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Peaks of Grassi
Community Association

DRAFT MINUTES
THE PEAKS OF GRASSI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Canmore Seniors Centre, Townside Room
November 20, 2016

Directors Present:

Lawrence Armstrong
Kathy Brodeur-Robb
Glynis Carling*
Steve Hrudehy
Ernie Mattern

*interim Director

Other Members Present:

Bernie Asbell	Audrey Nessler
Jill Asbell	Hart Nessler
Bill Bain	Michael Robb
Rodney Gair	Christine Scotland
Sandra Hamilton	Mark Taylor
Elizabeth Hrudehy	Michele Taylor
Kathy Mattern	Geoff Williams
Kurt McMahon	

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum:** Quorum was confirmed as there were more than ten non-Director members present.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda as circulated was made by R. Gair and seconded by G. Williams. Carried.
- 4. Report on Meetings of the Board:** S. Hrudehy reported that the Board met three times in the 2015-2016 period (10-Sep-2015, 14-Oct-2015, 10-Sep-2016). The board communicated by email between the more formal meetings.
- 5. Reports on POGA Activities:** The Board submitted several letters in 2015-2016 on behalf of POGA. No responses were received from the addressees.

Date	Letter sent to	Subject matter
15-Sep-2015	Mayor and Council	Formation of POGA
18-Sep-2015	Mayor and Council	Request for extended timeline to facilitate community response to proposed updates to the Municipal Development Plan
22-Mar-2016	Mayor and Council	Response to proposed updates to the Municipal Development Plan
2-May-2016	Mayor and Council	990 Wilson Way
24-May-2016	M. Fark	Clarification about FireSmart versus clearing activities in the Peaks
4-Jul-2016	Mayor and Council	Concerns about the then-proposed 2-year budget cycle
16- Oct-2016	Editor, Rocky Mountain Outlook	Complaint about inaccurate reporting by RMO regarding Peaks and clarification that POGA is not a party to any legal actions

6. Normal Reports of the Board

- Financial Statements were circulated indicating that POGA has no assets or liabilities and that all revenues received were in the form of donations to cover the association's disbursements. There was discussion as to whether membership fees or fundraising might be required in the future. It was agreed that such fees or fundraising should await more engagement of the community and should be linked to events or activities of the association. A motion to accept the Financial Statements was made by B. Asbell and seconded by Mark Taylor. Carried. The group thanked Blanca Cervi for the preparation of the financial report.
- According to article 9.7 of the POGA bylaws, it was necessary to appoint an Auditor or elect two voting Members to audit the accounts and financial statements of the Association and to report to the Members at the next AGM. B. Asbell and H. Nessler volunteered for the role. A motion to elect these two Members to audit POGA records was made by G. Carling and seconded by L. Armstrong. Carried.
- POGA Director and Secretary D. Thompson resigned from the POGA Board effective 22-Feb-2016. On 10-Sep-2016, the Board appointed G. Carling as an Interim Director, effective until the AGM, as per article 4.6 of the bylaws.

7. **Report of the Nominating Committee for Board Vacancies:** A Nominating Committee was established at the Board meeting on 10-Sep-2016 consisting of L. Armstrong, S. Hrudehy and E. Mattern. L. Armstrong serves as chair of the committee and reported that the group recommended G. Carling to run for the Director position vacated by D. Thompson. The Nominating Committee noted that G. Carling came sixth in the 2015 election for election of five Board members.

8. **Nominations from the floor:** S. Hrudehy made three calls for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made.

9. **Declaration of Election Process:** No election was required as there was a single nominee for the single vacancy. G. Carling was appointed Director by acclamation.

10. Open Forum on Suggested Activities for POGA

- There was discussion of potential events and activities that could be used to build community and to meet the Association's objectives (see Attachment 1). A desire to build connections between the west and east ends of the Peaks of Grassi was noted.
- It was agreed that two committees should be formed to support the Board in the reviewing, prioritizing and implementing the various activities.
 - i. Social Committee. Initial volunteers were S. Hamilton and J. Asbell
 - ii. Civics Committee. Initial volunteers were R. Gair and Mark Taylor

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned after a motion was made by K. Mattern and seconded by L. Armstrong.

{Original signed by}
Glynis Carling
POGA Secretary

Attachment 1: Potential POGA Events and Activities

Event or Activity	Discussion
Election forum	It was agreed that this should be a non-partisan event that would give Members (and other Canmorites) an opportunity to understand the platforms of Council candidates
Carolling	Opportunity for community building
Review of architectural guidelines	There is some confusion about what architectural guidelines still and should apply and when the bylaws enacting the architectural guidelines have or will expire. Those for Quarry Pines expire in 2017. Not all are registered as caveats on deeds. POGA could supply information about how landowners can review caveats applicable to their property and what action is required to remove a caveat from a title
Advocacy role within Canmore	It was agreed that providing feedback to Council that is representative of views of Members is important, as is attending Council meetings and understanding matters being considered. Surveys of Members could be used as a tool
Provide information to Peaks residents	The potential use of signs, bulletin boards and continued use of the website, Twitter and SMS were discussed. The website gets 500-600 visits per month. Costs and approval requirements for physical signs/bulletin boards need to be understood
Block party	This could be in conjunction with the Canada Day party held at the east end of the Peaks, or could be in addition to that. Street closure and making the events visible from the Peaks Drive entrance to the community were discussed.
Skating party at Quarry Lake	Opportunity for community building
Activities at Nordic Centre	Tobogganing party

Additional ideas (brought forward from the September 2015 Establishment meeting):

- Cleanup around garbage and recycling containers
- Review and make recommendations about speed limits in the neighbourhood
- Address bylaw and safety issues (dogs, noise, parking, firepits on private land)
- Consider parking and traffic alternatives (e.g. resident parking, roundabout at Peaks Drive and Three Sisters Parkway)
- Build a community hall
- Consider pathway lighting
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Support stewardship of Quarry Lake park
- Inform Members about development proposals