

Britannia Board Meeting

December 14, 2016

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Ingrid Kolsteren, Craig Ollenberger, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Levi Higgs, Freya Kristensen, Tyrus Tracey, Aaron Giesbrecht, Stuart MacKinnon, Madgen Liao, Sarah Ng, Scott Clark, Ye Chu
STAFF: Peter Odynsky, Cynthia Low, Victoria Haenel
REGRETS: John Flipse, Susanne Dahlin

1. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve Agenda as presented
Freya Kristensen/Ye Chu**

CARRIED

Introduction to Board – Yao Zhang, new Volunteer Program Coordinator.
Introduction to Board – Erin Grant, Youth Matter Committee staff
Welcome to both Erin & Yao from Gwen and the Board

2. Approval of Minutes

Postponed approval of November's minutes until quorum achieved of Board members who attended in November.

3. Old Business

a) Board Task List

- Annual Surplus to be completed December 31, 2016
- Society Action Plan – reported back via Board Planning Day brief
- MOU – revised document to be presented at February 2017 meeting

b) Planning Day Report Back

- Meeting brief handing out during meeting and full report to be emailed
- Reviewed Prioritized Action for 2017
- Email any questions/comments and feedback to Ingrid or Freya
- Next step- Cynthia and team to come up with actionable ideas
- Appreciation to the Board Development Committee for organizing

c) Community Development and Capacity Building Report Back

- Brief provided during meeting, please review
- Definition of "Place-Based" – it takes a village to raise a child, in an urban environment, where is the village? Our goal is to build a village of service providers such as schools, health care offering seamless delivery; all the way through from birth to elder.

- Information sharing is key and is still a work in progress as there is a huge need for programs and resources after school hours and evenings
 - Rapid Response has purchased a house for low-barrier access to shelter for youth and will open in the near future
- d) Britannia Renewal
- Review of Urban Arts role
 - January 17th – Land Use Principles draft will be ready, reminder to Committees to review the current draft and provide feedback and ideas
- e) Christmas Reboot
- Due to prediction winter storm, not enough tickets were sold, event was cancelled Luncheon being held on Tuesday December 20th 12-4pm, Board members very welcome Dinner will be rescheduled for January 2017

Warm wishes from Board of Management to all staff & their families.

4. Partners Reports

Vancouver Park Board - Stuart

- Stuart's brief handed out during meeting (and will be emailed to Board members)
- Stuart is very honoured to be at Britannia
- Focus is on the Joint Operating Agreement (does not include Britannia, Ray-Cam or Creekside)
- Draft was presented on December 12th, a public hearing is scheduled for January 25th and Commissioners will vote on January 26th
- VPB very first to accept the Truth & Reconciliation.....
- Update – access to Parks & Recreation including VSB “Access without Fear” policy (uncertain or no immigration access, no fear of information being shared amongst agencies and are also changing wording from “citizen” to resident”)
- Increasing accessibility to public washrooms
- Former Fish House restaurant will now be run by the Stanley Park Brewing Company

Vancouver Park Board – Peter

- RISE – meeting with shortlisted candidates on Friday December 30
- Resilience Ville was a very well attended and a positive first step
- VPB fee increases 1.5-2% - more information to come before Peter presents a proposal to the Board
- Highlight – Circle of Well Being – remarkable work being done by programmers and staff

Vancouver School Board – Sarah

- Senior Girls Basketball – Experienced a meaningful field trip to the community of Ahousat, lived & spent time with community members.
- Grade 8 English students went to see “The East Side Panto” with a number of local families attending as well
- 2nd week of January Britannia will host the oldest basketball tournament in the city “Bruin Invitational” (Boys & Girls)

- Christmas hampers have been delivered and the canned food drive is ongoing
- Goal is to have every grade attend a play in the 2016-2017 school year

REMINDER TO BOARD MEMBERS FROM CHAIR

Quorum is needed to run the board, members have committed to attend, so that business can be addressed in a timely manner. Out of respect for your fellow Board members, staff and the community, every effort should be made to attend meetings and arrive on time.

5. Committee Reports

- a) Executive – no meeting in November 2016
- b) Finance – incorrect minutes in the package, correct minutes to be emailed
- c) Arts & Culture – p.47-48
4th Annual Winter Solstice Coffee House, Board members very welcome
- d) Youth Committee – Madgen
 - 1st meeting held on December 2nd
 - 1st event held on December 14th, handing our iced cookies & hot chocolate to the community within Britannia site
 - Future goal is to plan and implement field trips with Britannia Elementary
- e) A few committees are still looking for Board member representation such as the Volunteer, Pool & Fitness, 55+ committees. Email to be sent to Board for interest

6. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – p.50

- Most work being done with Child Care HUB, Renewal and Grandview Woodland Homeless Forum
- Met with the new REACH executive director

Manager of Administration – p51-52

- Society doing well financially
- As of Oct 31 – projected surplus for year end 2016
- COV re-imburements on target
- Pool & Fitness Centre, Rentals revenue are up
- Rink revenues down but likely due to timing of closure and registration

Child Care Manager (position vacant)

- Child Care centres working on 2017 budgets, several are still to be passed
- Long-time staff retired, working on succession planning and training
- Jan 12th - next Child Care committee meeting