

DRA Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Via ZOOM
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Board members: Doug Boyd, Dale Dearing, Michael Demakiling, Dianne Flood, Paul Gandall, Nicholas Harrington, Sandra Severs, Ian Sutherland,

DRA members: Wendy Bowkett, Cathy Brankston, Lesley Welsh

City Council Liaison: Councillor Geoff Young

City Staff: Mike Hill

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

This being the first meeting of the new Board after the AGM, no agenda was prepared or presented.

Resignation of Out-going 2020 Executive:

As required by the DRA by-laws, the out-going 2020 Executive resigned. For the purposes of the election of the new 2021 Executive, Paul continued as chair.

Election of New 2021 Executive:

The following new 2021 Executive was elected:

President: Sandra Severs

Vice-President: Doug Boyd

Secretary: Dianne Flood

Treasurer (interim): Doug Boyd

Sandra Severs assumed the chair.

Appointment of Committee Chairs and External Liaisons:

The following Committee Chairs were appointed:

Land Use: Ian Sutherland

Urban Ecology and Agriculture: Michael Demakiling

Urban Livability: Paul Gandall

Governance: Dianne Flood

Communications/Membership: Doug Boyd

Community Engagement: Dale Dearing

The following Liaisons to External Entities were appointed:

VCAN: Sandra Severs/Paul Gandall, Ian Sutherland

900 Pandora and DSP: Sandra Severs

LNAC: Paul Gandall, Ian Sutherland

Date of Board Meetings:

The Board agreed that the monthly Board meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM until further information is received lifting public health restrictions.

Discussion:

Dianne gave a brief update on the staff funding request made to City Council, advising that further direction and information requests are expected from the City. In order to move quickly in response, the Executive and Committee Chairs are asked to give thought to DRA priorities, especially as they might be framed in the context of the City's strategic plan, and to come to the March meeting prepared to discuss those priorities.

Dianne also asked Board members to consider pro-active outreach to expand the Board to promote diversity and include under-represented groups. The DVBA, the Inter-cultural Association and Cool Aid were identified as possibilities for outreach.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM