

February 3, 2015 7:00-9:00

Attended: Kersh Naidoo, Bill Melenberg, Rosa Ficko, Gerry O'Donnell, Cam Worthing, Micheal Moroskat, Kara Little, Stuart York, Vince Bowen

Regrets: Earl Clements, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Brian Los, Brad Mielke, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Tony Van Herk, Heather Bolli

1.0 Approval of agenda

Bill MOVES. Rosa SECONDS. APPROVED

2.0 Approval of minutes

2.1 Jan 6, 2015 minutes

Kara MOVES. Kersh SECONDS. APPROVED

2.2 Dec 2, 2014 AGM minutes (review only)

Micheal still needs to follow up with Marissa.

3.0 Reports

3.1 President's report

Gerry

Signing authority is almost done. Kersh is scheduled to go tomorrow.

Kersh and Gerry met and went over priorities and goals for the coming year. Kersh is going to take charge of grant applications and help coordinate the Fallfest event.

Gerry sent a letter to the parent's association to arrange the approval from AGLC for a donation to the playground from their casino money. They have committed \$5000 at least through a board motion.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Rosa

Chad has dropped off all of the treasury records for Rosa.

No update. Rosa has just had everything transferred so is just getting going.

We received the \$13,000 phase one CLIP grant. We are still expecting a phase two payment as well following completion and subsequent submission of all receipts.

3.3 Civics report

Cassandra

Cassandra sent a letter to city council regarding the desire for greater consultation on the mature neighbourhood overlay. Council was debating approving a change without adequate consultation. Council decided to delay and consult further.

Stuart suggested that we keep our eye on the developments at council with this. There is pressure to move quickly.

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3.4 City of Edmonton

Stuart

Should have received a letter from the branch manager at the city regarding the green shack program. It is similar to the letter last year asking for community leagues to support the program along with the city. (Last year the board decided not to contribute since we ran our own program and devoted available funds towards the playground renewal project.)

We will likely get a pop-up play program, which is two and a half days a week instead of five for the full Greenshack. Also will be an option pop-up for community leagues to pay \$5000 and get a full five days.

The criteria this year is more refined than last year. This should mean that there will be a better representation. Points will be on a larger scale rather than just 1 or 0. Stuart sees the system much better. The categories are also weighted better. There will also be several communities that have never had a Greenshack that will be evaluated on a 70 point scale rather than a 100 point scale. There is an imminent announcement that any league that does not get a full Greenshack will get a pop-up play program at least.

There will be a deadline of February 27, 2015 to announce if we want to provide a \$5000 top-up.

Went around the table for interest: There is no interest around the board for offering the \$5000.

(There have already been talks to redo the joint summer playground program with St Paul's and North Glenora, and to increase, the program again this year. Last year was covered mainly by grants, with only a few hundred dollars expended by Grovenor.)

Summer Registered Programs: down to 7 from 8 programs this year for the northwest. Would like July 27 to 31 to run the preschool program ("Monsters") at the hall in the afternoons. The hall is available.

Learn to Skate Program/Bike Safety Program: no longer has a formal registration process. They now are free and simply drop-in. Stuart suggested that Grovenor have one of these. Especially the new pavement with the renewal. Dates will be on May 16-June 20. We will have to decide what day we would like and Stuart will work with his colleagues to schedule the different neighbourhoods. It will be a general safety course and will cater to whoever shows up. Will need a paved surface for the program. The only candidate space is probably the tarmac behind the school.

Special Event Program Training: City does no longer provide any people to help with special events. However, there are **plenty of games and materials available from the city**. There is also training available in lieu of staff.

The city will be hiring for their summer programs soon. There is also a "Leaders in Training" program for kids as young as 13. It requires a limited amount of volunteer time and then they may get an opportunity for future employment if they are interested. There will be some information sessions in April/May.

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Winter Skates: deadline to nominate your neighbor is the end of the month.

