

April 7, 2015 7:00-9:00 pm

**Attendance:** Earl Clements, Kara Little, Bill Melenberg, Rosa Ficko, Stuart York, Cameron Worthing, Gerry O'Donnell, Micheal Moroskat, Christine (Cloverdale), Brian Los, Kersh Naidoo

**Regrets:** Vince Bowen, Cassandra Haraba, Brad Mielke, Micheal Moroskat, David Robert, Cam Worthing,

## 1.0 Approval of agenda

Add neighbourhood watch.

Add Soccer

Add Seniors Historical Society

Add Sustainable food Edmonton

Add Secretary position

Rosa MOVES. Bill SECONDS. Approved.

## 2.0 Approval of minutes

### 2.1 March 3, 2015 minutes

Earl MOVES. Bill SECONDS. Approved.

### 2.2 Dec 2, 2014 AGM minutes (review only)

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 President's report

Gerry

A group (Gerry, Travis, Kersh, Angie) met to begin preparations for the 2015 Fall Fest. (September 12 is the scheduled date for Fall Fest).

Kersh, Brian, Cam and Gerry completed the CLIP grant application for this year. Brad and Cam will coordinate work on the items submitted for 2015.

Have begun planning for this Spring's big bin event. May 30 is the tentative date. Kersh is still working on the availability of bins and coordinating volunteers (3 last year). The backup date is June 6 (now the actual scheduled date). Still waiting for approval from the city any time for the grant requested. Two bins have been ordered by Kersh. The grant from the city (\$600) should cover approximately 80% of the cost.

Drainage problems with boulevard connectors. There were 2 or 3 yards this year due to poor boulevard connectors. Several people brought this to the attention of the city. Hopefully something will be done about this and the city has promised to follow up. Gerry suggested having a meeting later with the contractor and the city at the hall to discuss any outstanding concerns if required. We will see how things go over the summer before calling such a meeting.

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The application for the operating grant from the city is in progress. The deadline is June 4. Kersh is working on the application.

Planning for next year's rink has begun. Overall, this year was a good year for the rink. Alastair and the crew did a great job. Next year, there should be a greater focus on membership sales and related record keeping for the rink attendants.

Cassandra sent a letter to the city regarding infill policy. This was forwarded to the board for review.

Have submitted a supporting letter from the City to AGLC to request approval for \$15,000 in casino money to be donated towards the playground project as previously approved by the board. Now there is a request for a third letter from the president about the project.

**3.2 Treasurer's report**

**Rosa**

General \$22,228.45 (includes \$10,000 from Grovenor school)  
Casino \$0  
GIC \$37,671.40

Rosa got a debit card from TD. It took a while, but it is now set up and she is ready to go.

**3.3 Civics report**

**Cassandra**

Cassandra provided a written report ahead of time that was read by Gerry. [ADD THIS]

Screening provisions for balconies etc.  
Infill

**3.4 City of Edmonton**

**Stuart**

Stuart provided a written report with attachments. [FORWARD THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE BOARD]

[ADD THE WRITTEN REPORT HERE]

Bike training behind the school on June 23.  
Pop-up play program  
Volunteer week coming up.  
Open house for the Lewis Farms recreation centre and library coming up.  
The information for all of the city day camps are now on the City website.

Stuart has booked tables from the city for Fall Fest.

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## **4.0 Old business**

### **4.1 Presentation by Cloverdale bridge by Citizen's group rep Cassandra/Eric FACEBOOK: SavetheYEGDTfootbridge.**

Kristine Kowalchuck (Founder of the Save Edmonton's Footbridge group) made a presentation regarding their proposal to have the LRT plan moved from the current plan to go through Cloverdale, which would remove the footbridge across the river.

"This is not just an issue that affects only Cloverdale. It is in the River Valley and affects all users in the city. Their goal is to adjust the river crossing area only, not the whole route.

