

UNA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: November 1, 2023

TIME: 4-5 P.M.

LOCATION: Zoom (online only)

AGENDA

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84624989602

Meeting ID: 846 2498 9602

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. NEW AMS MEMBER APPOINTMENT

• Joshua Kim (to replace Alexandra Bailey)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

 Motion: THAT the Committee approve the November 1, 2023 agenda as circulated.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion: THAT the Committee approve the July 26, 2023 minutes as circulated.
- Attachment: Draft Minutes (July 26, 2023)

E. ITEMS / REPORTS

- Invitation to Participate in UNA Winter Festival
 - i. Introduction (Glenda Ollero, Staff Liaison)
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Motion (if any)
 - iv. Attachment: UNA Winter Festival poster
- Proposal for a Pre-Christmas Carol Singing and Masquerade Party
 - i. Introduction (Jane Kang and Paul Li)
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Motion (if any)
 - iv. Attachment: UNA December Carol Singing Party proposal

F. ADJOURNMENT

• **Motion:** THAT this meeting of the CEAC be adjourned.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday July 26, 2023 Old Barn Community Centre and via videoconference

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jane Kang, Chair Alice Bradley Amer Abirafeh Nidhi Raina

REGRETS:

Alexandra Bailey Michelle Niu

Paul Li

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 4:34 p.m.

B. MEMBER RESIGNATION

The Chair recognized the resignation of Ali Mojdehi and thanked him for his contribution to the UNA CEAC.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Draft agenda of the July 26, 2023 UNA CEAC meeting was provided with the agenda material.

It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Nidhi Raina)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee approves the July 26, 2023 agenda, as circulated.

Carried

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of the May 24, 2023 UNA CEAC meeting was provided with the agenda material.

It was moved (Jane Kang) and seconded (Nidhi Raina)

THAT the University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee approves the May 24, 2023 minutes, as circulated.

Carried

E. ITEMS/REPORTS

1. Social Event Planning Update

i. Introduction

Glenda Ollero, Communications Manager, provided information regarding the CEAC social event at Jim Taylor Park on August 17, 2023 and highlighted:

- The Food Safety permit has been obtained
- Other permits are outstanding
- Menu for the event to be determined
- Suggestion that additional in-person meetings be scheduled
- Suggestion that event volunteers attend a planning meeting.

ii. Site Visit – Jim Taylor Park

The Communications Manager provided information regarding the layout for the UNA CEAC barbeque and social event at Jim Taylor Park titled "Music In The Park" and highlighted:

- Promotional material includes:
 - o Posters
 - Staff newsletter posts
 - Social media posts
- Entertainment includes two musical performances and a community showcase
- Suggestion that the CEAC provide an introduction and audience participation games during the intermissions.

iii. Discussion

Discussion ensued on:

- The need to prioritize community connection
- CEAC is hosting the event in conjunction with Music In the Park
- Suggestion that games occur during both intermissions:
 - o Potential ice breaker game for newcomers
- Suggestions:
 - o The Newcomer Guide and program guide be available at the event
 - Name tags be available at the CEAC information table
 - Signage be included for the distribution of name tags
 - Name tags contain space for participants to include personal information
- Concern that lawn games may be a distraction from the entertainment
- A requirement that only pre-cooked meat will be served
- Approximately 200 residents attended previous events
- Suggestion that a nominal charge for food would eliminate waste:
 - o Request that a food estimate be provided for the next CEAC meeting.

Action Item (01): The Communications Manager to schedule a hybrid meeting for August 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. for available CEAC members to finalize the August 17, 2023 event plan.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The University Neighbourhoods Association Community Engagement Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Old Barn Community Centre

December 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bring your camera for photos with Santa, enjoy festive crafts, and bring your own mug for hot chocolate. This event is free but please consider bringing a donation for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

For more information, visit myuna.ca/winter-festival

Proposal for a Pre-Christmas Carol Singing and Masquerade Party

Objective:

To foster unity and multicultural appreciation within the UBC campus community, UHill Secondary School students and parents, and the UBC faculty and staff through a festive gathering.

Event Overview:

- 1. Name: UBC-UHill Pre-Christmas Carol Singing and Masquerade Party
- 2. **Date:** [Proposed Date in December]
- 3. **Location:** [TBD, possibly a central location within UBC or WCC]

Highlights:

- Carol Singing: Attendees will be encouraged to participate in carol singing, embracing the festive spirit of December. Lyrics for multi-cultural carols will be provided to encourage diversity and inclusion.
- **Masquerade:** A light-hearted and interactive masquerade element will be added, where attendees can wear masks, adding a touch of mystery and festivity to the gathering.
- **Hot Chocolate and Cookies Station:** Warm cups of hot chocolate accompanied by a selection of cookies will be available for attendees to enjoy.

Financials:

Our primary expenditure will be on refreshments and beverages. Funding will be allocated as follows:

- 1. **Hot Chocolate:** Estimated cost for ingredients and preparation.
- 2. **Cookies:** Procurement of diverse types of cookies to cater to various preferences.
- 3. **Other Beverages:** Considering we might have attendees with different tastes, a limited selection of other non-alcoholic beverages will be made available.
- 4. **Disposable Cups, Plates, and Napkins:** Environmentally-friendly and biodegradable options will be sourced to minimize our ecological footprint.
- 5. **Free Dinner:** Culturally-diverse dinner to enhance food variety and demonstrate the significance of attentiveness to cross-cultural understanding
- 6. **Potluck:** Conveys the same message as free dinner

Given the communal spirit of this event, we are optimistic that members of the community might volunteer to donate cookies or even assist in setting up the hot chocolate station, thereby further reducing costs.

Conclusion:

The UBC-UHill Pre-Christmas Carol Singing and Masquerade Party aims to be an avenue for unity, appreciation, and festive celebration. With minimal costs focused mainly on refreshments and

beverages, we anticipate a memorable event that fosters community engagement and multicultural understanding. We look forward to the support of all stakeholders in making this event a grand success.

Event Significance:

In an ever-globalizing world, the importance of community events that bridge cultural and generational gaps cannot be overstated. The UBC-UHill Pre-Christmas Carol Singing and Masquerade Party is more than just a gathering; it is a symbol of the unity and diversity that exists within our community.

UBC, being an institution of higher learning, has always been a melting pot of various cultures and ideologies. Similarly, UHill Secondary School, located within the UBC community, is a testament to the harmony with which diverse cultures coexist. This event will not only bring these groups closer but will also be an opportunity for them to understand and appreciate the rich tapestry of traditions that each one brings to the table.

Moreover, in the midst of academic pressures and professional commitments, events like these serve as a gentle reminder of the simple joys of life – singing together, sharing a warm beverage on a cold winter night, or merely laughing with a stranger behind a festive mask. It is these shared moments that strengthen the bonds of community and remind us of our shared humanity.

By organizing this party, we aim to rekindle the spirit of togetherness, foster mutual respect, and create lasting memories that attendees will cherish for years to come. We believe that when a community comes together to celebrate, it not only creates joy but also lays the foundation for a more inclusive, understanding, and cohesive society.