

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society May 31, 2021 Meeting

Time 7pm, May 31, 2021

Location Conference via Zoom

Via Google Meet:

<http://meet.google.com/xny-mksi-uiv>

In attendance

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Cole Anderson

Emily Freer

Manrico Scremin

Lisa Pulsifer

Ryan Powers

Char Joyce

Patricia Marini

Agenda:

1. Approval of [May meeting minutes](#) - May Meeting minutes approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
 - a. Day use passes - larger parking lots maybe? Maybe put in Advocacy meeting update
 - b. ICBC license plate - get a copy of 4x6 sticker of 100 anniversary notice
3. BC Parks Day Pass meeting recap - Taryn/Tom
 - a. BC Parks (Jim Standem, Jenny Aikman, David Ranson) and Parliamentary Secretary Kelly Greene, Monika Bittel (FMCBC), Jay McArthur (FMCBC), Declan (VOC)
 - b. Jay and Monika presented a slide deck of FMCBC not in favour of the Day Pass system and alternative options were not explored. Yet they were implemented to address under funding. Carrying capacity issues are addressed, includes Environmental and Visitor. Working with University on research and see that some users expect different things. Different visitor groups have different

expectations and BC Parks is positive visitor experience with sustainability and care of environment. Most of the meeting was taken up with presentations so not a lot of time for responses.

- c. Not really any next steps, some are concerned that these meetings are just to do a checkbox of consultation. So we will have to push for more meetings.
 - d. FMCBC has another meeting with Jenny Aikman to improve hiking trails this summer.
4. FMCBC response to BC Parks budget - Taryn
 - a. Deadline for input is tomorrow, sent to Advocacy Committee to work on.
 - b. Joise will speak to this in the Advocacy update.
 5. Social Media and Events Update - Charmaine and Allyssa
 - a. Numbers are going up on all platforms - maybe due to Trail Maintenance
 - b. Becky (new volunteer - interested in Trail Captain) - she did a draft logo. Allyssa asking if it's ok if she helps with more social media stuff. Already working on Tik Tok and reel ideas. Yes, she can help said Taryn.
 - c. Working on recruiting and pushing out new content, thank you for all the help.
 - d. Escape Route collab - still not have heard back from them, Taryn will follow up.
 - e. Approaching other outdoor retailers to put up flyers/brochures as a way of Meeting. Asking about 1 pagers by their doors etc.
 - f. Templates/talking points from advocacy and trail maintenance committees - still need to do this on with Trail Maintenance, this is beyond FAQ.
 - g. working with both committees to ensure things are streamlined as to help handle it. This is a separate issue later in the meeting.
 - h. Where to submit photos to share on social -
 - i. if people from our people in our meetings here is the link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i_sWUGVUaX_x_A-loezbunFcbquuji
 - ii. If they are coming from outside our committees they should go to:
social@friendsofgaribadli.org
 - iii. Trail Issues - separate emails to Trail Maintenance group
 - iv. Overcrowding and Toilet issues - to advocacy group
 - v. We will have to see over summer how things go and this will be a learning curve for us.
 6. Trail Maintenance Committee Update - Vanessa and Jagwinder
 - a. BC Parks trail enhancement fund opportunity - submitted on May 25
 - b. BC Parks training meeting - will work on how to deliver training to those who were not there as well as what reporting will look like.
 - i. Have subsequent meetings for additional training that can include Q&A.
 - c. Leave No Trace Awareness workshop - Like to get all Trail Captains through this workshop. Easy hike with lots of stopping. Look for an email with doodle poll to decide dates
 - d. Brain has a copy of notice of trail maintenance happening. Left at Taylor Meadows a long time ago, please follow up.
 - e. Tools - tool library, fundraising for tools - we need light hand tools and work gloves. We would like to not have to ask people to buy their own as we do not

want that to be a barrier to being involved. Hand tools for gardening are basically what we will be using.

