

Approved Minutes
MOUNT PLEASANT COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Location: 3102 Main Street, Vancouver BC

1. Call to Order

Neil Wyles, Executive Director, called the Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society Annual General Meeting to order at 6:11pm and he welcomed everyone to this meeting.

PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING:

The meeting complied with the Society's Constitution and By-Laws and the total registration and attendance exceeded the necessary quorum:

Voting Members:	24
Proxies	nil

Non-voting guests:	3
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City of Vancouver representative: Peter Vaisbord
Community Policing Centre: Partap Sahota
Graffiti contractor from Futur Graffiti: Marek Burzynski
Staff: Neil Wyles, Melissa Zapiola and Saffron Bailey-Marsh
Recorder: Colleen McGuinness

Neil Wyles explained that the AGM documents had been posted on the website in advance of the meeting. He noted that the BIA was 34 years old and was funded by a special levy. The board membership was composed of business owners and property owners of Mount Pleasant.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. MOTION: to approve the agenda, as presented.
Moved by Kathy Schleyer, seconded by Darlene Rigo - Carried

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

2. MOTION: to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Kathy Schleyer, seconded by Darlene Rigo - Carried

3. MOTION: to adopt the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Moved by Kathy Schleyer, seconded by Darlene Rigo - Carried

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Neil Wyles thanked the board of directors for their hard work on behalf of the members.

A list of the activities over the past year was provided that included a family Halloween, Christmas tree chipping and Car-Free days. There was also a celebration of the completion of the restoration of the Heritage Hall.

MPBIA participated in a shop local campaign and hosted a music series at the plaza at 14th and Main. A \$35,000 grant from the City of Vancouver went to the graffiti removal budget. The previously high vacancy rate was dropping rapidly with many new businesses moving into the BIA.

The Broadway subway offered development opportunities but construction was causing serious difficulties for the businesses located near the construction. A parking validation program was initiated for those members affected and several delivery zones were opened for businesses near the main construction site. Efforts were underway to see the restoration of some street parking along Broadway with negotiations underway with Translink, the Province and City to try and make this happen.

The beautification program brought plaza umbrellas and picnic benches to the neighbourhood. Graffiti incidents increased by 80%, and a second contractor was hired to help address this problem. There were new banners, planters and hanging baskets on the street. The clean teams were on duty six days a week removing tons of garbage and keeping the office apprised of what was happening on the street.

The security team was on duty five-days a week, the merchant callout service was available seven days a week and the goods recovery level was high. A Block Watch program was starting in the area.

The City Centre Motel was converted into an artists' hub and was a colourful addition to the neighbourhood.

Mount Pleasant was recognized as one of the top 40 neighbourhoods in the world in 2021. The MPBIA was promoting the area as a destination through all the social media platforms with the favourite being Instagram. The BIA website was redesigned with a new contemporary look and feel.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

4. MOTION: moved that the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2022, be approved and adopted.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo - Carried

5. MOTION: to approve the budget for the year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 as presented by the Board of Directors.
Moved by Kathy Schleyer, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

6. MOTION: that Claassen Partners Inc. be appointed auditor for the MPBIA until the next AGM, or until a successor is appointed, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Directors being hereby authorized to fix such a remuneration.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

7. MOTION: moved to approve the actions and proceedings of the Directors and Officers since the Annual General Meeting that took place on September 14, 2021.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

The ED explained that there was interest in expanding the boundary of the MPBIA to include the Main Street from 19th Ave. to 30th Ave. Discussion had begun and member approval was being sought to continue the discussion. This matter would be up for further discussion at the next AGM.

8. MOTION: to approve in principle the proposed BIA expansion.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

6. Other business

There was no other business at this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

9. MOTION: to adjourn.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

The meeting was adjourned.

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There was no other business at this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

9. MOTION: to adjourn.
Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Darlene Rigo – Carried

The meeting was adjourned.

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