Recreation networks: Encouraging neighbourhoods to work together and map the resources available. The pilot has finished and now every neighbourhood will be part of a recreation network. There are 6 total networks. Grovenor and McQueen have been grouped with the pilot group, to the east. There is a meeting of the network this week. Stuart will be going to the meeting, so will be able to speak to what resources Grovenor has in case no one from the board is able to attend. It is not only what the leagues and schools have in place, but also should include churches and other groups that are active within the network. The aim is to create an inter-community league network that can have greater access to additional resources and services that already exist.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Recreation Centre renovations status update

Cam/Brad

An update on the ramp for the shed will be provided next month.

There are a few projects being planned. There should be some extra money with CLIP phase two. And can look at CLIP next year to fund this as well.

4.2 Sec Surveillance Camera system for Hall and Rec Centre

Brad

The cameras have been powered up and are recording.

4.3 Website upgrade proposal

Kara/Heather

There have been 14 unique views to the new beta website. Kara has been working with our current provider to have our URL transferred to the league. He would be happy to provide the address to us.

Kara proposes to set up a list of Gmail addresses for the various positions as a replacement for the @Grovenor emails. Currently they have lots of spam. Kara has provided a solution to reduce the spam.

Can also embed a calendar with events and hall availability.

The new service will be through Weebly. It is very user friendly and interactive. Kara has set up a full site as beta. Proposes to provide access to the board so each member can add their content on their own as they need. There will be different permissions for full or partial edit capability.

This will save approximately \$250 per year. We will still have to pay \$50 per year to register the URL.

Kara MOVES to accept the proposal to transition the Grovenor website from Intrinsic Design to Weebly.com. Bill SECONDS. All in favour. ACCEPTED.

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Kara MOVES to transition all grovenor.ca email addresses to Gmail and set up a full email portfolio. Who SECONDS. Will hold this to do more research and report back after.

4.4 Playground and Park Renewal project status update Brad/Vince
Cannot begin contacting park vendors until later. Waiting on a letter from the city to move forward. Do not have any drawings yet to show people and get people involved.

Gerry has a plan to contact the media about the need to additional funding. If get go ahead, we could then arrange an onsite event with representatives from the neighbourhood, school, pre-school, daycare, etc. Gerry will release this to CTV tomorrow; with the next phase to follow with Global, City, and CBC at a future date.

Cam proposed to have a deal with a free four-hour rental for a specific donation (e.g. \$100) to the playground. Currently the cost of a four-hour rental is \$50.

4.5 Ice Rink status update Frank/Gerry
Everything moving along well. Weather has been an issue this year so far. The crew to work the rink is running reasonably well considering the inclement weather overall.

4.6 Casino 2015 - status update Christine
Everything is on stream. All of the volunteers have been contacted so far. All that is being looked for right now is for backup persons to be available.

Gerry received the casino licence. The last general manager will need to hand in our application for the next casino. Rosa will provide blank cheques to pay for the consultants we need for the casino.

4.7 Transition to new Board status update Gerry/All
All transfers have been completed.

4.8 Changing of Signing Authorities status update Gerry/Rosa
Done.

4.9 Draft Budget for 2015 - approval Gerry/All
Gerry provided a budget. It follows the format set out by the EFCL. It is a cash flow-budget hybrid.

Cam MOVES to accept the budget, subject to amendments if required. Bill SECONDS.
APPROVED.

4.10 Goals and Objectives – 2015 - approval Gerry/All
Gerry provided a list of goals and objectives that were discussed last month and reviewed with Kersh.

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Rosa MOVES to accept the goals. Vince SECONDS. APPROVED.

4.11 Newsletter – first edition status update **Bill**
Coming together. Just waiting for a couple of submissions. Meghan has been very helpful. Bill is reluctant to advertise for people who have not paid their bills. Talked with Chris Spencer to use some of his old articles as reruns. There will be somewhat of a different format.

5.0 New business

5.1 Potential new programs for 2015 **All**
No new ideas.

5.2 Invitation to Scott McKeen to attend Grovenor meeting **Gerry**
Confirmed for June 2, 2015.

5.3 St Paul's and North Glenora Joint Summer Playground Program **Gerry**
Currently being planned by St Paul's.

6.0 Next meeting – Mar 3, 2015