

Britannia Board Meeting

June 12, 2013

Conference Room

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Chairperson; Oliver Conway, Stephanie Kripps, Acting Librarian; Geoff Taylor, John Flipse, Kathy Whittam, Susy Bando, Ray Gallagher, Ingrid Kolsteren, Meseret Taye, Cleo Tracey, Stefan Grahovac, Ed Stringer, Morna McLeod, Brendan Boylan, Susanne Dahlin.

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Mike Evans, Sabine Tanasiuk, Brenda Coombs recording

REGRETS: Margaret Vis, Eva Sharell

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 by Gwen Giesbrecht, President

1. AGENDA

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2013

Ed Stringer/John Flipse

CARRIED

New Business: add c) Park Board OneCard d) Tables and Chair.

2. MINUTES OF MAY 8 and May 22

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 8TH, 2013 CHANGING THE WORD YOUTH PROBLEM TO YOUTH MATTERS. MAY 22 MEETING AFTER THE AGM ADDING OLIVER CONWAY AND BRENDAN BOYLAN AS REGRETS.

Brendan Boylan/Oliver Conway

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A) **New Board Members' meeting** – Cynthia Low stated that she has done some reviews with new Board members, and will be working closely with the new members over the next few months. Common Britannia acronyms were circulated for information.
- B) **Board Liaison** – Park Board, School Board and City Council members' lists were circulated. Cynthia explained that each Board member needs to consider a liaison relationship with the elected officials. She stated this will be on the September agenda.

The following members noted that they would like to liaison with:

Ray Gallagher – Constance Barnes, Park Board and Adriane Carr, City Council

Brendan Boylan – Raymond Louie, City Council and Niki Sharma or Trevor Loke, Park Board

John Flipse – Aaron Jasper, Park Board

This item will be on the September Agenda.

- C) **Park Board OneCard** – discussion on the new OneCard. There will be a two phase release for the OneCard – July 8th all Park Board rinks/pool/fitness centres will start offering the OneCard, when a Flexipass or Leisure Access Card is requested. Next phase is association funded fitness centres.

MOTION: THAT BRITANNIA PARTICIPATE IN THE VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION ONECARD, WIHTOUT CHANGING THE BRITANNIA AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEES AND CHARGES. THAT IN THE EVENT THE VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION ONECARD CANNOT ACCOMMODATE BRITANNIA PARTICULARITIES BRITANNIA WILL CONTINUE A PARALLEL CARD SYSTEM SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BRITANNIA CENTRE.

Brendan Boylan/Oliver Conway

CARRIED

Oliver Conway opposed – Ed Stringer abstained

Cleo Tracey asked to be excused as she had to leave the meeting.

MOTION: THAT BRITANNIA RETAINS BRITANNIA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITANNIA FEE FOR SERVICE PROGRAMS.

Ingrid Kolsteren/Brendan Boylan

CARRIED

We should find and explore what the other community centres are considering, those in support and those not in support, and find out the rationale behind their decisions.

D) Chairs and Tables

Ray Gallagher stated that it is time to replace the tables and chairs in the Board room. It was agreed we need to look at what is available and the Finance Committee should look at costs first and report back to the Board.

MOTION: TO ASK THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON COSTS TO REFURBISH THE BOARD ROOM.

Brendan Boylan/Ray Gallagher

CARRIED

4. Unfinished Business

- A) **Youth Matter**- the issue on the youth and activities on site were discussed. There will be a community meeting on June 20 at 12:30 until 3:30 at the CFEC building. The meeting will be co-hosted by VSB, VPD and Vancouver Coastal Health will be attending. Community dialogue has also been organized on June 19 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. We will be using a number of places including Learning Resource Centre.

Break was called and then Gwen stated that our guests should be here.

Meeting reconvened

Guests:

Kettle Society and Boffo Properties – Ken Paquette from the Kettle Society. Danny Boffo, Jake McQuena and Catherine, Project Planner.

Ken talked about the services and how the Kettle Society has outgrown their building. Also there are issues with our building; electrical, heating, plumbing are not adequate. We provide housing, 200 units. We have had discussion with the City about our needs. City asked us to do preliminary consultation. Throughout the process we have attended open houses. Increasing the supply of supported housing is a need in this area. Danny Boffo moved to the community in 2005. We are working with the community through the community social process. The City Plan has identified 15 stories, draft emerging directions, will go to public hearing. We are not being subsidized. Rezoning application cannot be submitted until the end of the year. 25 to 30 units for the Kettle to operate. Kettle space is approximately 12,000 square feet. Kettle will be relocated during building process.

- B) **Carving MOU** – Cynthia Low highlighted the Carving Pavilion to replace the current structure outside of the Secondary School.
- C) **Community Consultation** – already spoken about.
- D) **Board Development** – as Eva Sharell was unable to attend this evening this was deferred until the next meeting.
- E) **Board Meeting Schedule** – Brenda Coombs will circulate a yearly timeline to the Board members for Executive, Finance and Board meetings until the next Annual General Meeting.

