

Mt. Pleasant Community Centre Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 18, 2010

Present: Kerri Abramson (chair)
Kathy Tang
Amy Clausen
Jeff Rotin
Jim Bennett
Nicole Oliver
Gary Richmond
Margery Duda
Carol Sogawa
Kiley Fithen
Joanna Fraser
Christopher Richardson (arrived at 7:55pm)

Regrets: Sharon Urton
Robb Weaver
David Morrish
Emma Sutherland
Matt Schmidt
Nancy A. Chiavario
Rod Hashimoto

Guest: John Petrie, local resident

Staff: Harvey Eng, Community Recreation Supervisor

1. **Call to Order** at 6:40 pm
2. **Agenda**

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented.
Moved by Nicole O / Gary R - Carried

3. **Board Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2010**

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the April 13, 2010 as presented.
Moved by Kathy T / Nicole O - Carried

4. **President's Report** – Kerri Abramson

Kerri's report included the following:

- a. The Association Presidents Group did not meet with the Park Board as scheduled on May 10. The APG did request a meeting with Penny Ballem, the City Manager.

- b. The ad hoc committee of Kerri A, Christopher R and Harvey E met to discuss personnel issues on May 30 and made the following recommendations, which were presented as motion:

MOTION: That the Childcare Coordinator, preschool staff and out-of-school care staff be given 3% pay raises, retroactive to September 1, 2009.

Moved by Kerri A / Nicole O – Carried

MOTION: That the MPCCA provide funding of up to \$5,500 per year to the Park Board to upgrade the Recreation Programmer 1 position to a Recreation Programmer 2 level.

Moved by Kerri A / Gary R – Carried, with Kathy T abstaining

It was suggested that the board get a summary listing of their staff which would include information about contracts, wages and benefits. It was also suggested that the board may want to look into a superannuation plan for their employees.

- c. Information was distributed about a development proposal for 3333 Main Street, which was the former site of a car dealership at 18th Avenue. The proposal calls for a “parkette” to be part of the development.
- d. Harvey provided information about the Park Board policy which prohibits the anti-HST petition into the centre to collect signatures.
- e. John Petrie was introduced. He is a local resident who has interest in the MPCCA and the civic complex.
- f. Kerri provided a written summary of the board orientation, which identified 4 central themes: meeting structure; board member; community; and leadership. A suggestion was made to have a July meeting to do some strategic planning.

5. Childcare Modular Project – Harvey Eng

Harvey reported that the project is still awaiting hook-up to electricity, gas, sewer and water. He also reported that there will be more updates as there is an on-site meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

The naming of the building and the rooms remains to be finalized. The suggestion to name the building “Our House Child Care Centre” was supported by the board. It was also suggested that the naming of the rooms could wait and that the kids could be asked for suggestions.

6. **Pool Committee Report** – Margery Duda

Margery suggested that a special event be held at the old pool site during the Summer to keep the issue in the public's mind. There was concern raised about the condition of the old site and when it would be useable; and who would be paying for the event.

The Pool Society will be hosting a meeting on Saturday to do some planning and strategizing. They will also be at Car Free Day.

Questions and suggestions were made about the relationship between the MPCCA and the Pool Society, including:

- Does the MPCCA want to remain involved in the pool issue?
- Should the MPCCA's role be limited to administering the pool fundraising?
- Should the MPCCA step back from taking the lead on pool issues?
- Is there still a need for a MPCCA Pool Committee?
- Board members need to provide feedback on this issue.
- Does the MPCCA need to have some separation from the Pool Society?

7. **Program Committee Report** – Carol Sogawa

Car Free Day on Main Street will be on Sunday, June 20 with the location moved to Main St, from 16th to 25th Aves. Board members thought it was important to have a presence at the event and a suggestion was made that we may be able to share with Riley Park CC.

Celebrate Mount Pleasant is on Sat, June 5 and will be held in the community centre, instead of Guelph Park.

8. **Arts Committee Report** – Amy Clausen

Amy reported that the Arts Committee will become part of the Program Committee.

9. **Treasurer's Report** – Christopher Richardson

Christopher reported that two term deposits with a total value of \$40,000 will be maturing shortly.

10. **Staff Report** – Harvey Eng

Harvey reported:

- He has completed a grant proposal to the City's Olympic office for a donation of 132 Olympic street banners to be sold at \$75 per pair, with the resulting \$5,000 to fund free wall climbing experiences for local kids. Board members will be asked to help sell the banners.

- A request from Tupper Secondary School for their annual graduation awards was received.

MOTION: That the MPCCA contribute \$1,500 to Tupper Secondary School's graduation award program, with Gary Richmond to write a letter about the conditions of the awards.

Moved by Amy C / Jim B - Carried

11. New/Old Business

Gary Richmond reported that his observations about the demolition of the old community centre building have led him to believe that the building was very poor structurally. Gary also noted that the cracks in the floor of the new centre will become a big problem.

Kerri will put together some information for a July board meeting on possible topics and suggest a meeting date.

Board members are concerned about the amount of emails that they are getting and would like to get only emails that are relevant to them. A suggestion was made that guidelines are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm