

## **Gibsons Alliance of Business & Community**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

General Meeting

9 May, 2012

The Arts Building, 474 S. Fletcher Rd, Gibsons, B.C.

Present: Suzanne Senger (Chair), Katie Janyk (recording secretary), Brad Benson, Nick Caputo, Lola Westell, Judith Hamill, Graham Walker, Dan Bouman, Jane Degnan

Call to order: 7:12 p.m.

1. Agenda: MOTION to adopt agenda as circulated. Katie. Passed.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: Summarized by Suzanne for the members present.

MOTION to adopt minutes as presented. Lola. Passed.

3. Business Arising: none

4. Delegations: none

5. Other Business:

5.1. Board of Directors: President – Suzanne, Vice President – Brad Benson, Secretary – Katie Janyk, Treasurer – Nick Caputo.

MOTION to accept these directors as we have generally recognized them to be holding these positions. Graham Walker will be a Director at Large.

Graham Walker. Passed

5.2. Mission Statement: MOTION: to amend our mission statement by adding the words “with other citizens” between “we work” and “to educate”. Suzanne. Passed.

Our mission statement now reads: *Gibsons A.B.C. is an inclusive coalition of community members and business people working together for the long-term social, environmental, economic, and cultural vitality of Gibsons. To this end, we work with other citizens to educate, inform, and support local leaders and groups in making the best decisions possible on issues of public interest.*

5.3. Meetings:

5.3.1. Format: MOTION that Board meetings will be held monthly, and that only GABC members may attend those. (Extraordinary) General meetings are open to the public as well as members, and will be held as needed. Katie. Passed.

5.3.2. Place: Discussion about the possibility of finding a meeting venue for free, or at least for less than the \$15 per hour we pay for the Arts Building. ACTIONS: Graham will check out the Kinsmen Hall. Lola and Suzanne will continue to investigate this issue as well. They will continue the discussion by email.

5.4. Membership Fees: MOTION that the membership fee is \$5 per person or business. Katie. Passed. Members are encouraged to donate more if they are able.

5.5. Workshop: LeeAnn Johnson has offered to do a workshop on how to run meetings and take good minutes. Suggested that we have the workshop at a general meeting, with a board meeting to be held prior. ACTION: Suzanne will contact LeeAnn to see what can be arranged.

5.6. Logo: ACTION: Graham will investigate some imagery that we can use and report back to us.

## 6. Reports:

6.1. GABC email invite: Suzanne has sent out the email invitation to about 120 people about joining our group. There are about 50 people with whom she has communicated by email, in person, or in other ways. Discussion about the inclusiveness of our meetings. Consensus that we must be open and transparent, and that all views are welcome in discussions, as long as they are presented with respect. Graham suggests having some Keystone events/meetings to which we can invite the general public. This fulfills our mandate of fact-finding & education & info dissemination.

6.2. Banking: Suzanne & Nick have closed the GLCA account at the Bank of Montreal and opened an account for the GABC at the Sunshine Coast Credit Union. As required by the Credit Union, a letter is being drafted outlining our mission & purpose.

6.3. Council Communications: Katie & Suzanne have appeared as a delegation at Council to get clarity and make some recommendations on videotaping policy. After an eventful Council meeting, staff has been directed to gather information on the formation of a policy on public communication, particularly regarding videotaping and photography of Council and Committee meetings. In the meantime, Town of Gibsons Corporate Officer, Michelle Jansson has agreed to make digital audio available.

6.4. Advisory Planning Commission: Interested people are encouraged to apply for a position on this new body.

6.5. Gospel Rock: The OCP amendment incorporating the Gospel Rock Neighbourhood Plan has passed first reading. Council voted to put GRNP Draft

4.2 out to the list of stakeholders who originally contributed their comments on the process.

Discussion ensued about what sort of actions we can take now to influence and inform the community about Draft 4.1. Lola will investigate whether or not someone from the Museum could write an article for the Coast Life magazine (or whether or not it has already been done). Suggested that a 'premiere' showing of Loretta Macklam's Gospel Rock film, accompanied by an article and photo, might be accepted for publication by the Coast Reporter.

MOTION: That the GABC draft a submission to Council for their consideration during the stakeholder consultation phase of the process. Judith. Passed.

ACTION: Judith will investigate whether or not the SC Film Society can help us out with a premiere event.

6.6. Landing Vitalization: EDC Michael McLaughlin presented the five year plan for Landing Vitalization to Council. Council granted \$25,000 for implementation of the first part of the plan, which is essentially signage directing visitors to the Landing. Michael McLaughlin was directed to go back to the businesses and find a way to get them working together to implement the plans.

6.7. GLHA: presented their quarterly report to Council.

6.8. Tyee Workshops: Jane will host a small gathering at her house to delve into the information Katie & Suzanne gleaned from the workshops they attended on Low Budget Campaigning and Investigative Journalism.

7. Key Issues:

7.1 Tugboat Landing: tabled until next meeting.

8. Next Meeting: Wed. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Location TBA

9. MOTION to adjourn. Jane Degnan. 9:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted  
Katie Janyk  
Recording Secretary