

Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday March 21st, 2017
7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Present: David Parent, Christopher Dalton, Susanne Dahlin, Gail Cryer, Calvin Kuah (for Jenny Kwan), Chris Morrissey, Nancy Strider, Alissa reed, Jay Aikenhead, Ken Paquette, Levi Higgs, Jim Lemaistre, Susan Dallyn, Clemncia Gomez, Jane Sheil

Britannia Staff: Peter Odynsky, Giles Grierson, Mathew Halverson (CoV Staff)

1. **Previous Minutes** – accepted
2. **Assessment of March 4th Event (B-Lab launch)**
 - Well organized
 - Lots of support for Britannia already visible
 - Note boards & sandwich boards were good
 - The mix of audio (speech & music), visual (dancers), wood smoke (smell) and food (taste) really made the space alive, it was a full, multi-sensory experience. The “party “ atmosphere was successful.
 - “Theatre in the round” layout was good
 - Library staff was very engaging, their hands-on activities (ie: button making) were good, library had over 1200 people in & out!
 - Concern raised: are we reaching those who hang “around” (but not necessarily IN) Britannia? ie: people who use the park as their social space, etc.

Discussion re: press release/inviting media – the “partners subcommittee” does not yet have an agreed-upon spokesperson or communications plan, so we will forgo media outreach for the time being. Any media enquiries on the day should be directed to Cynthia and/or City staff.

3. **B-Lab Docents** – We would like to “staff” the B-Lab space with volunteers to act as hosts. Not full time, we will build a schedule around busy times & special events. These will be Britannia volunteers, not representatives of the consultants.
 - Will be a library of all our documents (master plans, etc) available for interested persons to peruse.
4. **Speaker Series** – Details are still coming today, should be finalized in 2 weeks. Will be rotating between different spaces at Britannia (Library, Carving Pavilion, etc), and different days of week.
 - Apr 3 – Reconciliation & Renewal with Yvonne Rigby-Jones from Reconciliation Canada. Community meal at 6pm, talk & discussion 7-8pm. Gym D.
 - Apr 12 – Designing Safe Spaces @ CFEC, 6-8pm.
 - A question is raised about whether or not there will there be a separate discussion regarding elder issues & space? There is a discussion regarding whether it’s something that should be integrated into all discussion topics if it should have it’s own forum as well. No formal decision is made, but there is a strong feeling by several members that elder issues should have their own forum/talk/discussion as part of this process.
5. **Tri-Party Agreement Amendments** – Original 1982 agreement is the terms & conditions of operating Britannia, signed by Britannia Community Services Society, City of Vancouver, Vancouver School Board.

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- Amendments that have been in the work for five years were signed this month. Relates primarily to the operation of the Pool & Rink, which have to date been maintained by VSB staff, and will be switching over to Parks Board staff as of May 8th.
 - There is also an amendment to transfer some Britannia site land from VSB to CoV – this includes the strip containing the daycare, Gym D, Info Centre, Teen Centre, Gym C, and also the library (CoV will provide VSB with “equal value” land elsewhere).
 - These negotiations are on-going and expected to last for the next 18 months.
 - The background is that VSB wants to divest itself of responsibility for maintaining BCSS facilities, and the CoV is interested in having ownership of the buildings if it is to invest \$100 million in a new centre.
 - A concern is raised about VSB accountability given that they are currently operating with a single, appointed trustee, not an elected board.
 - A map showing the outlines of the property in question will be e-mailed to committee list.
6. **Community Engagement** – A draft community engagement report, including six action items, is going to board, with a focus on reaching marginalized persons in our neighbourhood.
7. **Committee Speakers** – We would like to have speakers address the monthly Planning & Development Committee meetings on topics relating to the renewal, with one or two each meeting giving a brief presentation followed by Q & A / discussion.
- We should have a template we can give to all Britannia Committees, others, to encourage them to present to us. Levi will draft this template & get it to committee to look over.
 - Input from these discussions should reach the staff & stakeholder meetings. Malcolm & Cynthia to coordinate.
 - Possible ideas: Maker lab [Arts & Culture Comm to co-present on this], City of Coquitlam’s Capital Planner [Levi can contact], Library [already invited], Richmond Aquatic Centre – incl. Seniors’ facility
 - Possibly plan further out-trips as part of this process? Delbrook Community Ctr/pool in North Van, Kerisdale 55+ Centre.
 - BritPlan 55+ would like to address the next meeting [UPDATE: POSTPONED TO MAY 16TH MTG]
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8. **Upcoming Outreach Opportunities**
- **Easter Free Skate Mon April 17th** – we missed the Family Day Free Skate (illness) and the Winter Free Skate was little attended due to snow, so it would be good to have a presence at this one.
 - **Stone Soup May 13th** – We would like to do something bigger than just table, this year. To discuss at April Meeting.
9. **GWAC Meeting** – Grandview Woodlands Area Council would like us to present at their next meeting, May 1st. Unfortunately this will likely conflict with an all-candidates meeting we are hosting. We will contact and tell them we are interested and ask to attend the following meeting
- Levi is interested in attending/presenting
10. **Partners Sub-Committee** – Is meeting weekly, this is where process decisions are being made for renewal events (ie: speakers series, B-Lab launch, etc).
- Matthew Halverson is now Project Manager for CoV.
 - Cynthia & Susanne are official reps for BCSS, Jim has been attending some.
 - Our reps are very happy with how the committee is going.