

**West Point Grey Community Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2006**

Present: Chair Ian Clements, Shamsah Mohamed, Ruth Kendall, James Gill, Bill Moran, Allan Sabet, Andrea Maitland (minutes), John Mills, Lydia Bergant, Suzanne Starr, Jerry Wennes, Christina Fodor CRC Hanna Maron, Olga Turok

Regrets: Andree Karas, Shirin Koorjee, Richard Strachan, Jemilia O'Brien, Commissioner Korina Houghton, Charles Golden, Programmer Sharon Genge, Tanya Donaldson

The meeting was called to order at p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - 1.1 Agenda accepted as circulated.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1 James Gill (Ruth Kendall) **Motion:** that the minutes of the Wednesday, November 1, be accepted as circulated.
- carried
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1. A card from staff thanking the board for the annual holiday dinner.
4. Committee Business
 - 4.1. Youth Committee
 - 4.1.1. No meeting, no members present and no report.
 - 4.2. Finance, Budget and Audit Committee
 - 4.2.1. No meeting and no report.
 - 4.3. Executive Committee
 - 4.3.1. No meeting and no report
 - 4.4. Operations Policy and Planning Committee
 - 4.4.1. No meeting and no report.
 - 4.5. Facilities Policy and Planning Committee
 - 4.5.1. No meeting and no report.

4.6. Fundraising Committee

4.6.1. The board has information that there will be no money at this time from the federal Western Economic Diversification Fund. On Nov. 17, at a meeting in Victoria, consultant Geran Capewell learned it was unlikely that provincial infrastructure money would be available for WPGCC at this time. James recommended that the board not push ahead with the Building program this year. He said the board can try again in the next fiscal year. James said the fund-raising program is now at a stage where there is too much work for just that committee. A building committee should be formed from FPP or a new group to work with the planning committee of Parks Board. A more concrete expansion plan will help with fund-raising. Ruth Kendall asked if there is enough money in reserve for a planning initiative.

James said there is more than \$300,000 in the building fund.

He hoped that a new WPG planning committee will be able to access the planning expertise of Parks Board staff. He estimated that it will cost about \$30,000 for plans and solid cost estimates.

In answer to a question from Allan Sabet, James said there are no new donations to the expansion fund, but there are a couple of invitations to apply. The legacy program hasn't been pushed hard. He said the neighbourhood must become more involved before we start approaching community members to pay for \$300 tiles.

On the subject of foundation grants, James said many applications have gone out, ranging from \$5,000 to \$75,000. He also expected that WPG will apply to some organizations year after year as the project progresses.

Asked about setting up an honorary fund-raising committee, James said met with Clive Austin and Bob Standerwick of West Point Grey Academy for very preliminary talks, but it is premature to set up an honorary committee.

James made three recommendations:

- A building committee should be established.
- .An application should be made for Parks Board planning assistance.
- Ask the Parks Board for a motion for support in principle of the expansion project.

James thought these goals were achievable this winter.

Ian Clements asked about a timeline. James said the Parks board planning committee should be approached for approval in principle. Then the building committee would need a couple of months to get professional help. Within six months, WPG should have plans on paper, costed out. He then envisioned re-visiting the sponsorship and grant applications a year after they were first sent out. WPG could apply for direct access gaming money in October. In later discussion, James said the gaming fund could net \$100,000 a year for several years.

As for federal-provincial infrastructure money, James estimated we could have an answer on our applications by April or March of 2008. He

emphasized that fund-raising efforts are more likely to succeed with “a pretty picture and some reliable numbers.”

He said he’d like community outreach efforts to be made at Fiesta and the up-coming WPGCC Annual General Meeting. Major initiatives might have to wait until there is a more concrete expansion plan proposal, although he did think there should be some community involvement before the final architectural plans are drawn up.

John Mills warned it might be difficult to get federal and provincial funds without the support of the Parks Board and Vancouver City Council. James said the Parks Board could approve the project in September or October and city council would then follow suit.

Allen Sabet (Mills) **motion:** In light of the information provided from the fund-raising committee and the result of the efforts provided by the committee in cooperation with the consultant, I would like to ask to have a secret ballot as to whether this board would like to continue with the idea of self-financing the planning expansion or just restrict our efforts to keep asking the parks board to finance the project.

The board voted 4 to 9 to eliminate the secret ballot portion of the motion and Allen agreed to exclude the final words “or just restrict our efforts to keep asking the parks board to finance the project.”

There was some additional discussion about the meaning and possible impact of the motion and Allen agreed to another version. **Motion:** be it resolved that the board continue with the fund-raising project.

Carried ...12 for and one abstention.

4.7. Ad Hoc Committee on Income Assessment

4.7.1. John Mills reported on a meeting Nov. 17 between himself, CRC Hanna Maron, Tanya Donaldson, and two representatives of Typlan Consulting Ltd: Russ Tyson and Craig Lindsay, (who is also CEO of Vancouver-Richmond Family Services). John will sign the contract with Tyson as previously approved by the board and update the board at the January meeting.

4.8. Jericho Arts Centre

4.8.1 James reported that on Monday, Dec. 11, the Parks Board will receive a staff report recommending the board enter into a lease agreement with Friends of the Jericho Arts Centre.

There was a discussion of the financial implications for WPG of the separation from JAC.

5. Staff Report

5.1. CRC Report

5.1.1. Hanna Maron reminded committee chairs they must get reports by mid January in for the Feb. 7 Annual General Meeting of the West Point Grey Community Centre Association. The next executive meeting is Jan. 3. The next board meeting is Jan. 10.

6. Other Business

6.1 There was a discussion of the new board to be elected at the AGM, and the implications for fundraising. Nine of the current members have two-year terms and nine more will be ending one-year terms.

Suzanne Starr and other board members agreed to attend a session Jan. 17 aimed at encourage more community involvement in the board

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10th, 2007