- i. Being able to do a tool library at someone's house where people can pick them up before heading to the trail. - Greg can manage the tool library
 1. Taryn and Greg will potentially buy a shed and have it at their house in Squamish with a code for people to come and go as they please (they will be on a security camera=).
 - ii. Brain has some tools that we could potentially use.
 - iii. Should mark all the tools with a Garibaldi marker so easy to identify.
 - iv. Jag will check with work to see if there are some work gloves.
 - v. Maybe also put it out on Social Media and other hiking groups, free groups donations.
 1. no power tools, nothing heavy
 - f. Manrico - offering to help with proposals and/or advocacy committee etc.
7. Advocacy Committee Update - Josie
- a. BC Parks Funding - priorities
 - i. Full position letter is here
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iBq4COkck7s7I_cjTuwabTvf0lo2fX-TPVaiR3zspk4/edit
 1. Maintenance and upgrades of backcountry trails and campgrounds
 2. Expansion of existing trails and creation of new access points and trails
 3. More Rangers and presence in BC Parks to educate new visitors to LNT principles and respectful parks visitation
 4. Improve access points, e.g. parking lots - add parking lot capacity to small parking lots at Cheakamus Lake and Elfin Lakes, expand Rubble Creek parking lot.
 5. Improving access for those with accessibility challenges
 - ii. Please send any thoughts, feedback or examples of issues in Garibaldi Park to help shape our priorities for the BC Parks Budget to advocacy@friendsofgaribaldipark.org or josie@friendsofgaribaldipark.org.
 - b. Response to day pass system announcement (which we know is coming)
 - i. Wrote up a brief statement that could be good for Social. Right now if they come back with a day pass then we are disappointed.
 - ii. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_4FZdZnUsvbWMeuwQOIOJqz6hLATuiSH4N7PU0pOtUI/edit
8. Website update - Alex
- a. Nothing new to report.
9. Document storage/Google Workspace - Alex
- a. Alex will organize a general training/Q&A session for Google Workspace and Slack. Vote on dates in Slack
 - b. Meagan has been working on document storage a little bit.
10. Volunteer data management - Taryn/Vanessa/Jag/Alyssa/Charmaine/Alex?

- a. We have don't have a good system for managing volunteers.
 - b. The problem: we collect emails and who is interested in what, we've had some sign ups through mail chimp, various committees manage their own lists, social media DMs and spreadsheets, and volunteer intake form on the website. We discovered we have an issue when we were training to plan the BC Parks training.
 - c. We need a plan for all committees, and user friendly with least amount of data input. Do we have someone who is willing to take on Volunteer Management
 - i. Volunteer Folder on Google Drive - use google form to direct everyone too
 - ii. Fixing incomplete data now and what system do we want to use going forward.
 - iii. Can we update the google form and then send to all email and legacy to update current data and keep it all in one place.
 - iv. Megan to lead volunteer management: Most of the work is upfront and then long term maintenance shouldn't be that big of deal - work with committee leads, and Alex and Greg. Maybe in a couple of weeks, Megan will update us on slack, by the end of this week we will have a meeting set.
11. Fundraising plans - Let's consider, what do we need money for: tools and gloves if we can't get them donated. We might need other things for projects in the future. We just need to start thinking about that. BC Parks does supply a lot of the tools for their Projects with Rangers we need tools for without Rangers.
- a. Is anyone interested in taking on Fundraising? Char and Allyssa were going to meeting to discuss some fundraising ideas that would could reach out to on Social Meeting.
 - b. Will we need a bank account - stay tuned for for Treasurer Update
 - c. Should we put set up donate button on the website? No decision on this - something to discuss at a later meeting.
 - i. Services like Paypay or Stripe take 2.9% plus .30 per transaction.
 - ii. Put the address in when asking for donations so we can still receive cheques. Taryn could put their PO Box for this.
 - iii. We are a registered non-profit, not a charitable donations, so we do not issue tax receipts.
 - d. We can look at the link below, Cole and/or Manrico can maybe help with this:
 - i. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants>
 - ii. It's a lot of work to do a grant application but might be better for projects not just tools.
12. Treasurer update - Megan
- a. Calling around to banks this week to get us a bank account.
 - b. Will get a budget for the year so we know what to ask for.
 - c. Operating Expenses is \$300/year outside tools.
 - i. Expenses include website fees and FMCBC dues.

- ii. Our FMCBC dues are calculated based on number of people on the board, not number of volunteers. We are waiting for them to invoice us (should be in June) before paying.
- 13. ORC AGM - who can represent FOGPS? - Taryn
 - a. Brain is likely to attend, and can represent but is there anyone from the board/committee who can/interested to attend? Anyone who does attend, can you take notes. Char might be able to join. She will know in a day or two when she has an idea, she will sign up if she can.
 - b. It is on June 19, 10-12pm.
 - c. <https://www.orcbc.ca/event/orc-2021-annual-general-meeting/>
- 14. Brain - ICBC decal I Heart BC Parks. To warn people/advertise to people about Trail Maintenance or to help advocate. Brain will send notice to appropriate committees.
- 15. Set date for July meeting.
- 16. Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - a. July General Meeting Tuesday July 6 at 7pm - now a [recurring meeting in Google Meet](#)
 - b. Trail Maintenance: Monday June 7 at 7pm
 - c. Advocacy: Tuesday June 15 at 8pm
 - d. Social: Monday June 7 8pm