September 11 – Board Meeting 6:00 pm

September 18 – Finance Workshop

September 25 – Finance 6:00 pm then Executive 7:30 pm

Finance and Executive August 28, 6:00 pm, on the Agenda – Astorino's Budget report will be discussed at the Finance Meeting.

- F) **Program Committee** – Brendan reported that the Committee is going to gear up this year and get very active; they will be expecting reports from Committees. We need a chain of communication. Next meeting will be 6:00 pm Tuesday June 18. Snacks provided.
- G) **Youth Committee** – no report
- H) **Planning and Development** – site based on facility. Strategic Master Plan was done and that was circulated. Goals Objectives and Emerging Plans and Emerging Directions were circulated. 2014 Capital Plan. Looking at the Carving Pavilion. Usually the 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening. Grandview Woodland Community Plan - Penny Street was appointed by the Board and has reported back.
- I) **Arts and Culture** – minutes of June 6, circulated. Stone Soup was great. East Feast was great. Lisa Walker joining us. Helen Spaxman has done an amazing job as an auxiliary PAIII filling in. Kathy Whittam was also assisting. Draw Down and Artful Sundays coming up. June 27 is the next Arts and Culture Committee meeting.

- J) **Volunteer Committee** – needs a Board member to sit on the Committee. July 3 next meeting in the morning.
- K) **Grandview Woodland Food Connection Committee** – needs a Board member to sit on the Committee.
- L) **Seniors' Committee** – Ray Gallagher reported that they are meeting on a regular basis. We have speakers and discussion on the needs of seniors. We meet on the 3rd Thurs of the month.
- M) **Child Care Committee** – new interim child care manager, Sabine Tanasiuk, was introduced. The group is part way through the program review process. Financial challenges need to be met. May 27th was the last meeting. Sabine stated this is her first week and she is here this evening and is a returning Board member to Britannia. She has met with staff and received positive feedback from staff.
- N) **Community Education** – meet during the day, agency reps, staff, early learning staff. We meet usually the 3rd Monday of the month.

Stefan and Cleo will be on the Youth Committee.

Ed expressed preference for Fitness Centre and Pool Committee. All Board members should consider which committees they would like to sit on.

5. **Correspondence Report** – circulated.

6. **Staff Reports**

a) **Executive Director** – page 9 of the package. Cynthia stated that she has been making sure the hub was being serviced, working on hiring the Child Care Manager and youth matters. Report is on page 9, if there are any questions. Britannia Sign was asked about and she stated we are in process of getting permits, electrical issue is sorted. About \$10,000 for the power.

AGREED TO EXTEND MEETING.

b) **Manager of Administration** – report circulated. Hiring of new staff. Volunteer Coordinator requested a leave of absence and it was accepted. Ricky Tu and Kathy Whittam are maintaining the work while we post. Volunteer Appreciation coming up August 29th. The position for the Volunteer Coordinator will be posted as a temporary full time position.

c) **Child Care Report** – written report circulated. Meeting with Lord Nelson tomorrow, Mount Pleasant next week.

7. **Partner's Reports**

a) **Recreation - Susy** – report on page 10 and 11. Highlights include the wrapping up of spring programs and gearing up for summer. 250 participants going to the Whitecaps game this Saturday. New grant manager for summer playground program will be activated for the summer. Two Dragon Boat Teams - junior and under 23 team. Victoria Park Canada Day

celebration. MC needed for Canada Day. Kathy Whittam, the Staff Rep on the Board, will do it if no one is available. Susy thanked the Board for opening the rink on the weekend. We lost a small amount of money but people enjoyed the activity.

- b) **Library** - Stephanie – main activity – new staff in some brand new positions. Housed in the north east area at different branches. Library Technician new position. Fair bit of attention went into the National Aboriginal Day. Books and Bannock will be an activity for the day. Next meeting there will be a permanent branch head.
- c) **Vancouver School Board** – Community Ed report – Grad last night 108 students; we are the second smallest school in Vancouver. Over \$100,000 in scholarships given out from the community. School Leaving Ceremony – Aboriginal ceremony at the Croatian Centre, 98 graduates from the schools in Vancouver. Two retiring teachers, Mary Jo Campbell from 8J 9J and Mrs Anderson. We have a community school team. The programmers are funded through the United Way for Enrichment programs. United Way is cutting half the funding so we may have an effect on programs. Moresports the Soccer Jam was this weekend. Last day of school is on Friday. Exams start next week.

Elementary School is hosting National Aboriginal Day. PAC Parents hosted a reception for the grads and families. It was amazing the spread we were able to put on from donations from the businesses on Commercial Drive. Chocolate fountain was well received.

MOTION: TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS

Ray Gallagher/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Appreciation and thanks to the New Board members for contributing to the meeting as it is their first meeting.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

John Flipse/Ray Gallagher

CARRIED