



MINUTES

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

When: 12 April 2017
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6th floor
Calgary Public Building
205 - 8th Ave SE

Contact: Steven Snell
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Regrets: Jason Proche

Special Guests: None

Start: 5:00

Chair: Laura Nixon

Minutes: Sam Collins / Laura Nixon

Item 1: Welcome and carry over agenda items

- Review of March minutes, approved
- Walk 21 presentation application approved
- Natasha suggested making schedule for minutes if finding minute-takers continues to prove difficult
- Chris mentioned Eric & Mia (ericandmia.ca) who provide nighttime walks through Sunnyside-Hillhurst as a way to explore habitat for species. He suggested them as potential presenters.
- Chris mentioned that he has recently attended the 2nd Annual National Parks Conference.
 - **ACTION:** Chris to review his notes and report back to BAC
- Ethan suggested Tanya, who works on migratory bird compliance, as a future presenter

Item 2: BAC Membership Update

- Rob announced that he will be moving to Ontario and that his last BAC meeting will be in May.
 - **ACTION:** Rob will drink out of a boot
- No replacement will be made before regular recruitment time

Item 3: CoC Survey Results

- Sam presented BAC Survey
 - Survey was a success with a high response rate and 70 identified champions



- Discussed the role of the BAC and concluded that BAC should remain in an advisory role.
- The results of the survey should inform the CoC's implementation
 - **ACTION:** Sam to write one page summary of the survey results. BAC will review at a later date and deliver summary to CoC.
 - **ACTION:** Sam to write a summary of potential next steps and opportunities for the BAC and the CoC. BAC will review at a later date.

Item 4: Review webpage

- Several shortcomings with the webpage identified, including difficulty browsing site and failure to sufficiently prioritize biodiversity
- Chris said he is open to input from the BAC for improvements to the CoC webpage
 - **ACTION:** Chris to contact Communications about the BAC with the intention of starting a dialogue. Chris to report back at May meeting.

Item 5: Plans for next meetings

- Report going to committee on May 3rd
 - **ACTION:** Report to be finalized a week before committee meeting
 - **ACTION:** Laura to prepare PowerPoint presentation
 - **ACTION:** Steven to edit report
- BAC interested in updates on boulevard-bee project from Ethan
- Work plan to be discussed in May
- Discussed possibility of team-building session in a park in future months
- Discussed possibility of aligning speakers with the monthly work of the BAC
- On April 22nd, biodiversity awards will be presented and Polly will be there
 - **ACTION:** Polly to send event information to Steven

Adjourn: 7:05

Next meeting: May 10th, 5:00 to 7:00

Item	Who	Duration	Action
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1	Welcome and carry over agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve previous minutes • Update on Walk21 abstract submission • Nagwan media update • Review action items: (none) 	All	20 mins To 5:20	(Decision on minutes; Discussion)
2	BAC Membership update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review proposed ToRs • 2017 recruitment 	Laura/Steven	20 mins To 5:40	(Information)
3	CoC Survey Results	Sam/Natasha	60 mins To 6:40	(Discussion)
4	Review webpage design with survey results in mind	Steven/all	10 mins To 6:50	(Decision)
5	Plans for next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda discussion/next speakers (linked to work plan discussion) • Standing check for community recognition letter nominations • Annual report update – May 3 9:30am • Wildlife Report to be sent by Tanya to BAC in April or May • Other 	All	10 mins To 7:00	(Next steps)