

**Minutes of Bayview Village Association
Executive Meeting: Tuesday, 18 October 2016**

Jan Siegel and Courtney Doldron

52 Citation Drive -7:30 p.m.

Chair: Tim Storus

In attendance: Tim Storus, David McGhee, Jan Siegel, Jean Probyn, Sharon Johnson, David Magil, Sue Wires, Debbie Bristow, Judi Codd and Jane Robertson.

Absent: Courtney Doldron, Monty Macdonald, Eric Bristow.

1. At 7:45 p.m., Tim Storus welcomed the executive members, called the meeting to order and thanked Jan Siegel for hosting the meeting.

2. Approval of Tonight's Draft Agenda

Tim Storus proposed amending Tonight's Agenda to make the MAGA report the last item to be discussed and to combine items 6a Strategic Planning and 6e BVA Alamosa Strategic Alliance. David Magil moved to make the proposed amendment, the motion was seconded by Jean Probyn and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meetings on 20 September 2016

A motion was made by Sue Wires to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 20 September 2016 subject to amendments to show that a cheque for \$700 was received from the Scotiabank (not Bank of Nova Scotia) the November Gala, and that Rotary had contributed \$750 towards the Gala and had received two tickets. Also, to remove the following references with respect to the Gala: "Bouquets" and "Brian Williams". The motion was seconded by Debbie Bristow and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Bristow briefly reviewed her report. She noted \$2,000 had been received in memberships but this figure was continually changing. She noted the current balance in the chequing account was \$19,000 and this had increased due to contributions from Gala sponsors and Gala ticket sales. Debbie Bristow moved to have her report accepted. The motion was seconded by Jean Probyn and carried. It was decided that no motion was required to appoint 2 signing officers for the BVA bank account. David McGhee has agreed to be a signing officer and will attend at TD Canada Trust, 686 Finch Avenue East, to sign banking documents.

5. Committee Reports

(a) Neighbourhood

Sue Wires had filed a read only report.

(b) Environment

Sharon Johnston proposed developing a plan to do something for the environment and asked for ideas on how to deal with such issues as erosion in the ravine and feral cats and whether the

BVA should be involved in such issues. David Magil mentioned the issue of park maintenance and problems associated with off-the-leash dogs in the parks and ravine and the need for education in this respect.

(c) Events

Halloween party with Alamosa - Jan Siegel reported that arrangements were in place for the Halloween party on Friday, 28 October 2016. It would take place in the Heart room and Foyer at Forest Grove Church.

Holiday Social - It was decided the Holiday Social scheduled for 9 December 2016 would be cancelled as it is too soon after the November Gala.

Mayor Event

Jan Siegel said Doug Stephens would moderate the event at Grand Luxe the following evening. Jean King would introduce Mayor John Tory as guest speaker for the evening. Seating for the event had been changed to a semi-circle. A question period would be followed by cookies and tea/coffee. The Art from the Attic sale would be promoted at the event and November Gala and membership tickets would be offered for sale. Mayor Tory would be presented with the book on the history of Bayview Village. A thank you card would be sent to Mayor Tory for his attendance at the meeting.

Skating Party - It was decided to plan a different event this year to replace the skating party.

November Gala

Jan Siegel reported that plans for the Gala were in amazing shape. The presenter for the evening would be Pauline Chan from CTV. The 18 piece GTA Swing Band had agreed to play for a very reasonable fee. The band would play after dinner. A steel drum player would entertain during cocktails commencing at 6:30 pm. Seating for dinner would begin at 7:15 pm. Guests would be entertained by a French Horn player and possibly a piano player during dinner. Food stations would be open from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm. The GTA Swing Band and a singer would perform two sessions. Guests would be able to dance and partake of a photo booth. Videos of past events would be shown and past programmes and posters would be on display. There would be 2 bottles of wine on each table (at a cost of \$600) followed by a cash bar. To date, 170 tickets have been sold for the event. Politicians and the BVA President will receive special recognition. Name tags for the event would be optional.

Shredding Event

Jean Probyn reported that the shredding event had incurred a \$200 loss.

Membership Drive

Jane Robertson reported that membership forms have been sent out. Hart was owed \$9US. Tim Storus asked if new home owners in Bayview Village were being targeted for membership. He

suggested putting a copy of the Bayview Village history book and a membership form in each new home. Tim made a motion to distribute membership forms/Bayview Village history books to each new set of occupants. The motion seconded by _____ and carried.

