

Grovenor Community League
Board of Directors Meeting
Grovenor Community Hall

March 3, 2015 7:00-9:00 pm

Attended: Vince Bowen, Earl Clements, Rosa Ficko, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Brad Mielke, Micheal Moroskat, Gerry O'Donnell, Cam Worthing, Stuart York.

Regrets: Kersh Naidoo, Cassandra Haraba, Frank Santiago, David Robert.

1. Approval of agenda

Rosa MOVES. Earl SECONDS. APPROVED.

1.1. Approval of minutes

1.2. Feb 3, 2015 minutes

Brian MOVES. Rosa SECONDS. APPROVED.

2.2 Dec 2, 2014 AGM minutes (review only)

3. Reports

1.1. President's report

Gerry

February 23, Cassandra and Gerry met with the presidents of some of the west/central community leagues about the proposed infill bylaw changes. At the end of the discussion there was agreement that community leagues were not adequately consulted by the city. We will work together to develop recommendations. The community leagues would like the city to be more collaborative regarding revisions to mature neighbourhood bylaws.

Gerry expressed thanks for the list of maintenance items that Brad has dealt with. There has been significant progress with upgrades to the Rec Centre. (There is still a new floor in the rec centre and a chair rail in in the hall left for the CLIP grant).

He thanked everyone that participated in the Casino on February 20 and 21. We are expecting the money in early April. A special thank you expressed to Christine Worthing for coordinating the casino and volunteers.

Gerry has followed up with AEDs and we will have at least 1 and potentially 2 for the Hall and Rec Centre. There will be training for up to 10 volunteers. They are being provided for free through the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

1.2. Treasurer's report

Rosa

Casino account \$0
General account \$7,100
GIC \$38,217

Rosa has finished writing the final cheques for the rink attendants.

1.3. Civics report

Cassandra

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1.4. City of Edmonton

Stuart

Alberta Avenue Community is having a Seedy Sunday on March 22.

Summer camp: 2 half days per week. There is no schedule yet, but Stu will get this too us as soon as the schedule is out.

AGLC for playground status. Stu has completed a letter confirming that the planned new Grovenor playground will be a city playground and is to be maintained by the city. He has sent the letter to his Director to sign.

So far the city has only issued 25% of the CFEP grants that they normally issue. Stu is not sure what is going on with this and why there has been a delay. The grant is a matching grant, and we can use the money from the city for fund matching purposes.

Bike safety program: Saturday June 6. It will be held at the school. Stu will get a poster to us for advertising. It will be either the morning or the afternoon - three hours.

The city is hoping to have the Leaders in Training program information up soon.

New CLIP grant information is now up for the new year (2015).

Root for Trees program: provides trees for tree planting program for volunteers. Can sign up on the City of Edmonton website.

Stu went to the church to go to the 107th Ave meeting and there were 40 people in attendance. Going forward, they see 107th as staying as a 4 lane road. They are also planning to take out the traffic circle which is one of the highest traffic collision incident locations. They are now looking at making 111th Ave to be a 6 lane road.

Preschool program: this will be a go July 27-31 at the hall. Cam will be the main contact for the hall during the program. This is an afternoon program. The brochure will be coming out soon.

Recreation networks meeting: Attended the last meeting for the group that Grovenor is part of. There was pretty good discussion about how to deliver programs and getting volunteers. Stu will make us aware of the next meeting when he learns of the date. The city is encouraging communities to get together and talk to try and find solutions to any gaps.

4. Old business

1.1. Recreation Centre renovations status update

Brad

See presidents report.

The security system is ready to go. It just needs to be started up. Brad suggested it should have information signs up before starting the system up.

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The ramp for the shed is now installed, so the shed is now ready to be used for equipment.

Brad is going to work to replace the pulley system for the door to the concession.

- 1.2. Sec Surveillance Camera system for Hall and Rec Centre** **Brad**
See item 1.1 for details.
- 1.3. Website upgrade proposal** **Kara/Heather**
Kara was unable to make the meeting tonight. She has made lots of progress. Will update the board by email and at the next meeting regarding website upgrades and email accessibility.
- 1.4. Playground and Park Renewal project status update** **Brad/Vince**
Brad has found some sources for photos that we are able to use for promotional material for the playground. There are also a couple people that have volunteered to help with grant writing. We are also now able to show that we have dedicated funding for the project. We are getting to the point to demonstrate that the community is serious about building the playground and are on our way to getting the resources.
- 1.5. Request by AGLC for letter from City status** **Brad/Stu**
See City of Edmonton Report (1.4) for details on his item.
- 1.6. Ice Rink status update** **Frank/Gerry**
The forecast is for warmer weather and the decision has been made to close the rink for the season after Thursday. We will be sending the staff for bowling and pizza as a wrap-up event. Frank and Gerry and Danielle and the rest of the staff will get together to debrief the season and learn for next year. Meeting date was to be set by Frank or Alastair. To debrief on this year's program.
- There are some boards around the rink that will need to be repaired. This will be done over two days this spring/summer. They will also do some maintenance to save on some maintenance costs on the equipment.
- Apparently some memberships have been sold this winter, but Brian has reported that he has not received any paperwork. To request feedback from Danielle and Frank on this question.
- Overall it was a successful year.
- 1.7. Casino 2015 - status update** **Christine**
Our next casino will be the first quarter of 2017. We will get the date August 2016 (by computerized random draw).

