



CLOVERDALE

Business Improvement Association

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Minutes

BIA Board Meeting held on Tuesday May 11, 2021 @ 6pm - BIA office

Present

Mike Garisto	Troy Michaud	Dean Moore	Rob Paterson
Terry Stewart	Scott Wheatley	Coreen Windbiel	
Paul Oraziotti ED	Edward Tain - City of Surrey		

Absent

Kent Archibald	Sunny Rashid	Frank Redekop	Steve Bednash
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Acting Recording secretary: Paul Oraziotti Call to order 6:10 pm

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Troy Michaud, 2nd by Rob Paterson, all in favor, Motion carried.

Adoption of April 13th Minutes: Moved by Terry Stewart, 2nd by Rob Paterson, Carried, all in favor.

1. NEW BUSINESS

a. Treasurer's report: Financial report for April 2021 was presented for review by the BIA board meeting. Total Expenses: \$15,365.88 Total Income: \$2050.00 Bank Balance as of Mar. 30th, 2021 \$180,432.28

Adoption of the Treasurer's Report Moved by Terry Stewart, seconded by Troy Michaud and carried unanimously

b. HAWTHORNE SQUARE – Federal Grant

The Exec. Director reported on the state of the application and recent discussions with the City of Surrey on a proposal to upgrade the Hawthorne Square on the 5700 block of 176 Street. The City recommended that the BIA apply for a grant under \$100,000 to ensure that the application has a higher likelihood of being approved at a local level. Secondly, Parks N Rec advised that as of this year there is no DCC money available for the foreseeable future for upgrading the Square. The BIA board remains committed to budget \$50,000 to go with the \$99,900 grant request. The scope of the budget would cover new Square lights with brackets and plumbing for hanging baskets. There would be limited structural changes to the square which would add additional street furniture in a manner that allows more groups to use the square in a COVID

friendly spaced environment. There is also some money allocated for upgrading the hydro service to the Square to allow for the return of future vendors and exhibitors. The project if approved could be completed within 4 months of acceptance of the grant. The City of Surrey will provide planning services for the Square and will oversee the completion of the project. The first phase of redeveloping the square will not include any public art installations. There will be two heritage storyboards added from a previous arrangement with the City of Surrey.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Heritage Storyboards

The Storyboards are at the research and design stage and will be presented to the BIA for review this summer. The first phase in 2021 will see 2 Heritage storyboards installed in Hawthorne Square and another 2 at Robinson Square (at 56A Ave + 176 St).

b. 58A Ave/176A St Parking Lot

The City of Surrey is working on the final paperwork required to complete the striping and installation of EV chargers at this parking lot.

c. Highway 10 & 177B St Intersection The BIA ED reported on its lobbying efforts to move this project along. The BIA is using social media to create awareness of the safety issues with a hydro pole located in the centre of a sidewalk at a highway intersection. A recent Facebook posting generated over 12,000 views along with some strong comments that supported how horrendous and dangerous this intersection is for pedestrians and drivers.

3. Committees

a. Beautification – Robinson Square Trellis. The City of Surrey beautification planner expressed concerns about this structure because of its age would require an inspection to determine the strength and life span of the existing wooden structure. An estimate will be created to address and structural repairs and costs for power washing and staining the wood. After a review of the budget, new lighting options will be considered that are less decorative and more functional to add lighting in that corridor.

b. Communications – The BIA has been approached by the City of Surrey and Surrey Tourism to work together on a Surrey movie/tv filming database accessible by a website which will include maps, filming dates, and locations plus some Behind the Scenes photos. The Cloverdale BIA has collected over 3,000 images over the past twenty years and will provide a best of collection.

c. Business Development: The Cloverdale BIA has been visited again by a developer looking to put in approx. 80 units of market housing in a 5-story building on 56A Ave. (Directly across from the Museum of Surrey). The developer will present plans for the boards review shortly.

The BIA was also advised that it was not successful in changing the City of Surrey planning departments recommendation to use a public alley as an access point for underground parking at 17715 – 57A Ave App # 7919-0063-00. The BIA ED noted that the corporate report classified the alley as a low use public road and disregarded the two property owners just west of the project the ability to have their properties united (assembled) and the alley removed to maximize potential build out. The BIA ED went out to express frustration with this project since the BIA/Chamber have not been consulted in a timely manner on this project. In fact, the Cloverdale Community Association was the only local group consulted who turned down an attempt by the developer to consider having retail at grade on 177B St. The BIA/Chamber were not even asked for an opinion. The dialogue on this project has been limited and appears to be giving a benefit to the developer at the expense of having more building density just west of their assembled properties.

d. Special Events: The BIA board discussed the Rodeo Belt offer and because there was a limited number of buckles available it could not be implemented BIA and Chamber area wide. The BIA and Chamber office will make a first come first serve offer to both members who are interested in partnering with the Cloverdale Rodeo and they would need to create their own promotional material. All large-scale events remain cancelled at present.

e. Safety & Security: The BIA ED is waiting to get a crew in from the Phoenix Recovery society to help a major graffiti removal campaign.

f. Other Business: Outdoor patios. The City of Surrey has waived all fees and has relaxed requirements to getting patios both on the road and in private parking lots. The addition of patios has been extremely helpful since all restaurants lost the ability to serve people indoors.

4. Next BIA meeting: Next BIA meeting June 8, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 pm