Insurance Policy

Debbie Bristow reported that the BVA insurance policy had been renewed, and a copy of the policy for the previous year is in the BVA Minute Book. There are two policies, a comprehensive general liability (CGL) policy covering such things as slip and falls which was renewed on 30 May 2016 at a cost of \$1,600. The second policy is for directors and officers liability (D&O). It provides coverage of \$2 million. The policy was renewed on 15 October 2016 at a cost of \$1,242.

Draft Code of Conduct

Courtney Doldron proposed copies of a draft code of conduct be circulated. Tim Storus proposed the members read it and decide at the next meeting whether it is needed. David Magil questioned whether it was needed at all as he considered it to be too bureaucratized. Others questioned whether it was needed for all members or just the executive and who should vote on the proposal. David Magil moved to defer consideration of the code of conduct. The motion was seconded by Sue Wires and carried.

Proactive Development Plan

Jan Siegel discussed the need of older people to down-size and suggested that there are few options available to remaining in the neighbourhood. It was proposed someone should talk to Bentall Kennedy. David Magil suggested that you need to know the demographics of the neighbourhood in order to tell developers what was needed.

Strategic Plan

Jan Siegel proposed selecting a date towards the end of April 2017 for a retreat to discuss the issue of a Strategic Plan. She mentioned that older people in the area need to downsize but in this respect there was not much accommodation available for them in the neighbourhood. Perhaps the BVA should approach developers such as Bentall Kennedy and tell them what we would like to see developed in this regard, and perhaps this could be included as part of the Strategic Plan. David Magil said in this regard it would be appropriate to know the demographics of the neighbourhood. Jan Siegel made a motion to choose a date at the end of April 2017 for a retreat to be held at her house to discuss the issue of a Strategic Plan. As a friendly amendment, David Magil proposed identifying a facilitator and making inquiries as to the cost of same. Tim Storus noted that he had obtained 3 quotes in this respect. Others suggested this was something we could do ourselves without a paid facilitator, at least initially. David Magil agreed and dropped his proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Sue Wires and carried. In the meantime, Tim Storus will circulate the old Strategic Plan proposals.

BVA Alamosa Strategic Alliance

Tim Storus produced a list of questions regarding the proposed BVA Alamosa Strategic Alliance.

In particular, questions as to whether such a merger or alliance was feasible or advisable. An in camera discussion was held to consider the proposal. Questions and issues raised in this respect included: whether it would help increase the membership; who would take over whom and to what advantage; would it be a financial benefit; the need to prepare a balance sheet comparison; and would it help the strategic plan.

David Magil advised that there are 350 homes in the Alamosa area and suggested that it would be impractical and premature as the communities may not be similar. From a MAGA perspective, it should be noted the two communities are in different wards and their children attend different middle schools. He questioned how much the BVA can focus on and be affective. He mentioned that the Alamosa membership fee is \$5 per member and questioned how active they are. He also noted that the Alamosa neighbourhood is not involved in the development on Bayview and Sheppard but is more oriented towards Finch and Leslie. The two communities really only have the ravine in common. Further, a joint Newsletter would be a burden and liability. Having said that, it is still possible to partner with other groups on specific issues. Jan Siegel suggested it is not good to join with another group just to increase members. Joint activities are good on certain occasions but we need to know what we want to do first. David Magil made a motion to make the merger issue part of the strategic planning exercise. Jan noted it also falls under membership. The motion seconded by Jane Robertson and carried.

In regard to strategic planning, David Magil raised the question as to what development the BVA would like to see on Sheppard between Hawksbury and Blue Ridge. He enquired as to whether there are any maps of the area and suggested it would be better to be proactive and explore facts.

6. Webmaster and Membership Lists

Gary James has raised the question as to how information is to be sorted and retrieved from the BVA database. The BVA must decide who is to maintain the database and what information it wants to be able to retrieve from it for the purpose of membership and other purposes. For example, does the BVA want to be able to retrieve a lot of different information, such as the identity of “new houses” to target membership. The Excel program presently lists members by their address. Would it be useful to have the names of the neighbours around developments. At a minimum, the database should have the names of members and spouses, their street and email addresses, and whether they are “friends of BVA members” or non-members.

David Magil will circulate what is new with MAGA and will push for ward boundary before the year 2018 and restructuring the OMB.

7. Adjournment

David Magil moved to adjourn the meeting which was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 15 November 2016, at the residence of Eric & Debbie Bristow.

President: Tim Storus

Secretary: David McGhee