



Mission

Strengthening the Oaklands community by providing programs, services and resources for its residents, businesses and visitors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER-24-15

Present: Laurie Morgan, Jeff Loughheed, Eric Hallman, Marianne Alto, Nikole Skoreyko, Traci Fontana-Wegelin, Eric Bleumenschein, Roberto Melfi, Dave Campbell, Jennifer Warren, Solomon Lindsey, Kristina Leach, Graham Verhulst, Britney Slade, John O'Brien, Kathy Ajas.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Eric moved to adopt the agenda. Jeff Seconded. Motion Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: Jeff moved to adopt the minutes for October. Laurie seconded. Motion carried.

3. Guest Presentation - Victoria Micro-housing Society

Presentation by Kristina Leach, Graham Verhulst and Solomon Lindsey.

There are an estimated 400 units of supported housing and 1500 units of affordable housing needed in Victoria.

Victoria Micro-housing did not form with a site in mind, and instead focused on the big picture in Victoria. The Society has been engaging with the community and is moving to the next step by engaging with the community associations. The organization is looking for a site (vacant lots), and will be determining the clientele based on the chosen site. A site will ideally be identified by February 2016.

Units will be produced by BC manufacturers and can fit buildings in as little as 100X50 feet of space. Community amenity development (like a community garden) on the same site as micro-housing might make the proposal more attractive to communities. Houses are intended to be short term and then be moved to a new site. A 3-5 year occupation of a site is ideal.

City is very committed and is going to contribute to infrastructure of the units. E-mails on potential sites can be forwarded directly to Victoria Micro-housing.

4. Staff Report - Nicole Skoreyko

Little Acorn has been in operation for 5 years. Currently 60 families are enrolled part or full time. It is anticipated that between 24 and 30 spaces will be moving on to kindergarten next year.

The backyard will be a priority in the coming year; unfinished components on the south end will be

addressed. A quote from Flintstones for the perimeter drains is forthcoming. Community member recommends seeking multiple quotes due to past experiences with these types of contractors.

Creation of short term emergency kits for ONH is planned. Parents are asked to provide an emergency kit that is minimal but Nicole would like something more substantial on hand. She is currently working on logistics.

Nicole would like more space and an infant and toddler centre if possible. There is very high demand for infant and toddler care. 12-16 spaces would likely be the minimum. 4-1 ratio is required for infant and toddler care.

Action: Sandy and Nicole will create a plan for the ONH backyard to see what the next steps would be.

Action: Nicole was asked to put together a plan for Infant and Toddler care by January so the Board is aware of what might be required for such a facility. Nicole will begin tracking the number of requests she receives.

5. Old Business

Board Candidate introductions

- Kathy Ajas - Experience in sales and marketing as an employee of Parkwood Place; seniors are her area of expertise, and she is interested in engaging that population.
- Dave Campbell - Previous Board member; experience as a commercial banker; interested in outside the box thinking and big ideas; understands the commitment; very interested in re-engaging.
- John O'Brien - Has worked for different governments, and is a professional property owner; has substantial experience in records management and risk management, and is interested in good communication; very interested in architecture and has volunteered on boards before.
- Jennifer Warren - Experience with a financial management company, and considers herself to be a good analytical thinker; very interested in being involved and engaged with the Oaklands community.
- Britney Slade - Works for the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Centre as a child care manager; has been involved in similar operations to those Oaklands in the past and is very interested in what the OCA is doing.

Ivy Place greenway project

Motion: Jeff moved that the Ivy Place discussion be tabled until the next board meeting. Eric Seconded. Motion Carried.

6. Community Liaison's Report

- 300-400 Syrian refugees are expected to be resettled in Victoria. The City of Victoria is looking to identify interested families. Residents can get in touch with Marianne directly for information.

- A City staff re-organization is in process, City staff may become available for board meetings. Changes to CALUC are likely coming.
- Oaklands now has the largest proportion of children under 12 in Victoria.
- Marianne thanked the OCA for participating in the Kiwanis crosswalk opening.
- The City of Victoria will be premiering housing films and having public discussion on alternative housing on the evening of December 3 and the morning December 4th in the antechamber.
- The Cycling Master Plan includes several routes running through Oaklands. The project is expected to be completed by 2018 at a cost of approximately \$1.6M.
- Oaklands Community Centre HVAC is to be replaced next year by the City at a cost of approximately \$7500.
- Higgins St. upgrades have been postponed due to resident feedback. The residents of Higgins Street are evenly split on how to proceed.
- Several storm drains throughout Oaklands will be replaced in 2016, including a stretch running down Victor St. in front of ONH.
- The Doncaster Rd. bicycle path development between Hillside and Myrtle will see extended consultation due to feedback received from the community. The project is still scheduled to go ahead in 2016.
- The City of Victoria is moving forward with a plan to regulate marijuana dispensaries. Staff have been directed to hold public feedback meetings with the expectation that bylaws for regulation will be drafted by February.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Eric gave a very brief financial history of OCA for the prospective board members.
- OCA is doing very well this year. ONH is a finished \$1,710 ahead in October vs. -\$8000 in the same period last year. OCC finished \$5,532 ahead in October vs. \$3508 in the same period last year.
- It is looking like the Association will be ahead in excess of \$20,000 by the end of this fiscal year. This is primarily due to not backfilling a maternity leave. There are several large expenses coming for ONH in the next year including repair work, backyard upgrades and painting which will use much of this surplus.
- The final monthly renovation loan payment of \$525 was paid in October.

8. Executive Director's Report

- A draft budget has been completed for the gaming grant application which is almost complete for this year. Gaming application has gone online this year.
- The Christmas get together for board and staff is planned for December 13th from 6:30-9:30. Traci will be doing games.

- McAvoy Rule & Co. accounting firm has been engaged although a formal engagement letter has not yet been signed. Final confirmation that there is no conflict of interest in McAvoy Rule taking OCA on as a client is expected soon.

9. Committee Reports

Motion: Laurie moved that committee reports be tabled for the December meeting. Jeff Seconded.
Motion carried.

10. New Business

Victoria Community Association Network

- Eric gave a brief overview of VCAN. He explained that the last presentation was primarily focused on setting the agenda for the next year. Next meeting is scheduled for January.

Jim Diers Presentation

- Kim Walker was not present to give a summary of the Jim Diers Presentation.

11. Meeting Adjourned

Laurie adjourned the meeting.