

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association Annual General Meeting DRAFT Minutes April 20, 2016

Introduction (Carmon) – 7:04PM

President Carmon Blacklock welcomes attendants and introduces BRCA Board and staff, guest and the meeting chair.

Directors in attendance: Carmon Blacklock, James Duggan, Roseanne Penner, Erin Cripps, Larry Scammel, Kara Brennan, Alanna Murray

Directors not in attendance: Tamara Colombina, Jaydan Tait, Matthew Littlejohn

Guests and scheduled Speakers in attendance:

Michelle Cowman-Smith
Gian-Carlo Carra

Call meeting to order (Sharon McKendrick) - 7:07PM

Sharon McKendrick called the meeting to order. Introduced Brian Beck who will act as meeting parliamentarian.

Quorum (Sharon McKendrick) - 7:09PM

At 7:09pm, meeting Chair Sharon McKendrick, declared quorum of 15 (estimated to be 35 people initially in attendance, increasing to about 60 toward the end of the meeting).

Meeting Agenda - 7:10PM

Brian Beck moved to accept the agenda as presented, Erin Cripps seconds. Motion carried.

Rules of Order (Brian Beck) – 7:11PM

Brian Beck presents the Rules of Order as outlined in the Meeting Agenda. BB presents a motion to limit of 3 minutes for individual discussion. Seconded and carried.

Previous AGM Minutes (Sharon McKendrick) - 7:12PM

7:14pm Brian moved to accept the 2015 AGM minutes as presented, Lloyd Howd(sp?) seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes (Sharon McKendrick) – 7:14PM

No businesses arise from the accepted minutes.

President's Report (Carmon Blacklock) – 7:15PM

Highlights are below:

- Thanks go to the outgoing Board
- Visioning initiative was developed to further our goals
- Many events have taken place, ore to come including the Cultura
- Ongoing Programs have had their own events and various sessions
- Soccer enrolment increased about 20% over last year
- Calgary Tool Library has had great success in fund raising (Tool Bash)
- Planning initiatives fall under under Beautification, Connections, and Development subcommittees. Work on a 10 year plan for public realm, pathways and traffic calming has begun. The UoC presented their
- Airport Community Consultative Committee meetings and other workshops are actively being attended.
- Hall has increased revenues in the double digits, Pam Swan (FT staff) being instrumental in this growth.
- Communications has developed a rebranding (to be unveiled at this meeting) including “Bridgeland Betty”
- Membership drive was completed with door knocking and information dissemination, increase in membership was noticeable.

Board of Director Nomination and Election for 2016-2017 (Sharon McKendrick) - 7:25PM

Carmon Blacklock announced that we will maintain 13 Board members. In the past there have been occasionally members of the Board that cannot fill a full term and this may have caused confusion. The current Board has

Sharon McKendrick stated that for practical reasons and that there are an equal number of candidates for the Director roles available, that we vote *en mass* for all positions as posted. This was agreed and a vote for the new slate was conducted with a show of green voting cards.

Carmon Blacklock acclaimed as President

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Brian Beck acclaimed as Vice-President
Nazimah Galani acclaimed as Secretary
Ali McMillan acclaimed as Planning Director
Eric Cripps acclaimed as Communications Director
Lindsey Ross acclaimed as Membership Director
James Duggan acclaimed as Facility Director
Dustin Jones acclaimed as Fundraising Director
Mary-Grace Linton acclaimed as Events Director
Kara Brennan acclaimed as Programs 1 Director
Alanna Murray acclaimed as Programs 2 Director

Financial Report (Carmon Blacklock on behalf of Matthew Littlejohn) - 7:30PM

Matthew Littlejohn's notes as read by Carmon provided a quick overview of the financial statements for 2015.

Highlights:

- Not much difference in the balance sheet from the previous year
- Fixed assets base increase was a result of floors at the Hall refinished
- Hall increase in revenue was 30% from the previous year
- It is a goal to become self sufficient with respect to the Hall, not requiring casino funds. This will allow us to allocate casino funds to Programs and other initiatives. 2016 to date is tracking to this level.
- Calgary Tool Library and Farmers' Market ran self sustaining numbers for 2015. 2016 is tracking to this level to date.

Brian Beck explained the BRCA as a society bound under the Societies Act. As members we are in a position to acknowledge that the Board is presenting the Financials.

Brian Beck moved to accept the financial statements for the BRCA for the 2015 fiscal year and the Presidents Report as presented by the Board and as submitted for audit. Erin Cripps seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of Auditors (Sharon McKendrick) - 7:36PM

Brian Beck moved to appoint an auditor engaged through the Federation of Calgary Communities for the 2016 fiscal year. Erin Cripps seconded. Motion carried.

New Branding (Erin Cripps) - 7:38PM

Presentation/unveiling of new BRCA Logo and branding done by Michelle Cowman-Smith. Introduction of Michelle by Erin and her work for the Garden Club and the BRCA, to great applause. Vibrancy, diversity, neighbours, sustainability, heritage, all rolled into one to branding for the BRCA. Introduction to social media voice "Bridgeland Betty", who will have her finger on the pulse of the community.

Announcements (Carmon Blacklock) – 7:45PM

Thank volunteers and committee members (ask them to stand up)

- Announce tables that are setup (Farmers Market, Rooftop Garden, Tool Library, Planning Committee)
- Thank employees (hand out gift cards)
- Mention that empty board roles can still be filled, approach Carmon at end of AGM
- Community Clean-up day on April 30th, 9am to 2pm.
- Cultura Fest on May 28th
- Programs tables are set outside
- Ali McMillan explained the materials that are on display in the Lower Hall, students at U of Calgary's Faculty of Environmental Design
- Flowers were presented to Sharon McKendrick for her dedication, ongoing and over the years
- First Board Meeting will be held on April 25th in Lantern Room. See secretary to leave contact details.

Q&A (Carmon Blacklock) - :PM

Topics discussed included:

- A member asked about a rumour that has been floating about to do with the future of route 9. Anna has been attending meetings with the Transit people, who are balancing cost with value of ridership. Many Open Houses were held including one in Bridgeland. Information is on the City website and summary information will be available soon, including social media and physical mailouts.

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- A member asked about traffic and the role of the Connections subcommittee. Ali put this back to the member in the form of an invitation to join said Connections subcommittee, and this was received positively.
- A member asked about the General Hospital Legacy Fund. At that point G-C Carra was presented the floor. It was explained that the Fund had its origin in the demolition of the General Hospital, where the land sales would be put into said fund that would be “administered by social workers”. Although the fund had a semblance of unavailability for the intended purposes, G-C Carra has put forth a motion to City council to acknowledge the existence of the fund, which was approved and a committee will be struck in the fall. He suggested that the amount would be an amount higher than the rumoured \$3MM, perhaps would be \$15MM. The terms of reference will be a focus of the committee, and the BRCA will be asked to take part in the discussion in due time.

Councillor G-C Carra 8:05pm

After the point above on the Legacy Fund, G-C Carra spoke briefly about some work he is involved with at the City and our community.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment (Sharon McKendrick) - 8:12PM

Brian Beck moved to conclude the meeting at 8:15 pm. Roseanne Penner seconded. Carried.