

Junction Commons Project Constitution

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1. Basis of unity, see APPENDIX 1.
2. The name of the organization is Junction Commons Project (JCP).
3. The purpose of the JCP is to identify and implement the steps necessary to establish a community hub in the Junction.
4. The active members of the JCP have organized with the below goals:
 - i. to educate the community about the project.
 - ii. to consult the Junction neighbourhood on what they'd like to see in a community hub.
 - iii. to lobby city officials to stay the sale of 209 Mavety to see if it in a viable iv. option for a community hub.
 - iv. to conduct a feasibility study for a community hub.
5. The JCP consists of three levels of organization:
 - i. Taskforce (TF).
 - ii. Working groups (WG's).
 - iii. General Members.
6. The active members who have organized so far will form into a Taskforce:
 - i. The TF is responsible for:
 - a. Managing the work to be done by WG's.
 - b. Implementing the decisions and performing the work decided at the General Meetings (GM's).
 - c. Maintaining a contact list of members.
 - d. Adhering to the constitution and Basis of Unity.
 - ii. The TF can organize their work by designating positions, such as:
 - a. Co-chairs: making sure that facilitation happens according to agreed upon format, keep track of work that has been outlined, make sure the group is adhering to constitution and Basis of Unity and make sure new members are integrated according to protocol.
 - b. Treasurer: keep track of funds/ expenses.
 - c. Secretary: keep minutes and make agenda.

(These positions do not designate decision making power. They do not meet separately from the rest of the TF but facilitate the work done by the TF as a whole).
 - iii. The TF is then elected at a GM's every 6 months.
 - iv. The TF must have a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 12.
 - v. The TF may meet as a committee as an aside to GM's to do work set out at the GM's.

- vi. Whichever is greater of 5 or 50% +1 (rounded up to the nearest whole number) TF members establishes a quorum for a vote.
 - vii. Decisions are made through a consensus process where everyone is allowed to state their position. In cases that consensus cannot be reached a 2/3 majority vote (rounded up to the nearest whole number) will determine the decision.
 - viii. The facilitator and minute taker for the next meeting are chosen at the end of each meeting with the facilitator preparing the agenda.
7. Working groups (WG's) are established according to the needs and tasks identified and are on a volunteer basis:
- i. General members are welcome to join any WG after attending 3 meetings, unless waived by the general membership present.
 - ii. WG's may meet at their convenience as an aside to GM's to do work set out at the GM's.
8. General Meetings (GM's) are held at least once a month:
- i. GM's are open to all members.
 - ii. Whichever is greater of 5 or 50% +1 (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of TF members establishes a quorum for a vote.
 - iii. The TF and WG's will report to the general membership at the GM's.
 - iv. Major new tasks and decisions will be decided at GM's.
 - v. Decisions are made through a consensus process where everyone is encouraged to state their position. In cases that consensus cannot be reached a 2/3 majority vote (rounded up to the nearest whole number) will determine the decision.
 - vi. The facilitator and minute taker for the next meeting are chosen at the end of each meeting with the facilitator preparing the agenda.
9. Website:
- i. Notification of GM's will be posted on the website.
 - ii. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website.
10. This constitution can be amended by proposal at a GM to be decided by a majority vote at least 13 days after notification of proposed amendment is posted on website and sent to members contact list.
11. The TF will be dissolved on the achievement of the goals set out in article 4, at which time a new structure and operating mandate will be proposed by a designated Transition Working Group and decided at a GM.

APPENDIX 1

Junction Commons Project Statement of Unity, April 9, 2013

Preamble

The Junction Commons Project (JCP) members agree that communities are important places where people live, learn, grow, work, worship, wonder and wander. We believe in the power of people to make positive social and environmental change in their neighbourhoods. We further believe in the necessity of having a physical space dedicated to enabling, supporting and fostering community change.

It is up to us in community to demonstrate a way forward.

Engaged community

We can build a stronger, more vibrant and dynamic community if we have an engaged community. We need robust civic participation in which all members of our community come together to share ideas and knowledge and to work together. As such, the JCP seeks to create a space dedicated to community engagement and grassroots democratic organizing.

Inclusive community

The Junction is rapidly transforming, and many people - both longtime residents and newcomers are being left out. Rising costs, changes in local jobs, privatization of public space, and poor transit options make life more difficult for marginalized residents. We seek to build an ambitiously inclusive and equitable space - welcoming of all income levels, cultures, genders, ages, abilities, sexual orientation, ethnicities, religions and creeds. We pursue these objectives with a basis of respect for difference, an effort to hear all voices, and the recognition that accessibility and mentorship is integral to our work.

Sustainable community

Meaningful community change must be sustainable. This requires addressing immediate concerns, but also working toward long term and permanent social, economic and environmental justice. Within this context, we understand adaptive reuse of surplus city buildings for the purposes of building a community hub as a sustainable option.