resiliency grants are up to \$7500 and activities are up to \$1500. 2022 MGN projects are on the City's website. ● Virtual meeting about Neighbourhood Associations is on the City of Victoria's YouTube channel. <p>Krista provided a council update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council is currently working on Strategic Planning and Budgeting 	
Operations	<p>Suzanne gave brief operational highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still hiring for 5 positions but the new Facility Coordinator started today and Integrated Family Services Team Leader is starting next week. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agency audit is finished and working on Gaming Audit ● Permissive Tax Exemption for Burnside Boutique has been approved ● BGCA is a member of the Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses and the coalition is launching a video to gain government support. The coalition also got funding from the Victoria Foundation which funds consultation and the coalition collaborated with Power of Discourse Consulting (PoD-C) to conduct comprehensive EDI audit, EDI learning and development opportunities and also create EDI-specific resources that can be used by all the organizations in the Coalition. Get in touch with the project lead if you're interested in volunteering to engage through surveys' focus groups and interviews. ● Tax season starting and there is a need for volunteers for the free tax clinic. Get in touch with Suzanne to be a volunteer ● Staff has noticed 3-4 small fires on the property, the staff is keeping eye on the fires and taking them under control ● The City of Victoria completed the fence on the Burnside Gorge Community Association property and we are waiting for BC Housing on the Howard Johnson site on the property
LUC & CAC Updates	<p>Avery provided updates on Land Use and VCAN.</p> <p>LUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 133-135 Gorge Rd is passed to city planning. They are going to reengage with the committee ● The City of Victoria started Art & Innovation District program called Victoria 3.0. It will be a mixed-used area of art galleries and artist studios with maintaining residential and businesses <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New draft of VCAN letter to the City of Victoria is being finalized and they will send out to Community Associations to review ● Travelodge, the hotel in the neighbour is going to be a boutique hotel named Vic
Strengthening Communities' Update	<p>Community Engagement – Kirsten, Elizabeth & Michelle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The digital map is ready and it is accessible on the Green Maps website and mobile application. Further promotion of the map is still under discussion ● Artist render should be ready by the end of February and we will present the physical map at the AGM if they are ready. Once it's completed it will be posted on BGCA's website. ● BGCA has a new Instagram account
BGCN	<p>There was a general discussion about upcoming issues of the BGCN.</p> <p>ACTION: Elizabeth will send an article to highlight Arbutus Park and invite community members to participate in the Arbutus Park committee</p>
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Tracking Hours	<p>Board members were reminded to fill out their hours on Track it Forward.</p>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.</p>

Next Meetings:

- **Annual General Meeting on Monday, Feb 27, 5:30pm**