

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting December 8, 2021

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Naina Varshney, Susanne Dahlin, Pat Hogan, Ingrid Kolsteren, Ashki Shkur, Emily Vickery,
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Jacky Hughes, Peter Odymsky
REGRETS: Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Khai Truong, Carmen Cho, Noreen Ma, Stuart MacKinnon

Annie called meeting to order at 6:07pm

Welcome and land acknowledgement - Teka

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Naina Varshney/ Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Nov 10, 2021

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
John Flipse/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

3. Child Care Presentation

Guests: Lorraine Evans & Jacky Hughes

- Powerpoint presentation shared
- Federal government initiative for \$10/day child care
- Will dramatically reduce child care fees for families
- Overview of the current Britannia Child Care services, Preschool and Out of School Care (OSC)
- Designed for children to thrive and for programs to work in collaboration with each other
- Focus on child care renewal needs which include dedicated space for existing child care
- Renewal provides opportunity to increase spaces available
- Site partnerships create a family hub model and dedicated space needs to be given to Canuck Family Education Centre, Community Action Program for Children, Britannia Community Education, Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society Family Support and East Side Family Place
- We are a place for parents, caregivers, children and families
- Child Care site considerations, preference for ground access but open to above ground if no more than 3 stories up
- Imperative that educators, committees, children and families are included in consultations for design details and other needs in new spaces

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4. Old Business

Budget 2022 (Jeremy)

- p.9-24

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Pamela Dudas/ Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

Renewal Updates (Susanne)

- p.25-26
- Recommendation that the Board pass the following statements;
 - 100' maximum for buildings in the Master Plan is too high.
 - 65' gross maximum heights for buildings.
 - There should not be huge blocks but offset, stepped for a more human scale.
 - Not all air parcels above buildings should be occupied but ground level views should be preserved.
 - View from top of the historic secondary school 3rd floor classroom (rm 301) in the northwest corner should be preserved.
 - From the commons area there should be views of Ch'ich eliwxih (Mount Seymour watershed) and North Shore mountains towards the Salish Sea.
 - There should be good sightlines from Grandview Park through the site and towards the Salish Seas and Ch'ich eliwxih (Mount Seymour watershed) and North Shore mountains.
 - Good sightlines throughout the site.
 - Maintain existing ground level views from Grandview Park.
 - Ground level green space is organic not artificial turf.
 - Ground level green space contains canopy trees, shrubs, grass and other vegetation.
 - 55+ and Teen Centre to be separate but located close together.
 - Library and Art Gallery to be separate but located close together and connected.
 - Family resources should be included and adjacent to Eastside Family Place and childcare.
 - Indigenous centered design in all buildings.
 - Indigenous dedicated spaces in each building not just one area or one building.
 - Social purpose spaces and food hub should be next phase of building after the pool.
 - The Board would like to ask that Building 5 (Food hub, 55+, Teen Centre, Eastside Family Place, etc.) to be planned after Building 1 (pool).
 - The Board is willing to plan for programming disruptions that this may cause such as temporarily relocating programs and offices as needed.
 - Black Box Theatre has been included in the Master Plan as a small multipurpose performing and rehearsal space for up to 60 people. This is acceptable to the Board.
 - A social and cultural non-profit hub is acceptable to the Board provided it is of an appropriate size and meets Britannia's principles.
 - The gymnastic annex as presented in the Master Plan is acceptable to the Board.
 - One rink is acceptable to the Board.
 - 300 units of housing is not acceptable.
 - Programming facilities to be prioritized before allocating any air parcels to housing.
 - Respect the human scale of the site by respecting height and massing.

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- Recommend if there is housing on the site it should be dedicated for affordable Indigenous Elders and Seniors housing.
- Board committed to have existing licensed child care and children and family programs operating in the renewed site.
- Consideration should be given to current programs without designated spaces like Canuck Family Education Centre, Britannia Community Education and Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society Family Support.
- Consideration to provide at least 1,000sf space for a community centered active transportation hub like KickStand.
- To create skate friendly environment throughout the campus.
- 14,000sf dedicated flat sports park on a rooftop, accessible by wheeled forms from the ground.

MOTION TO APPROVE STATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED

Emily Vickery/ Naina Varshney

CARRIED

2021 Planning Day Notes (Pamela)

- p.27-45
- Appreciate the notes.

2022 Priorities First Draft (Cynthia)

- Discussion deferred to next meeting

Anti Racism and Anti Oppression Committee

- Recommendation that the Britannia Board of Management establishes the Anti Racism and Anti Oppression Committee, and;
- that the Board approves the terms of reference for the Anti Racism and Anti Oppression Committee, and;
- that the Board appoints the following people to the Committee:
Annie Danilko
Ariela Friedmann
Ashki Shkur
Ingrid Kolsteren
Khai Truong
Naina Varshney
Noreen Ma

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ANTI RACISM ANTI OPPRESSION COMMITTEE

Susanne Dahlin/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT JOHN MORRA'S RESIGNATION

Pamela Dudas/ Ashki Shkur

CARRIED

5. New Business

Holiday Party Fri Dec 10 (Cynthia)

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6. Partner Reports

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Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

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Vancouver Public Library

- Notes from Randy Gatley, Acting Branch Head
- Early Learning Space Construction: Work is going ahead as planned. Anyone who's been in the branch recently will have noticed that most of the north facing side of the branch is now sealed off behind a poly sheeting barrier. The new Early Learning Space is expected to open in the new year.
- Staffing: Long time staff members Sandra and Shyamin retired at the end of October. Two new staff have now been recruited for their positions – please welcome Craig Bednar and Audrey Wolfe to Britannia branch. Branch Supervisor Amy Zeng is on vacation until the end of the year, and Stanley Wong is the acting Supervisor while she's gone. Randy Gatley continues to act as the Branch Head until the end of this week. Noreen will return as Branch Head for the week of Dec. 13.

Vancouver School Board

7. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

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Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

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Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

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8. Consent Items

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Pamela Dudas/ Emily Vickery

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Pamela Dudas/ Naina Varshney

CARRIED