

Burnside Gorge Community Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

**Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5:30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Chair:</b></td> <td colspan="2">Elizabeth Cull</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Board members:</b></td> <td colspan="2">Greg Arnold, Michelle Peterson, Avery Stetski, Ryan Hart, Mangat, Vohra,</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Staff:</b></td> <td colspan="2">Sevval Kecicioglu, Communications &amp; Development Coordinator</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Guests:</b></td> <td colspan="2">Peter Willis, Krista Loughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Regrets:</b></td> <td colspan="2">Suzanne Cole, Greg Teuling</td> </tr> </table>		<b>Chair:</b>	Elizabeth Cull		<b>Board members:</b>	Greg Arnold, Michelle Peterson, Avery Stetski, Ryan Hart, Mangat, Vohra,		<b>Staff:</b>	Sevval Kecicioglu, Communications & Development Coordinator		<b>Guests:</b>	Peter Willis, Krista Loughton		<b>Regrets:</b>	Suzanne Cole, Greg Teuling	
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<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting																
<b>Agenda</b>	The agenda of the November 2024, Board Meeting was presented.																
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<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Community Member Peter Willis presented 'Gorge Sea Steps at Arbutus Park: A Vision'. He talked about his ideas to utilize Arbutus Park including adding a light boat launch. He is looking for support from the board. He answered the questions of the board. The board of directors decided that it's in preliminary stages so they wanted him to report later when he has progress on his project.																
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<b>Action Items</b>	Action items were reviewed. No items were carried forward.																
<b>City Updates</b>	<p>Krista provided Council updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City is working on the budget. Some projects might get delayed with the current budget but essential infrastructure projects are going on</li> <li>• The City is inviting other municipalities in the region to responsibility for shelters. The City is asking all the regions to have warming centres</li> <li>• A lot of changes happening on Pandora, the fences are up to prevent sheltering</li> <li>• Budget survey and the Crystal Pool referendum is ongoing. There are Crystal Pool outreach opportunities available on the city's website</li> </ul>																
<b>Report on Strategic Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment and Retention – <u>Mangat, Greg T. &amp; Suzanne</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee met up and they have some action items from the meeting.</li> <li>○ The committee had conversations around retention and a wage increase about some of the departments that are below other organizations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Relationship with Business Community – <u>Avery</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on the business mixer and communicating with them to support Christmas Hampers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Connecting Community – <u>Michelle</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Committee is interested in neighbourhood branding and Pacific Design Academy will</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																

	<p>have a session with them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee will continue meeting at the Vic Boutique Hotel as the hotel manager joined the group and really keen</li> <li>○ The group is working on having more events and community engagements during spring and summer for example something at Arbutus Park</li> <li>● Burnside Gorge-ous – <u>Elizabeth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elizabeth missed their last meeting but got informed that there was a discussion about possible funding for more murals</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Communications – <u>Elizabeth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a draft communications strategy and it will be used as a sample for BGCA’s communications strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Finance – <u>Greg A., Ryan &amp; Suzanne</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It’s audit season. Greg met with the auditors and answered some questions.</li> <li>○ After the meeting Greg suggests improving the review process of cheques.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Governance – <u>Elizabeth &amp; Greg T.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee has the membership list. They will work through their way on the list and will update the list.</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>● Rock Bay Land is set up for Community Meeting in April</li> <li>● Architectures are looking at the land between Honda Dealership and the Denny’s. They will meet with the LUC in the coming months</li> </ul> <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VCAN will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 27 and Avery is stepping down from the chair role</li> <li>● The Garry Oak Interactive mapping project is complete</li> </ul>
Operational	<p>Suzanne presented the operational report.</p> <p>Operational Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The report is provided in writing to the board of directors and Suzanne can answer the questions online.</li> </ul>
Action Items	<p><b>ACTION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board to draft a letter to the city about the Doric Corridor</li> <li>● Avery to contact other neighbourhood places about the all-candidates meeting</li> </ul>
Tracking Hours	<p>Board members were reminded to fill out their hours on Track it Forward.</p>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.</p>

**Next Meetings:**

- **Board Meeting on January 27, 5:30pm**