



BURRARD CIVIC MARINA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES

Day:	Saturday January 3 rd , 2018
Time:	12:30 – 16:00
Location:	La Reina.
	Thanks to Skipper Mark Parsons for his hospitality
Present:	JC d’Almeida.....Director Ken Christie.....Director Peter Derviller.....Member at Large Mark Powers.....Member at Large Sean Smith.....Director Peter Vandergugten....Director
Regrets:	Mark Crosby.....Director
Chair:	JC
Recorder:	Peter
Refreshments:	JC and Mark
Next meeting:	TBA
Format:	Statements are shown in plain text. The narrative is in italics.

Discussion Topics

Approval of minutes	Previous general meeting minutes unavailable.
Agenda	Review progress to date and strategy for dealing with the Park Board (“PB”)
Peter V:	Trying to reason with bureaucrats is probably a waste of time and we should look at hiring a lawyer and sue the PB for unsafe conditions.
Mark:	Unlikely that we would have a case. PB less likely to be intimidated by legal action then exposure in the media. PB probably not liable for injuries suffered by owners but possibly for children. <i>General discussion around PB liability, insurance and waivers.</i>
JC:	Christopher Holmes raised hell and the situation became very legalistic. We don’t want to go down that road again. Our funds would be quickly used up with lawyer’s fees. We need to protest the 2018 8% rate increase, the PB staff’s faulty data, maintenance of the facility and a commitment to a long-term plan for upkeep. <i>This and subsequent general discussion effectively set the agenda topics for the meeting as follows:</i>
Agenda topics:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of PB meetings is short and no longer being posted 2. Spurious use of FOI process precludes our timely review of PB data in preparation for meetings

3. Data and “comparable marinas” presented by PB staff were flawed
4. The 2018 8% rate increase and plan to hike rates by 30% are discriminatory
5. Historical and current maintenance issues reveal poor management policy
6. A long-term plan for the upkeep of the marina is urgently needed
7. We should try to cultivate a cooperative relationship with PB

Sean - agenda point 6.: Marina work plan never extends beyond the election cycle. An engineer should write a “replacement plan” but Worley Parsons’ “condition survey” only alluded to corrective action by estimating the remaining life of elements.

Peter – agenda item 6: If on-going renovation was not always the subject of a capital budget request the election cycle wouldn’t have anything to do with it.

This led to general discussion around the difference between “expenses” and “capital expenditures”

Peter: The three legs to the strategy stool can be described as:

1. Media communications
2. Presentation to the PB
3. Re-establishing communications with PB staff

Media coverage is always risky because we have no control over content, but an assertive posture is really our only way to grab attention.

Meeting generally agreed that the Metronews article was helpful and the upcoming coverage in Pacific Yachting may also support our case..

Sean – agenda items 2, 3, & 4: Sean gave a well prepared presentation that was timed to see if it would comply with the PB’s 5 minute rule. His 17 slides clearly laid out that the commissioners’ decision was based on faulty and misleading data. Sean’s presentation pace was high and concise but it still ran to 7 minutes

Mark: If we go into too much detail their eyes will glaze over!.

Ken: We want to tell the commissioners that we want to work with you to make this a beautiful city.

Consensus was that the presentation was too information dense. Also that the priorities for the presentation are rates and the comparisons the PB staff used to justify them.

Peter: I would be happy to work with Sean on fine tuning the Powerpoint.

Sean will send the presentation to Peter and a copy of the last AGM minutes

Peter: What is the “ask” at the conclusion of the presentation?

Mark: Commissioners: Given that the comparative data presented on November 14th was flawed, we request that you reconsider your decision to increase rates in 2018 and in future, treat boaters in the same way you treat other Park Board patrons.

JC – agenda item 7: Don’t want to be confrontational. From experience, collaboration is a better policy.

General consensus was that we should approach Sev for a meeting and try to build the cooperative relationship that had existed with the late Ken Maguire.

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No time was set for the next meeting
