



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Present: Lin Eagan, Ellen Giles, Gregg Schwind, Milton Matthews, Janet Evans, Bill Woodcock, Nina Basu, David Sciamarelli (by phone).

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Mr. Sciamarelli moved to approve the minutes from July 9, 2018. Ms. Giles seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Giles moved to approve the minutes from August 6, 2018. Mr. Sciamarelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair's Report. Ms. Egan provided a brief review of recent events.

President's Report. Ms. Basu provided the Board an update on capital and other projects, including road construction and impacts on Chrysalis events. Ms. Basu also discussed upcoming events in the park, including Maker Faire, a dance party, a Columbia concert band performance, and possible installation of a Yoko Ono Wish Tree. Ms. Basu reported on progress on and options for resolving the ADA pathway. Finally, there was a brief discussion of Winter Wonderland and Merriwood.

Resolution. The Board discussed a proposed resolution recommended by Ms. Basu to change the address of the Trust. Mr. Schwind moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Sciamarelli seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

A short break was taken, after which the meeting was opened to the public and called to order at 7:37 pm.

Mr. Bolton joined the meeting from the Columbia Association Board of Directors.

2018 Events Update. Ms. Basu provided a summary of events held and to be held in the park in 2018. The Board discussed a Winter Wonderland event in the park, with certain events to be held in the Chrysalis. Ms. Basu's presentation also touched on core demographics, donors, and free events for families.

Park Use and Policies. Ms. Basu updated the Board on the status of park use and policies. She stated that the Trust, in conjunction with CA, has commissioned a tree study and has had meetings with park users, taking a science-based approach to how the park is used and protected. She has met with County fire and police personnel and IMA, and hopes to have a final policy in place in the spring of 2019.

Playground and Butterfly Plans. Ms. Basu stated that she has been working with County Recreation & Parks on phasing a playground in the park, and has approached Howard Hughes about funding.

Organizational and Capital Planning. The Board discussed Mr. Schwind's impending retirement from the Trust Board. Ms. Basu stated that the Trust will be rolling out a Friends of Merriweather Park fundraising initiative.

Resident Speakout/Questions. Resident Julia McCready thanked the IAT Board and the Columbia Association for their efforts in creating the park and bringing events to the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Schwind