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- 1.8. Newsletter – first edition status update** **Bill**
Bill was hoping to get it to the printer yesterday but was delayed. He planned for it to be out by the weekend for delivery.
- 1.9. St Paul's and North Glenora Joint Summer Playground Program** **Gerry**
This is on track to go ahead for another year. With this program and the three half days a week from the city, we will have a full schedule. There will be double the attendants this year - 1 male and 1 female for the joint program with North Glenora..
- 1.10. Pop up Play Program (offered by City) update** **Stu/All**
See City of Edmonton update.
- 1.11. Bike Safety Program (May 6 – June 30) update** **Stu/All**
See City of Edmonton update.
- 1.12. Pre-school program – monsters story telling (July 27-31)** **Stu/All**
See City of Edmonton update.
- 1.13. Recreation Networks meeting - update** **Stu**
See City of Edmonton update.

5. New business

- 1.1. Edmonton's Downtown Footbridge** **Cassandra/Gerry**
Cassandra brought this item forward via email. A citizens' group in Cloverdale has concerns that the footbridge is being removed for the development of the LRT. They are looking for support from various community leagues.

There was discussion on thoughts from around the board on whether individuals support a letter or not. We will follow up with discussion as more people have a chance to read the issue in more detail in March.
- 1.2. Mural artist – proposal to hire; when; which areas; estimated cost** **Vince**
Vince has looked into a potential artist for a mural for the skate park. A couple of years ago the community looked into this matter to investigate the potential. When we were about to go ahead, the City gave a firm no to the proposal.

Because of recent conversations at the board, we are investigating the possibility again.

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Questions: Where at the hall and grounds do we want a mural? – There were two locations agreed on as appropriate (quarter pike backside and on the wall facing skate park).

How much would we want to spend? What subject would we want? Vince to investigate before next meeting.

In the last proposal, the board agreed to purchase the paint and pay a nominal fee to the artist.

There was also discussion about the chance of graffiti on a mural. The answer seemed to be that murals tend to get tagged less. We will also looking into clear coating the mural for protection as well.

Is there any opportunity to get the school involved? Example, having the students paint portions? Or perhaps have the students create some art that the artist can translate into part of the mural.

There is no opposition around the table to having Vince look into a quote for a mural by an artist. He will also follow up with the school to see if they are interested in the project. Timeframe: no specific constraints, but the earlier the better this spring.

- 1.3. West Central Community Leagues Meeting re bylaw changes Feb 23rd Gerry**
See president's report.

- 1.4. Question on politicians advertising in Newsletter Bill/All**
Bill was approached to have political ads in our newsletter. As requested, Gerry approached the EFCL for some guidance on the issue. The EFCL indicated that there were no EFCL policies against this type of advertising and nothing in the applicable legislation for registered NFP community leagues prohibiting this activity. They questioned what our current approved policy was and Gerry indicated we do not have one. They strongly suggested that we develop such a policy and post this for future reference. There is nothing in our bylaws or documentation at AB Registries that prohibits this as well.

There was good discussion about the purpose of the newsletter and what we should have included. Points were made that it is appropriate to have messages from our elected representatives, but perhaps would be a distraction to have partisan ads. Other points were made that a candidate is no different than any other advertiser that requests an ad in the newsletter. Also a suggestion that if we chose to include them, that there should be a clear disclaimer statement that the community league is not involved; that it is a paid political ad and the league does not support any specific candidate or party. There was also an opposite point raised that the newsletter should be for community news and that elections are a community issue.

The main concern around the table would be any perceived partisanship. We need to be perceived as totally unbiased and without any conflict of interest. The majority of Bd members present expressed the opinion that they do not support including

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electioneering materials, but that courtesy or thank you messages would be acceptable from politicians within limitations (e.g. maximum ¼ page, in good taste, etc.)

A decision is deferred until next month to allow for some additional analysis.

1.5. Building height bylaws in mature neighbourhoods. Cassandra

The Old Glenora conservation association has requested Grovenor's support to protest a lack of proper consultation on revisions to building codes. The position is that there has been inadequate consultation, from Civics Reps throughout the City. Cassandra is requesting that Grovenor add our name to the list in support for better consultation.

There was unanimous support for Cassandra to get involved on behalf of the Community League re this matter.

6. Next meeting – April 7, 2015