

In Attendance: Kristi Rivait, Shari Winter, Dave Campbell, Shannon Bell, Dave, Mary, Bridget, Geoff Welham

By Invitation: Geoff Welham, Geoff Young, Dean Fortin, Rob Fleming

Regrets:

1. Call to Order: 7:06pm
2. Adoption of Agenda (Moved Kristi, Dave Second, Mary Passed)
3. Adoption of Minutes (Moved Shari\*, Seconded Bridget, Passed)
4. President's Report - Dave Campbell: Thanked the crowd for coming, the board and the staff. Mentioned the volunteer nature of the board. Noted challenges (bus, rebuild the shelter) joys (celebration, Haultain-Corners event). Discussed hiring Kristi as new executive director; commendable professionalism. Thanked staff for welcoming Kristi with open arms. Mentioned extra work of board this year, and how to "grow" the centre by exploring options for expansion. Tonight's theme: preparation for the future.
5. Guest Speakers

Mayor Dean Fortin, City of Victoria: The OCA welcomed Mayor Dean Fortin. Mentioned topical homicide and the fact that the culprits have been caught "speaks to the coordination of the Victoria police."

Continued--mentioned "Mayor's Open Door" to set up meeting with communities, to hear issues etc. Discussion about housing and homelessness, \$80 million investment so far "5x5 Emerald Street Project", Our Place, and other opportunities for those without homes. Johnson Street bridge refurbishment project-referendum will ask specifically about what kind of money the people want to spend. Mentioned update on community plan--vision of what Victoria should look like in next thirty years. Hoping to come to Koffi and have a focus group. Finally, invite the community back to "downtown" to see Spirit Square and other Victoria features currently are. Working on safer late night Victoria (late night buses, dedicated taxis, food vendors). Four more police officers dedicated to downtown.

Recognized efforts of Councillor Geoff Young. Thanked OCA for the opportunity to speak. Congratulations to Oaklands for overcoming challenges.

Councillor Geoff Young, City of Victoria: Opening remarks. Pleasure being liaison to Oaklands. Issues in neighbourhood (first contact with board was about lost bus). The OCA seems great--meetings move quickly, for example. Zoning issues mentioned (potential re-development of Hillside, other developments have been controversial). Thanked the OCA for having him as liaison.

Rob Fleming, MLA - Came out of order. Began at 7:43. Kristi welcomed Rob. Rob thanked us for invite. Mentioned provincial budget, federal budget tabled and impact on community infrastructure. Difficult times for major employer in region (civil service) and other cuts in region that are real concern (environmentally). Health care/education tough times ahead, and layoffs expected. Thanked Oaklands for updating community on provincial ongoing.

Difficulty in leveraging partnerships in future and funding will be scarce. Planning stages most important for next couple years. Mentioned good thing about budget--full day kindergarten system. Cited interest in working with the community to find solutions.

6. Board Committee & Coordinator's Reports - Kristi mentioned that this year, the reports will be done as handouts.

Land Use & Traffic - Kristi mentioned this body and explained how it works (land use issues and transport issues). Meets third Thursday of each month. Shari Winter, our Vice President, Chair of Land Use committee. Went on to note the development of Hillside--looking at leasing objectives and should be able to begin work in 5-6 months.

Child Care - Kristi mentioned fortunate ability for Oaklands to replace the bus. Reviewed Child Care report verbally.

Community Development and Recreation - Year of transition. Mentioned Lianne Wessner coming aboard. YLIT. Reviewed Community Development and Recreation report verbally.

Facility - Oaklands Outlook is a highlight and has been gaining in popularity. Reviewed report verbally.

7. Treasurer's Report - Shannon Bell: 2009 financials displayed on screen, with comparison between 2008 and 2009.

MOTION: That the financial statements be adopted and submitted.

Moved Bridget, Seconded Doug.

CARRIED.

MOTION: That Collins & Company be appointed to conduct the "review" for the Association for the fiscal year ending December 1, 2009.

Moved John Seconded Doug.

CARRIED.

**MOTION:** That the Oaklands Community Association be authorized to borrow funding in the event of an opportunity to purchase property for future expansion of the Oaklands Community Centre. Borrowing figure is cited as under one million dollars.

Passed as Special Resolution by the membership, passed by show of hands. Approved by a majority.

**CARRIED.**

Question about federal funding- employment opportunities for students expected to come on May 1st.

Question from floor about plan to expand. Shannon discussed expansion ideas and inability for OCC building to build up. Reaffirmed that the board has looked at all our options.

Question from floor about how to pay back borrowed money. Board responded that with revenue generated from programs etc.

Question from floor "are we thinking of increasing size of property". Board responded that we are looking at any option. Limited options in terms of what we can utilize as buildings for a community centre. Doug mentioned challenge of losing school across the street when it was on sale, and noted that we would like to have the membership's permission to move on real estate opportunities in the future.

8. Break

9. Guest Speaker - Rob Johns, Emergency Social Services - Kristi welcomed and introduced Rob.

March 10 at Burnside Gorge Community Centre Rob facilitating ESS workshop. Mentioned that if we have 10 or more that he will facilitate a workshop.

Rob continued, noting the timely nature of this presentation. Victoria is in a seismically active zone, but many of us have not experienced a damaging earthquake in our lives. 30% likelihood of damaging earthquake in Victoria in our lifetimes. Discussed various earthquakes around the world, Japan, Seattle etc. We're in zone of time when there is an earthquake expected in this area.

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Drop, cover, hold during earthquake. Get an earthquake kit ready. Mentioned that Oaklands is an Emergency Reception Centre, and kudos to staff and board for their support of this initiative.

10. Election of Officers - Geoff Welham, City of Victoria - Kristi invited Geoff to lead this process. Geoff thanked the staff and the board. INSERT ELECTION BLURB HERE.

Four nominees for two year terms:

Dave Campbell  
John Martin  
Mary Partridge  
Doug Schlenker

Two spots open for directors, no nominations from the floor.  
Moved that elections be closed.

11. Executive Director's Report - Kristi Rivait, Oaklands Community Centre - Closing remarks. Mentioned greenway projects, Garry Oak, preschool etc. Time of change. Enjoys community input. Community feedback has shown that we need more rental space and programs. Vivality clear of the important role of centre. Community has outgrown space-how do we cater to needs of community in this space?

Learn what community needs, design plan for a centre that meets needs, and figure out how to afford it. Currently, we're gleaning information from community (surveying each program at the centre, community members, youth, researching other centres' success, organizing committees to help find answers).

Strategic planning stages--finding best solution. Main goal is to serve community as a whole for place to have fun, learn, be stimulated intellectually, and to enrich their lives. No long term solution will come without community input, which we want through any means possible (website, email, phone).

The financial side: goal for community is to find a centre that fits them. Therefore, we have to find the funds. Listed "One Step Solutions" as per package. One step by an individual can create amazing accomplishments. Kristi thanked community for input, and ensured that we are looking for best solutions for Oaklands.

Took questions from the floor.

Where are surveys-responses that they'll be posted on our website.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.