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DRAFT MINUTES
GWAC Meeting
April 2 / 2001

ATTENDANCE:

Fiona, Rob, Chris (minutes), Pablo (Chair), Athene, Maryann, Myriam, Irwin, Eric

APOLOGIES:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) Correspondence, (2) Appointing a new director, (3) Police accountability, (4) GWAC meeting frequency, (5) FTAA forum, (6) Communications, (7) Society act, (8) Executive, (9) Community Forums / Events / Activities

(1) CORRESPONDENCE

-Letter from M.L. Burke requests recount of election votes, that we have incorrect order of substitutes (in reverse order to her reckoning) – wants to know why the order is incorrect.

ACTION: IRWIN to write back and advise that the GWAC constitution [#27] allows for the directors to fill a vacancy through appointment and that there is no official list of “substitutes” we will appoint a new director independent of M.L. Burke’s list. Irwin will confirm this issue with the ~~Charity~~ Office. *Societies Branch*

-Irwin says that we need a “point” person to deal with correspondence in advance.

ACTION: ERIC to deal with all correspondence in advance.

-Eric read remaining correspondence received [letter from City Hall re: Communications w/ city hall invitation to attend April 10 @ 7:00pm; Advisory group for C2 zoning group; req to support expansion of Britannia community library; letter from prov. Liberals req \$

and our support in upcoming provincial election, letter forwarded to Bob Everton as was addressed to him].

Action - Letter to support Britannia Librarians - Evie
-Minutes from the last meeting: Pablo has copy of corrected minutes. Petronella says the minutes do not reflect the "elected substitutes". Irwin responds that the notion of "substitutes" are a "wish" that are independent of the constitution.

(2) APPOINTING A NEW DIRECTOR

-Chris nominated Evie Pearl to replace director Shelly Fahey who has moved out of the area.

MOTION TABLED [Evie Pearl not present to accept or decline]

(3) POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

-Chris presented evidence that certain on-duty police officers are demonstrating intransigence in regard to the police act by failing to wear identifiable PIN numbers. He circulated a letter dated April 26 / 2000 written by the Police Board to the Coalition Against Police Harassment and Brutality which promises that compliance in regard to sewn-on PIN numbers is to be ensured through Management communiqués. The evidence circulated by Chris demonstrates that compliance has not been followed universally.

-ACTION: CHRIS to write draft letter to the Police Board outlining concerns and recommendations on behalf of the GWAC directors. Draft will be presented to the May GWAC meeting. This issue will be pursued by the GWAC.

-Irwin says we need a process to submit letters from the GWAC to other organisations and individuals.

ACTION: IRWIN to pursue process to submit letters through communications committee.

(4) GWAC MEETING FREQUENCY

-Chris asks directors whether meeting once per month is enough, proposes meeting twice per month. Irwin objects says committee process sufficient to deal with the business. Irwin says we can organise a retreat to strike a committees list. It is noted that committees

do not need to be just directors. Pablo invited everyone and their friends to join in. Irwin says at next meeting we need to discuss this further.

ACTION: MARYANN will draft a committees list including a "retreat committee".

(5) FTAA FORUM

-Maryann asks should we have forum before or after Quebec Summit of the Americas (April 20-22) and who should the speakers be? Irwin says we need a local angle and that forum could be hooked into Mayworks events. Christine says there will be an NDP event on the FTAA coming up. Maryann suggests speakers from Native groups such as Gord Hill. It was suggested that Fred Bass could speak. It was also suggested that the WISE Hall could be an appropriate venue. After some discussion agreed we would associate the forum with Mayworks with a focus on impact on local communities.

ACTION: MARYANN and CHRIS to seek speakers and venue.

(6) COMMUNICATIONS

-Chris says we need to establish guidelines for the use of GWAC letterhead, other issues this committee needs to clarify (1) e-mail / phone list, (2) posters and announcements, (3) Newsletter or similar publication, (4) Answering machine etc. how to contact the GWAC

-Maryann says we need a communications committee

ACTION: CHRIS and IRWIN [Athene had initially volunteered but later declined in favour of another committee]

-Irwin says we should submit draft mandate and objectives for next meeting

-This committee will publicise the next GWAC meeting

-Written report needed for presentation at next meeting

(7) REGISTRATION OF SOCIETY

-Pablo notes that we have until April 9th to register society, he suggests we write to Victoria requesting a further month to file financial statement and annual reports

ACTION: PABLO to write to Victoria

-Remark from floor that GWAC chronically delinquent in submitting society requirements

-MOTION: to form constitution committee from Pablo, 2nd by Eric, CARRIED

-Committee: Pablo, Irwin

-MOTION: to hold a General Meeting on May 7 2001 to present the financial statements and reports from the Board. These will be distributed at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8) EXECUTIVE

-We unanimously concur, President: Myriam, Vice President: Robert, Secretary: Eric, Treasurer: Pablo, At Large: Fiona

ACTION: PABLO to send list of executive to Victoria

-Tim asked us to formalise the process of becoming a member and to clarify what is a member. What version of constitution are we using? How many directors? Says every member should have copy of constitution made available.

-Pablo says we need official constitution which will be function of constitution committee to pursue

ACTION: PABLO to bring copy of official constitution to next meeting for distribution. Maryann says she will Photostat copies to anyone who asks.

(9) COMMUNITY FORUMS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

-Maryann facilitates open discussion / ideas, the following is a list of suggestions and individuals interested in being part of committee:

- Festival in the Park, Hajazmin tel# 659-1130
- Neglected area of the Drive (s.w. of 1st ave.) dealing w/ housing, safety, retail, homelessness, reconciliation efforts, increasing neighbourliness, co-sponsor cleaning-up the cut. Jonathan tel# 253-4446
- Community Policing / Police harassment and Brutality. Chris tel#254-0044

- Market days in the park. Rob tel# 215-7580 (note: this is new # correct your lists)
- Following contributions from Irwin and Suzanne tel#255-1597:

- *Policing – know your rights workshop, policing - effects on visible minorities
- *CPC / NIST [neighbourhood integrative service team]
- *Latino community in Grandview-Woodlands
- *Chinese community in Grandview-Woodlands
- *Housing and tenants rights [DERA]
- *Welfare and disability rights [DERA]
- *Employment rights – retention of union jobs
- *Mitigating the negative effects of BIA's
- *Transit cuts and Bus riders Union
- *Poultry industry and workers / community health

- How to petition City Hall for pot hole and dog shit issues. Joe Tel# 818-7378 (cell)
e-mail: anderton_jt@hotmail.com
- Arts on the Drive – encouragement of more public art – a weekend in summer to display / create works of art. Ken tel#254-5479
- Traffic calming. Petronella tel#253-0058
- Poverty in Grandview-Woodlands – how we could respond. Athene
- Textile Industry – sweatshops in your community
- Queer Pride in the East Side. Blain
- Transportation Issues. Eric

-Maryann says we need a committee to come up with a plan.

ACTION: Ad hoc committee with Myriam, Athene, Fiona, Chris, Robert, Maryann, and Hajazmin. Contact person is Fiona tel#251-7111

Meeting adjourns at 9:00 PM