

### Meeting Notes Thursday, October 3, 2013 6:00 pm in the Conference Room

**Present:** Meseret Taye (Chair), Penny Street, Morna McLeod, Barbara Boyle, Robert White, Susanne Dahlin

**Staff:** Hai Truong (Note Taker), Cynthia Low

#### 1) Introductions

#### 2) Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2013 WITH ITEM 6 SECURITY/SAFETY ADDED.  
Morna McLeod/Susanne Dahlin CARRIED

#### 3) Background of Committee and Activities to Date

The Planning and Development Committee was created in 1991, as part of a restructuring of the Board committees. The August 1991 Board meeting approved its mandate to coordinate major initiatives emanating from the many different parts of Britannia. This mandate, with slight updating, was accepted by the Board of Management at its September 1998 meeting.

The duties of the P&D committee includes making recommendation to the Britannia Board of Management in matters concerned with the long-term development of Britannia, developing strategies for the implementation of the long term goals, as established by the Board in relation to community needs, reviewing specific projects in the context of the overall development of the Britannia organization.

The P&D committee consists of a minimum of three members, of whom at least two will be members of the Board. The Chair of the P&D committee will be a member of the Board. The Board of Management appoints the Chair and the Committee members. A quorum of the P&D committee is three members, of whom two will be Board members. Motions are made and seconded by any members of the committee; decisions are made by consensus or, in the case of formal motions, by majority vote.

The P&D Committee normally meets on a monthly basis from August through to June. The date each month varies according to the availability of the members. Special meetings can be called by the Chair. Until further notice, the committee will be meeting every first Thursday of the month.

## NOTES – Planning & Development

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### 4) Emerging Issues

#### **Grandview Woodland Community Plan**

The City of Vancouver is planning to have some in-depth consultation in the following months. Some people were concerned with the previous process. Other are concerned with having new highrise in the area. What role should Britannia play in the process? What's our strategy? We should have somebody from Britannia to sit on the Citizen Assembly. Boffo is the only developer that has been selected to be on the fast track. They are using the Kettle society to get ahead.

#### **City Capital Plan and Facility Strategic Master Plan**

Jim Machino is given the task of renewing all the schools. Vancouver School Board is open to ideas about reconfiguring the space. The student population has decreased in recent years and there's been talk about making use of the empty space.

Our focus is to try to find more programming space. Some areas on our site like the pool are up for renewal. Britannia Community Centre sits on Vancouver School Board and City of Vancouver ground. We are not on either the VSB or CoV renewal list. Sunset Community Centre was scheduled for demolition, but they were able to secure \$8 million at the last minute and were able to go on the top of the renewal list. We should invite experts from the field to come and talk. Cynthia Low will try to have Michael Clague, Ray Spaxman and Roger Hughes at the next meeting.

### 5) Britannia Action Plan

#### **Potato Farm**

The Potato Farm was a success. Potatoes were harvested and the grade 3's were thrilled.

#### **Carving Pavilion**

The Carving Pavilion received \$8500 from the City; however, this is only 20% of the cost. The next step is to talk to the larger community about the relevancy of the project. With the help of the community, we could go back to City councils to appeal our case.

#### **Evergreen Project**

Ian Marcuse was not at the meeting. He will report back at a future date.

### 6) Security/Safety

Britannia has hosted several Making Play and Sharing Space workshops, where the people in the area were able to participate in the ongoing discussion on issues such as security and safety as well as sharing space. Three times a week, Britannia also hosted Off the Grill, where we provide healthy and inexpensive food to the locals. This program allows the youth to interact with the adults from the community. There are more youth support groups such as Red Fox and UNYA on site. There's also been talk about providing more lights in certain area. Britannia is currently working closely with the VPD in order to have quicker response to incidents on site.

### 7) Adjourn

**MOTION:** TO ADJOURN.

Penny Street/Ian Marcuse

CARRIED

**Next P&D Committee Meeting: 7:00PM Thursday, November 7, 2013.**