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MOUNT PLEASANT COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Location: Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver BC

1. Call to Order

The Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society Annual General Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Executive Director (ED) Neil Wyles.

The ED welcomed members, introduced the directors present, and Paul Siggers, Coordinator, BIA Programs, City of Vancouver.

2. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING:

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

Voting Members: Property Owners & Business Owners	27
Guests / Staff:	<u>9</u>
Total	36

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. **MOTION: to approve the agenda, as presented.**
Moved by Dave Duprey, seconded by Tulia Castellanos - Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

2. **MOTION: to waive the reading of the Annual General Meeting minutes from September 20, 2022.**
Moved by Dave Duprey, seconded by Gene Guindon - Carried

3. **MOTION: to approve the minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting held on September 20, 2022.**
Moved by Dave Duprey, seconded by Gene Guindon - Carried

5. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APPROVAL

Neil Wyles reported that Erik Claassen, of Claassen Chartered Professional Accountants of Vancouver, Society auditor, had confirmed in writing that his firm had audited the financial transactions for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The following motions were then presented:

4. MOTION: approval of the audited financial statements for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Moved by Dave Duprey, seconded by Gene Guindon - Carried

5. MOTION: approval of the budget for the Mount Pleasant BIA for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Moved by Dave Duprey, seconded by Tulia Castellanos - Carried

6. MOTION: appointment of auditor Claassen Partners Chartered Inc.

Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Gene Guindon - Carried

6. REPORTS

President's Report

Azeem Ahamed, MPBIA president's remarks were read to those in attendance. Staff were recognized for their work in the neighbourhood. The members of the board were also acknowledged for their contribution to the "hood" as a place they were proud to call home.

Beautification

Details of the effort to provide plaza enhancements and graffiti removal efforts were reported. Planters and hanging baskets were installed and the Clean Teams were on duty six days a week in the area and were responsible for the removal of many tons of garbage and debris.

Future plans included increases in the Clean Team size and frequency, new banners and highlighting the history and art of the area. Plazas were to undergo major renovations and a new lighting project was underway.

A presentation of the 2022-2023 highlights included mention of the many Michelin restaurants. The MPBIA social media continued to bring attention to the neighbourhood. Security partner Kevlar Security had a dedicated team in the area offering a variety of services including training for the members.

At this point in the meeting Cathy O'Connor Morris, Executive Director of the Mount Pleasant Community Policing Centre (CPC) addressed the meeting. The CPC was recruiting volunteers with a goal to find 100 people to participate in this program.

7. Expanding the BIA

The ED explained that MPBIA had been approached by businesses in the area south from 19th to 29th to be included in the MPBIA. As a result it was recommended that approval be sought from the City Council in the fall 2023, aiming BIA activities in this expanded area in April 1st 2024.

7. MOTION: to approve the Mount Pleasant BIA expansion.

Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Azeem Ahamed - Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

8. MOTION: that the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Mount Pleasant Commercial Improvement Society be adjourned.”

Moved by David Duprey, seconded by Craig Wilson - Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Minutes approved by _____



GENE GUINDON

October _____

Minutes approved by _____



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