

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
of the  
**Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS)**  
**Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Kathleen Bigsby (Chair), Robert Lockhart, David Eaton, Oscar Bisnar, Melina Hung, Humaira Akhtar, Alex Cherkezoff, Anne Monahan, Morag Pansegrau, Fred Jay, Daniel Conrad, Arjan Grewal, Michael Tjaya, Hamza Kamal, Duncan Ainslie, Keiko Honda  
**Regrets:** Melissa Woo, Don Munton, Bhavna Solecki  
**Staff:** Susan Mele  
**Commissioner:** Casey Crawford  
**Recorder:** Alison Verghese

**1. Call to order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Kathleen welcomed everyone and requested the incumbent Board members introduce themselves to the new Board members.

**1.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA of February 22, 2017**

The chair requested Item 6.5 be swapped with 6.1 so that the new members can get together to discuss, during the break, a suitable date for an orientation meeting.

**MOVED** Melina by and seconded, that the Agenda be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

**2. STANDING ITEMS**

**2.1 Commissioner's Report – Casey Crawford**

The liaison report for January was included in the agenda package and circulated via email prior to the meeting. Casey touched on general items of business and fielded questions from the floor.

- The single big issue this month that received wide media coverage concerned the cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium. PB Commissioners were inundated with 100-150 emails per day on this issue from both sides of the debate.
- Casey confirmed the city's capital plan for community centres has increased from 3 years to 4 years, the same as the Commissioners' term. There has been no concrete news on the capital projects budget.

**3.** Items for Information (under the Consent Agenda) were circulated by emailed prior to the meeting.

**4. MATTERS arising from the Minutes/Reports (Items removed from Consent Agenda)**

**4.1 Item 3.8 Building Maintenance Report of January 16, 2017**

Daniel asked why the moss was removed from the roof and why we cannot have a green roof? David explained that the existing roof was not purpose built as a green roof and cannot be retro upgraded. The roof would need to be completely removed and replaced with a green roof, with supporting structures added, which would be very expensive.

**MOVED** by Alex and seconded to accept Item 3.8 as presented. **CARRIED**

**5. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**5.1 Approve Consent Agenda** – Motion to adopt Item 2 as presented

**MOVED** by Robert and seconded that the Consent Agenda be adopted with the exception of Item 3.8 as amended. **CARRIED**

**5.2 New Seniors Council Chair** – Motion to appoint to Board of Directors

**MOVED** by Morag and seconded to appoint Anne Monahan, returning chair of the Seniors Council, to the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society's Board of Directors. **CARRIED**

## **6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **6.1 New Board Member Orientation**

The new board members met at the break and determined that 10am on Saturday, March 11 should be the date for the Orientation. Duncan has agreed to organise the event with Robert's assistance. Susan will book the room.

### **6.2 Board Committee Structure and Operations**

A new draft document, "Procedures to Guide Board Committee Operations" has been developed by the Executive Committee to outline how Board committees work. The committees are very important to our operation as most of the work of the board is done at the committee level. All committees report to the Board.

- The previous chair of each committee gave a brief overview of the committees they served over the past year.
- Every board member is expected to sit on at least two board committees while some are able to sit on three or more.
- Alison will send out the committee choices template and ask for everyone's first three preferences.

### **6.3 BCRPA Conference Kelowna**

Oscar provided a brief outline on the benefits of the annual British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) conference and various stakeholders that attended.

- The Society usually sends about 2-6 delegates and pays for all expenses associated with the conference, accommodations, food and travel on the proviso that participants come back with a report to the Board.
- New board members are not eligible until they have served a minimum of 1-year and anyone who has attended previously cannot displace anyone who has not been and wishes to attend.

Casey left the meeting at 8:29 pm

**BREAK** 8:29 pm – 8:43 pm

### **6.4 Board Development Committee (BDC) Outstanding Reports**

There are two outstanding reports from this committee from 2016-17:

1. Committee goals progress
2. Annual Report

After a short discussion, Duncan agreed to follow up with the annual report so the Board can close out on the work the committee achieved throughout the year.

### **6.5 Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Update**

There was a lengthy discussion on the JOA to shed light to our new Board members on what has happened and where we are heading in our negotiations with Park Board.

- The effort to update the current JOA started around 2001. Initially there was tremendous efforts on the part of CCAs across the city and by PB to cooperatively meld something which works for everybody. However, about 5 years ago, this concept fell apart and we were told that the PB could operate these

facilities without us. Everything since then has been rather flat or down hill to the point that our association received an eviction notice.

- Together with five other community centres, we launched a court case and won an injunction, or Court directive, that requires the Park Board to comply with the existing JOA that was signed in 1979.
- There have been 3 or 4 rounds of negotiations, initiated by PB and partnered by CCAs over the past 18 months to get this thing underway and come to some consensus. The most recent one has been a consultation process initiated by the PB at which they presented ideas, took comments from various CCAs representatives from across the city, went away, came back sometimes with modifications to their suggested document. Despite the fact the CCAs had submitted, more than once, proposals for acceptable an JOA, those proposals never saw the table top for discussion.
- Most recently, a 54-page draft proposal PB staff created was presented to the Commissioners with the intention of an open meeting for public comment. There were public meetings on February 9 and again on February 16 to hear over 70 speakers make their presentation to the Park Board Commissioners.
- At the February 16 meeting, Commissioners appeared to be listening intently and wanted to know how far we were to closing the agreement. However, at least seven community centre representatives, on behalf of their boards, said they would not sign the draft agreement in its present form.
- Subsequent to the public meetings, representatives from 14 CCAs sat down again on a Saturday and refined one of the documents for resubmission to PB. The PB Staff and their lawyers have been amending the draft JOA document and on March 6, the PB Commissioners will vote on the proposed JOA. There are 20 centres in total and we have agreement to work with 14 or 15 of these. We have come together as a group from communities of very diverse backgrounds.
- Where it stands now is that the PB Commissioners will vote on March 6 on an amended document, which we have not seen and their choices will be to accept it as presented; send it back and ask for more work or reject it outright. The Associations want to have seated negotiations with our lawyer and theirs to hammer out these last pieces.
- Currently we envision we won't be forced to sign the agreement before April. We have a little more time to decide at our April Board meeting or alternatively, we can also call a general meeting of the membership and present it to all 14,000 members.
- We won't be thrown out as we are still plaintiffs in a court case.

Keiko left the meeting 9:12pm

Susan left the meeting at 9:16 pm

**7. PENDING ITEMS:** not discussed

**8. Noted:** due to winter storm warnings, the Finance Committee meeting on February 8 was cancelled.

**9. In-camera Meeting:** 9:17 pm to 9:23 pm

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** March 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

Executive Committee	Mon	8 March 2017 – 7:30 pm
Finance Committee	Wed	8 March 2017 – 6:00 pm
Seniors Council	Mon	13 March 2017 – 1:00 pm
Board Meeting	Wed	22 Feb 2017 – 7:30 pm