

Britannia Board Meeting June 12, 2019

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Scott Clark, Ingrid Kolsteren, John Flipse, Freya Kristensen, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Vera Jones, John Morra, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Phillips, Li Mei Yip, Jane Stanier

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Rachel Day, Peter Odynsky, Kathy Whittam

REGRETS: Alec MacInnes, Megan Langley, Carmen Cho, Naina Varshney, Emily Vickery, Levi Higgs, Stuart MacKinnon

Board meeting called to order at 6:00pm

1. Approval of Agenda

- Draft agenda sent with package. Revised agenda provided.
- Cynthia will speak to Canada Day event
- No update from Grandview Woodland Food Connection

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Ingrid Kolsteren/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2019

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

John Flipse/Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

3. Election of Executive

President –Scott Clark

Vice President – Ingrid Kolsteren

Treasurer – John Flipse

Members at Large – Pamela Dudas, Freya Kristensen

4. New Business

Conflict of Interest, Board Policies and Committees (Cynthia Low)

- Discussion on various roles that Board members have outside of Britannia that may need them to recuse from Motions being voted on
- Generally the Board does not take positions on contentious issues
- When there are controversial issues the Board spokesperson is the President or Executive Director
- Respectful relationships with staff. Union environment. If an issue with individual staff, bring it to Cynthia. Share positive feedback with staff when they're doing good work.
- If you have agenda items you want to include, be sure to send to Cynthia more than one week prior to meeting so it can be included in Board package

Pool Alcove (Jeremy Shier)

- Briefing note presented
- Though there are many sleepers on the campus, the alcove window spaces above the pool have been most problematic area
- No one wants homeless people to be pushed out of areas of shelter when they need it, but there are concerns about the alcoves and breezeway in particular
- Looking to install benches in the alcoves to discourage groups moving in
- Pilot project will use prefab benches from the Parks Board, and ideally more permanent benches will be developed as an Arts & Culture carving project in the alcove
- Pilot project also provides opportunity to facilitate dialogue with community on needs of the homeless people in our neighbourhood and city
- Post the plan and details for the public before benches are installed
- Cost will come from city maintenance budget

Action – Pamela will take to Pool & Fitness Committee for discussion and approval
- Cynthia to follow up with Stuart MacKinnon on benches at Grandview Park

MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$4000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BENCHES INTO THE POOL ALCOVES AS A 12 MONTH PILOT PROJECT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE POOL & FITNESS COMMITTEE.

John Flipse/ Li Mei Yip

CARRIED

All Nations Long House (Cynthia Low)

- Briefing note provided
- COV identified as Reconciliation City along with Province and Federal
- Neighbourhood has high population of first nations people
- Citizen assembly work on community plan identified importance of cultural spaces for aboriginals
- Passed in 2017
- Final report approved by City of Vancouver
- ALIVE collaboration
- Support language and cultural
- This is a real all nations longhouse to practice language and culture sharing
- Communal gathering place
- Concerns about similarity to new Salish Sea Civilization project seeking approval in Crab Park

MOTION TO SUPPORT AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALL NATIONS LONGHOUSE IN THE GRANDVIEW WOODLAND AND/OR STRATHCONA.

Andrew Phillips/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

Canada Day (Cynthia Low)

- Hosting in Grandview Park on July 1st, 12:30-3:00pm
- Jessica Hill organizing this year and has brought forward new ideas and concepts for the day
- Idea of expressing gratitude for living here in this neighbourhood, along with this country
- Will use flag designed by Curtis Wilson to acknowledge and dialogue what Canada means to us
- Met with SEA committee for approval of ideas
- Artist gave permission to use the flag and will be bought from Canada day budget
- Will try to purchase in time for June 21 aboriginal day
- Britannia working hard toward commitments on Reconciliation, and this present an opportunity to celebrate that
- Challenging the narrative of Canada Day as just a nationalistic party
- Consideration on write up for mindful communication of difficult subject
- This will go to RIA committee for review

5. Old Business

Board Meeting and Training Dates

- Review of meeting dates for the year

MOTION TO APPROVE CALENDAR OF DATES FOR MEETINGS**John Flipse/ Pamela Dudas****CARRIED**

Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update (Susanne Dahlin)

- Two recent meetings with City and partners
- Concerns regarding housing
- Still no proper consultation and thrown into Master Plan
- 200-300 units is what they're moving forward with but development application will include consultation with community
- They feel that is the mandate received from previous council
- Plan has not been approved by VSB due to timing of school closure debates
- Will have to wait until the fall for new trustees to review, not on their radar yet
- Social Hub development will be discussed at the next Planning & Development meeting on June 18th at 6:30pm
- They will present ideas for the hub such as who will operate it, and who will be there
- Identify terms of reference and principles
- COV top of meeting agenda
- Pre-development application and COV to make sure everything needs Britannia approval
- More meetings with the City on proposed non-market housing on site
- What they mean when they say 'non-market' is some units at market rates to subsidize others
- Units designated as 'affordable', balance determined by the City

- Don't have a housing provider yet – too early in the process
- Trying to get around the timeline
- Community doesn't want to give up public space for market housing
- Need internal discussion to inform before moving ahead with the City of Vancouver
- Find someone we can work with to be proactive on the social hub, housing and child care issues still up for negotiation
- Develop fact sheets for the neighbourhood with things to know about what's already built from the community plan
- Is this something they want to work with us, or do to us?

Strategic Plan (Cynthia Low)

- There have been workshops with committees and programmers
- Still have to go through RIA, volunteer and other committees
- Will put ideas and feedback together in first draft to begin review in August
- Mission statement sounds corporate and needs more community language
- Incorporate “nurture and creativity”
- Nicky and Lindsay assembling all the pieces into the draft to share

Society By-law Changes Implementation (Jeremy Shier)

- The by-laws have been changed in our constitution and updated in the Board Manual and on the Britannia web site

2019 Priorities Update (Cynthia Low)

- Strategic Plan
- Renewal
- Community & staff engagement
- Community strategy to start with Cynthia
- Business systems
- Management summer work plan will be shared with Executive

6. Correspondence Report – no correspondence this month

7. Partners' Reports

VPB – Stuart MacKinnon, p.9-11

VPB – Peter Odynsky, p.12-15

- Frog Hollow students working with us to learn work of recreation, and providing fresh eyes on programs we're offering
- June 16th is wrap up event for Girls Who Leap showcasing their community empowerment projects

VPL – Pauline Preston, p.16-19

- Kindergarten ready program has been very popular
- Preparation underway for beginning of summer reading club
- Simon has grown the family story time and is developing a big following
- Demand for Kith & Kin program has been very strong
- Scott & Ariel spoke to the BC Library Association about the success of the Kith & Kin program

VSB

- No report this month

8. Administration Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia Low, p.20

- Elected as the Britannia representative on the board for the Network of Inner City Community Services Society (NICCSS)

Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy Shier, p.21-46

- Report followed by Financial statements
- Finance Committee has not yet seen and approved
- No concern about the city budget looking low at this point
- Uncollected room rentals will top up
- Usually less is spent by this time so do need to be careful with expenses moving forward
- 40% spent and only 30% of the way through the year
- Fee for service looks like little surplus compared to last year but still missing rink revenues
- Surplus is about \$15000 less than last year
- May take some from discretionary funds if needed later in the year
- Child care revenues are not on track, larger than normal deficits
- Have not heard anything about our enhancement grants from the City
- One child care is still waiting on an operating grant
- Criteria changes every year and now there are more facilities applying for them
- Less money to go around makes it harder to get

Manager of Child Care Services – Rachel Day, p.47

- Busy times with all of the child care AGM's this month and new parent board members to elect

9. Board Check-in

- Volunteer appreciation BBQ will be August 18th from 1-3pm
Board members welcome to bring guests. \$5 for guests, children free
- Our Place governance meeting Jun 13 from 1:30-4pm
- Youth Matters meeting on Jun 14th at Ukrainian Hall
- Reconciliation in Action at RayCam Jun 14th from 3-6pm

Action – Kathy email reminder about Planning & Development meeting on Jun 18th

10. Consent Items

- No discussion on consent items

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger/John Flipse

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Craig Ollenberger/John Flipse

CARRIED

AJOURNED at 8:15pm

Executive In camera