

Board of Directors Meeting
of the
Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS)
Wednesday, 28 April 2021 at 7:00 pm | Via Zoom online

MINUTES

Present: Kathy McKay (chair), Robert Lockhart, Kathleen Bigsby, David Eaton, Humaira Akhtar, Oscar Bisnar, Morag Pansegrau, Mani Bala, Joshua Yoon, Emma Vinnitsky, Adam Dipinto, Dorothy Chang, Edward Quan, Jonathan Cheung, Joyce Fung

Regrets: Keiko Honda, Anne Monahan, Fred Jay

Staff: Ian Broadbent

Commissioner: John Irwin

Recorder: Alison Verghese

1. Call to order and Welcome

The online meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Kathy welcomed Joyce to her first meeting and noted that Val Themens, who has been on the Board for the past year, has resigned.

1.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Robert and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

2. STANDING ITEMS

2.1 Commissioner's Report - John Irwin

It has not been that busy for the commissioners over the past couple of meetings so John was able to follow up and report on a few notable items for information:

- The tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park have recently been refurbished with a resurface.
- On April 12, the board dealt with the Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) review. There were 17 projects undertaken during 2019-20. 5 are completed and 12 are still in progress with extensions granted because of Covid-19 disruptions. Our Kerrisdale Welcoming West Boulevard Pathway project fell under this same funding umbrella. Spring calls for the NMF projects closes on April 30.
- PB updated their procedures bylaw to eliminate calls for "special meetings" without a majority of PB Commissioners in favour. They have also expedited their bylaw enactment to prevent unnecessary delays.
- John commended us for running a Covid Vaccination Clinic in the Senior Centre from Mar 22 to Aug 31.
- A new approach to the Turf Pilot project was covered at the April 26 meeting. Staff reported that some turf and green areas will turn into wildflowers and longer grass areas to cut down on the urban heat line effect. Access by the public will not be prohibited in these areas.
- The private US company, Herschend Enterprises are the new operator of the Vancouver Aquarium, taking over from Ocean Wise on a 30-year lease. There were concerns about donations made by the public to save the Aquarium when they were struggling. John will find out where this money has gone and noted that Herschend has pledged to donate \$1m from their profits to Ocean Wise, who will carry on its advocacy for conservation and research.
- John commented on the temporary iteration to the new restrictions that will continue to allow vehicle access through Stanley Park with more parking spaces for disabled people and business operators.

John left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

3. Items for Information (under the Consent Agenda) were circulated by email before the meeting.

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

None

5. ITEMS FOR DECISION

5.1 Approve the Consent Agenda – Chair

MOTION: Moved by Morag and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 Finance Monthly Reports for the period ending February 2021 – Kathleen

The Finance Committee has not met to discuss the financial reports. They are scheduled to meet next week and will have a more robust report following.

- Robert noted that it appears that we were overly optimistic when forecasting this year's budget. From a brief overview of all the reports, we are operating at around 10%+ and nowhere near the forecast 25% of "normal" operations. Unfortunately, the impact of Covid has been quite substantial on our bottom line.

6.2 Communities for Climate Hope (C4CH) Report – Kathy

One of the main questions posed for the board is to initially review the C4CH report to see if there is an expressed interest in participating in the project. For everyone who had the chance to read the report, knows it was a response to the 2019 climate emergency movement by the City.

This report came out from the APG with Sarah Lusina, Past President Trout Lake CCA as the leader and others from several other CCAs who formed a committee to collaborate and compile the comprehensive 33-page report. They interviewed some 40+ people, including experts and scholars from UBC, the Park Board, CCAs, the City of Vancouver and more, to present a balanced and well-rounded approach to address these important issues.

- In November 2020, Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan to put Vancouver on track to reduce carbon pollution by 50% in 2030. This is in alignment with the United Nations intergovernmental panel on climate change to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade.
- As an overview, the report is combining concrete social and environmental ideas that can be found on page 21 of the report. Other suggestions brainstormed from tonight's discussion include:
 1. To utilize our programming or cooperatively develop programs with the APG and PB that target the increased knowledge and appreciation of climate issues by our residents. Green programming efforts may feel too big for one person so we would be asking for community feedback. We could promote emission reduction and integrate issues such as climate change, temperature increase and forest fires, to name a few, into programs that we offer.
 2. Promote the renewal of the Kerrisdale Community Centre to incorporate concepts that were developed years ago, to build a multi-faceted, multi-serviced facility that would include a community centre, seniors centre, pool, arena, possibly library, police station and other elements that could be built into a much more energy-efficient facility. The arena is another example of an expensive building to operate.
 3. Ask the APG to present more evidence to support the committee's studies or surveys to back up the claims made in the report, specifically, the comment about the waste of energy in community centres.
 4. Follow up on repeated requests by the APG to share facility space not utilized by the VSB after school hours to share, recycle and reuse.

The C4CH report is an ambitious working document that will continue to evolve with each iteration. The draft declaration in the report is there to provide the APG with an indication of how much interest there is out there and have asked for comments for their June meeting. None of the recommended projects would generate income for the centre and it has even been suggested that climate action be promoted at no cost.

Follow up actions:

- Every committee, including committee members not on the Board should look at how they can be involved in this climate change project. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to Kathy so she can forward them to Sarah.
- Kathy will ask John Irwin if he could be present for our C4CH discussion next month and glean any feedback or comments about green/climate action initiatives in our neighbourhood.
- After preliminary talks tonight, the Board will revisit Appendix C for a decision in June.

Off-topic:

Ian announced that a new schedule for the Exercise Room is scheduled to start May 8. There will be changes to session times and workouts will be extended from 45-mins to 1 hour. Robert thanked Ian for implementing the new plan. Ian will send the new schedule out to all directors.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

9. NEXT MEETING: May 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm online.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Building Maintenance	Mon 3 May - 5:00 pm	Finance	Tues 11 May - 7:00 pm
Youth	Mon 3, 24 May - 7:00 pm	Executive	Wed 12 May - 7:30 pm
Communications	Tues 4 May - 7:00 pm	CEC	Thu 13 May - 6:00 pm
Program	Wed 5 May - 6:30 pm	Rental	Thu 13 May - 7:00 pm
Park Board	Mon 17 & 31 May		

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OR SECRETARY _____ INITIALS _____