

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS)**  
**Wednesday, 26 May 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, Dorothy Chang, Edward Quan, Joyce Fung, Keiko Honda, Anne Monahan  
**Regrets:** Jonathan Cheung, Adam Dipinto, 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 7:11 pm.

**1.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additional item 6.5 Board BBQ was requested by Kathleen.

**MOTION:** Moved by Morag and seconded to approve the agenda as modified. **CARRIED**

**2. STANDING ITEMS**

**2.1 Commissioner's Report**

John Irwin provided a brief outline of Park Boards activities over the past month:

- PB is waiting for the province to permit liquor in parks and will be piloting some locations where people will be allowed to drink in zoned-off areas.
- More information will be provided about the facility renewal process after PB's capital budget workshop, which will take place in the next couple of months.
- In response to Morag's question last month, John enquired about the public donations made to the Aquarium before Herschend's takeover. Unfortunately, John was told that the details were deemed restricted contractual information and can only guess what happened to the money.
- **Other general news:**
  - Strathcona encampment ended without an injunction;
  - With the support of the Seniors and Disabilities Advisory Committees, John will be putting forward a motion at the next PB meeting to prevent Translink from taking out bus stops. Now is not the time to limit accessible transit and increase fares when people are struggling to make ends meet. PB was successful in getting the CoV to approve a similar motion and hopes the same will happen at Translink. John noted Morag's comment about the reduced bus stops on the 25-bus line;
  - More information will be provided on PB's budget after their workshop in the next two weeks. City Council used reserves to get us through last year and PB's budget is relative to the City's;
  - As the C4CH report will be revised down, we will not need John to comment this month. We will send him a copy of the revised version when released.

John left the meeting at 7:24 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)**

No items were identified.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

##### **5.1 Approve the Consent Agenda – Chair**

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

##### **5.2 Building Maintenance Budget – Humaira**

The expected completion date of the mural project on West Boulevard and 43rd will be in mid-June. The committee is proposing to install either external solar or hardwire lights on the roof but will require more information from Ian regarding the cost of installation and maintenance.

The rationale of the possibility of spending 10-\$13K on lighting while we are operating in deficit was briefly discussed. Ian noted that the City has budgeted for this project under the West Boulevard beautification initiative and is providing some new signage and the mural at no cost to us. The timeline for the lighting is not tied to the mural project. If we forgo this project, we will be pushed back to the back of the line as far as CCA maintenance projects are concerned.

The lighting is important for security as that southwest corner of the building is quite dark in winter. There is no question that we are currently drawing on reserves for operating but this will be an opportunity to make the most of the centre's upgrade with this one-time purchase. The committee will bring this item back to the Board in June along with a more accurate account of the costs.

#### **6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **6.1 Finance Monthly Reports for the period ending March 2021 – Kathleen**

The financial statements were circulated in the agenda package for review and questions.

- Programs are continuing to cost more than they are earning due to many factors associated with the pandemic. We cannot generate enough revenue to cover expenses, which tend to be fixed but should start seeing improvements in the summer when more programs are operating and restrictions are loosened.
- Ian reported that summer day camp registrations are full or close to full at 50 participants a week. There have been a few cancellations but we do have a healthy waitlist and should be at full capacity in the summer.

##### **6.2 Communities for Climate Hope (C4CH) – Kathy**

After feedback on the 33-page C4CH report, Sarah Lusina reported that it is being revised and pared down to a more concise report for CCAs. Depending on the timing of this new report, it may be coming back to the Board for a second look in June or August.

A question was asked regarding Bloomberg's relationship with the C4CH that was noted in the May 6 APG minutes. Kathleen investigated and found nothing untoward with Bloomberg who are not affiliated with the finance arm of the organisation. They are one of three philanthropic groups sponsoring the C40 from around the globe. There is nothing sinister or corrupt here at all.

##### **6.3 UBC Research Study on the mental health of older Chinese Immigrants – Kathy**

A written request from UBC's Kinesiology department to use the centre as a means to get in touch with senior Chinese immigrants was circulated for review. Following a brief discussion, it was noted that:

- The timeline may be a critical factor. If the study is required before October, our centre will not see a huge influx of seniors, especially those of Chinese origin and will not be viable.
- Ian suggested using the Society's bulletin boards to display the notices as we still have access to it.

Kathy will get in touch with the master's student, Danni Zhang to confirm the timeline and ask if the study could cast a wider net to include other seniors and will report back to the Board.

**6.4 2021-22 Committee Goals – Kathy**

A list of goals from some committees has been received to date and circulated in the package for information. It is understandable that due to the centre's restricted Covid operations, some committees are having difficulties in knowing what they can and cannot achieve. Committee Chairs that have not submitted their goals were asked to provide feedback to track the progress of their work throughout the year.

**6.5 KCCS Board BBQ - Kathleen**

As a result of the pandemic, we have only been working in isolation for the past 16 months and some of our new directors have not met the rest of the Board, in-person. If we go by the PHO's four phase reopening plan, we should be allowed to have gatherings of up to 50 people by the end of July. Kathleen invited comments from the floor to see what the general feeling is about getting together for a Board BBQ:

- There were some concerns about not having had a second vaccination shot and others will be watching the CDC carefully as we are scheduled to have everyone fully vaccinated by September;
- A quick poll was taken and there were 8 votes in favour to hold a BBQ in July and 11 votes in favour of a September indoor/outdoor joint event that includes our September Board meeting, possibly in the multi-purpose room/patio area.

**Off-topic**

- As far as returning to in-person Board meetings is concerned, there was consensus to keep meeting online. It was noted that we have had more people attend Board meetings than ever before. Kathy will explore how we can make a hybrid model work for our Board meetings, moving forward.
- There were also concerns about unvaccinated people coming into the centre. As far as mandating masks are concerned, the City and Park Board will always follow public policy. If masks are lifted, we can't enforce it and at this stage, we just have to wait and see.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

**9. NEXT MEETING:** June 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm online.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

Communications	Tues 1 June - 7:00 pm	Finance	Tues 8 June - 7:00 pm
Program	Wed 2 June - 6:30 pm	Executive	Wed 9 June - 7:30 pm
Youth	Mon 7 June - 7:00 pm	Building Maintenance	Mon 14 June - 5:00 pm
Park Board	Mon 21 June	APG	Thur 3 June - 7:00 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors.*

SIGNED BY CHAIR OR SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_