

Present: Brian Collins (BC), Mike Feeley (MF), Erica Frank (EF), Sharon Wu (SW), Peter Smailes (PS), Nancy Knight (NK).

Regrets: Alex Lougheed

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

74 people in attendance.

A. Introduction of the UNA Board of Directors and Staff

Directors: Mike Feeley, Erica Frank, Sharon Wu, Peter Smailes, Nancy Knight.

Staff: Jan Fialkowski, Cathie Cleveland

B.1. Agenda

Motion to move the Resolution (agenda item B.3.) to B.6. on the agenda.

Moved by Dorothy Riddle seconded by Jeffrey Lane, carried.

Moved by Charles Heinrich to accept the agenda, seconded by Linda Redmond, carried.

B.5. Annual Report

Message from Brian Collins, Chair

The most important accomplishment this year was the signing of the Neighbours' Agreement. Many thanks to Jim Taylor and Mike Feeley for this work. This Agreement establishes the UNA's rights and obligations with UBC. This is a living document and may be re-visited over the years.

Many thanks also to the office staff of Jan Fialkowski and Cathie Cleveland.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers especially Heather Friesen (Chair, Community Gardens) and Charles Menzies (Chair, Schools Committee).

Thanks to Nancy Knight and Peter Smailes (from UBC) who take their responsibilities very seriously and show balanced and fair views to the Board. They are professional and bring many strengths to the Board. Thanks to Alex Lougheed, the AMS representative to the Board which helps to liaise in an effective way with the students and UNA community.

In completing my 3 terms there is now the opportunity to renew the Board once again.

Thanks to Angela Wheelock – Editor of the UNA Newsletter.

B.4. Audited Financial Statement – Peter Smailes

See page 13 of the Annual Report.

Questions / Comments about the Financial Statement:

Question - Who is the Security contractor and what do they do?

Response - Securiguard is the contractor and they monitor the UNA jurisdiction including strata parkades (if the stratas provide them access).

Question – Who is the contractor for landscaping as the costs are high?

Response - The landscaping companies are private companies (not UBC) and the costs are due to the high degree of maintenance that exists in all the neighbourhoods.

Question – What was the cost of the Community Garden and where is it in the financial statement?

Response - The Community Garden costs were about \$10,000. They are not included in the 2007-08 budget as the budget year ended March 31/08. The community garden was installed in May 2008 and will be included in the 2008-09 financials.

Question – What are the equipment and leaseholds in the financial statement?

Response - These include items such as creating the UNA Office at the Old Barn Community Centre and furnishing and outfitting for the community centre with furniture and equipment.

Question – What is Victim Services and where does the funding come from?

Response - The Victim Services program is funded by the Provincial Government (approx. \$30,000 / anum). The UNA administers the contract and the employee works out of the RCMP detachment and attends incidents requiring services (car accidents, break & enters, sudden deaths, etc.)

Question - What is the Services Levy that UBC collected this year?

Response - The Services Levy collected by UBC was 2.17 million.

Question - Through what mechanism are the RCMP and fire services paid?

Response – Police coverage is paid through the Rural Tax and Fire Service is provided through a contract with the City of Vancouver.

Question - Could the UNA present a yearly statement of the Reserve Funds (+ an indication of the interest) in the Annual Report and on the UNA web-site?

Response - Yes.

Comment – The UNA financial statements must be approved by the UNA membership.

Response - The UNA constitution does not require the financial statements be approved by the membership. The financials are presented to the membership for information.

Questions on other topics:

Comment – How can we move forward on the recycling issue? Could the money planned for hiring the Sustainability Coordinator not be better used toward implementation of a universal garbage recycling

program?

Response - The Board has agreed to hire a sustainability coordinator whose first task will be to look at universal recycling. This is a task that cannot be performed by the small office staff we have currently.

We looked at adding the cost of the proposed universal garbage / recycling to the Services Levy bill but were informed that UBC could not do this.

Mike Feeley – We have grand expectations of this universal garbage / recycling program. It is not just signing a contract. The lowest quote came in at \$350K / per anum which would not have been sustainable as the community grows.

Question – Is the UNA basing their Noise control By-law on the City of Vancouver By-law?

Response - Yes.

Question – Will the UNA have any power over areas adjacent to UNA neighbourhoods (e.g. Thunderbird Stadium, fraternities, student residences sports fields)?

Response – No, the Noise control By-law will only apply to noise created within the UNA neighbourhoods. The UNA Office liaises with great success with UBC (Campus & Community Planning) with regard to noise issues emanating from institutional areas.

Comment – The UNA is not communicating enough with residents but it is an improvement from last year.

Comment - The UNA should be looking at a study about governance to be more pro-active as the City of Vancouver starts looking at us.

Question - How does the UNA recruit candidates to serve as directors from the other neighbourhoods, renters, and to ensure equal distribution on the Board? There is a concern that too many people on the Board have a relationship with UBC as faculty or staff.

Response - University Town was created to assist UBC in recruitment of faculty and staff by creating a sustainable community nearby the institution. Therefore there are many residents (more than 50%) who are affiliated with UBC. We actively encourage any and all residents, regardless of their relationship with UBC, to run for UNA Directors. Notices of nomination are posted in the UNA Newsletter which is mailed to each and every household in the UNA.

B. 3. Special Resolution

(The residential directors will not vote for themselves but will vote if they are carrying proxies on behalf of others.)

Motion: The UNA Board of Directors has proposed an amendment to the UNA Constitution with regard to paying a stipend to the *elected* Resident Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT By-law 5.16 which currently reads

Any remuneration to be paid to a director for being or acting as an officer of the Association shall be approved by the members at a General Meeting.

Be Replaced with

5.16 . A stipend of \$5,000 yearly to be paid to each UNA *elected* Resident Director and an additional \$2,500 to the Chair.

Moved by Ray Pollard, seconded by Kim Feltham.

With the item on the table, comments from residents included those who were opposed to residential directors being paid, how the money would be monitored, expectations created from remuneration, accountability, and how other UNA volunteers will feel as they are not paid.

Resolution carried with 34 in favour, 28 against including all proxy votes.

C. Candidates speeches – introduction of 3 candidates for the 2 directors positions.

- Mike Feeley
- Aprodicio Laquian
- Sheldon Nathanson

D. Balloting

E. Coffee Break

A presentation by Mike Feeley was made to Brian Collins, thanking him for his outstanding contributions to the UNA during his time as a Board member and as chair of the association.

F. UNA Community Survey – Angus McAllister (McAllister Opinion Research)

648 households were polled out of about 2,200 households.

Error factor 2%.

G. Balloting Results

Mike Feeley and Aprodicio Laquian received the majority of votes and are declared elected to the UNA Board of Directors for 2 year terms.

H. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.