

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2022 Wesbrook Community Centre and Via Teleconference

## **MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Jane Kang, Chair Alexandra Bailey (arrived at 4:07 p.m.) Alice Bradley Michelle Niu (departed at 4:52 p.m.) Nidhi Raina (arrived at 4:07 p.m.) Matthew Ramsey

**REGRETS:** 

Ran Keren, Vice-Chair

STAFF:

Glenda Ollero, Communications Manager

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** 

Debbie Reimer, Mosaic Writing Group

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Jane Kang, Chair, called the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC) meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

# **B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Draft agenda of the October 25, 2022 UNA CEAC meeting was provided with the agenda material.

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Alice Bradley)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee approves the October 25, 2022 agenda, as circulated.

Carried

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of the August 23, 2022 UNA CEAC meeting was provided with the agenda material.

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Matthew Ramsey)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee approves the August 23, 2022 minutes, as circulated.

Carried

# **Members Arrived**

Alexandra Bailey and Nidhi Raina joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

#### D. ITEMS/REPORTS

# 1. For information: Campus Vision 2050, Community Fund, RCMP, Block Watch

#### i. Introduction

Jane Kang, Chair, reported:

- The Campus and Community Planning provided input to the UNA Board regarding Campus Vision 2050
- The Community Planning Department suggested that additional information regarding the community plan be provided to residents
- Residents reported security concerns following an incident at the UBC Golf Course
- The Block Watch program is requesting volunteers
- The CEAC participated in Neighbourhood Day and promoted a QR code for residents to provide feedback regarding community engagement at UNA
- Information regarding the Community Works Fund.

#### ii. Discussion

Discussion ensued on:

- Funds are distributed to the Community Works Fund yearly
- Suggestion that the UNA CEAC work in conjunction with the Community Works Fund Committee
- The Newcomer Club provides engagement for new residents.

**Action Item (01):** The Communications Manager to provide the UNA CEAC with information regarding the Community Works Fund.

#### iii. Motion

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Matthew Ramsey)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory (CEAC) instructs staff to liaise with Madelaine Zammar to schedule a meeting with the CEAC.

Carried

## 2. Revisions to the Work Plan Based on Survey Results

#### i. Motion

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Alice Bradley)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory (CEAC) defers this item to a future CEAC meeting.

Carried

# 3. Initiatives to Help New Immigrants

# i. Introduction

The Chair referenced a Board presentation regarding new UNA residents and highlighted:

- Suggestion to combine resources to support new residents at the UNA
- Suggestion that the CEAC provide engagement ideas specific to new residents
- Suggestion that a new residents' guide be developed about facilities at the UNA
- Suggestion that a bus tour be provided for new residents.

#### ii. Discussion

Discussion ensued on:

- The UNA Welcome Centre provides multiple resources for new residents
- Concern regarding the expense of a bus tour:
  - o Concern that a translator would require multiple languages
  - o Potential for a walking tour as UNA is walkable
- Language barriers are an impediment
- The Newcomers Club provides resources
- The UNA website is translated through internet browsers
- Suggestion that a social evening be implemented for new residents.

#### iii. Motions

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Alice Bradley)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory (CEAC) investigate a potential bus tour for new residents.

#### Defeated

# **Member Departed**

Michelle Niu departed the meeting at 4:52 pm.

# It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Matthew Ramsey)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory (CEAC) recommend the organization of a monthly social event for new residents. **Carried** 

#### iv. Discussion

Discussion ensued on:

- Suggestion that the UNA Newcomers Guide be translated into multiple languages
- Suggestion that the current UNA and UBC Properties Trust material be translated
- Suggestion to distribute welcoming material to surrounding stratas
- Suggestion to distribute information through a QR code postcard
- Suggestion to provide a new resident link on the UNA website.

#### It was moved (Matthew Ramsey) and seconded (Nidhi Raina)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory (CEAC) instructs staff to create a preliminary concept for a new resident guide to be posted to the UNA website.

#### Carried

# F. ADJOURNMENT

The next UNA CEAC meeting is scheduled to be held on November 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

The University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.