The group began in 2013 when the plans were made public. The EIA was not made public until 4 years after the plan was developed. Christine spoke to a written statement.  
[REQUEST COPY]

They make it clear they are supportive of LRT development; however, they would like to see the natural environment protected and existing transportation corridor instead. They describe the Cloverdale footbridge as an essential and successful public space.

The EIA for the crossing did not do any counts of actual foot traffic on the bridge, it states the use as unknown. The city admitted that they had not accounted for public space during planning for the route, specifically this area."

Christine passed around a map showing their proposed alternate route. Their route would remove the Quarters stop; however, this stop would be a block and a half away, so may not be significant.

The current plan removes 30 acres of parkland and recreates the pedestrian crossing with a function only crossing that loses the features that make the existing bridge attractive.

Asking for Grovenor to move to support the initiative. They are asking for Grovenor to pass a motion to support the initiative to push the city to consider the proposal.

The RFP for the project has an innovation clause built in that allows the successful bidder to propose a change.

Brian MOVES that the board of Grovenor Community League support the Save the YEG DT Footbridge group's effort to lobby the city to reconsider the current plan to remove the Cloverdale foodbridge. Rosa SECONDS. All in favour. Approved

Gerry agreed to send the Cloverdale citizens' group a copy of the approved motion in support of their request for alternatives to be considered by contractors for the site of the bridge.

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**4.2 Recreation Centre renovations status update**

**Brad**

No specific update this month.

May look at replacing the skate flooring outside of the hall.

Cam got an email from a city representative telling us that we need to remove the graffiti from the back of the rec hall.

**4.3 Sec Surveillance Camera system update**

**Brad**

The system is up but not completely functional yet.

**4.4 Website upgrade proposal update**

**Kara/Heather**

The new website is up and running and looks great. Currently the content is carried over from the old website. Now we need to update the content to populate the new site. We will slowly substitute content as we go forward.

The homepage has all of the social media feeds and hall calendars.

The domain is registered up to March 2017.

Kara has investigated solutions for email. She has found that using gmail makes control of the emails difficult for the site administrator. Paying for emails provides 10 addresses, additional control and likely better junk filters. The cost is \$168 per year.

So far, the [president@grovenor.ca](mailto:president@grovenor.ca) email has the email set up. Next she will work on additional position emails. Still need to decide which emails should be set up.

Micheal will work to get an entire list of minutes.

Gerry has already provided Kara with copies for posting of the most recent updated bylaws, approved financial statements and related audit report, 2015 approved budget and 2015 approved Goals and Objectives.

Anyone that is interested can have edit access and Kara will provide instructions for how to use the site.

**4.5 Playground and Park Renewal project status update**

**Brad/Vince**

There are a number of significant donations made to the project. They will work to get some recognition on the website as a near term recognition.

Stuart clarified that we can provide tax receipts for individual donations or sponsorships with tiered recognition.

**4.6 Newsletter – first edition status update**

**Bill**

Bill had some technical difficulty with his computer so the newsletter is behind. He is currently editing out the past due information.

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He raised a larger point of whether having the newsletter with timely information is a good mandate, or is there a better venue for this time-sensitive information.

**4.7 Graffiti clean-up and Mural artist / school artists – update** **Vince**  
Everyone was given some sample designs. The proposal is to narrow down to three designs and put it up on social media and look for community feedback. The selection will represent a range of styles. This will be posted as soon as possible. A two week window was proposed for voting.

Selection of the three candidate designs will be selected through email response in the next couple days. The top three will be selected by Vince for public voting via the website.

**4.8 St Paul's and N Glenora Joint Summer Playground Program update** **Gerry**  
On its way and planned for this year. Will be coordinated with the pop-up play program from the city.

**4.9 Pop up Play Program (offered by City) update** **Stu**  
See city update. Mondays and Fridays for 7 weeks from July 6.

**4.10 Bike Safety Program (May 6 – June 30) update** **Stu**  
See City update. Scheduled for May 24 on basketball court behind the school for 3 hours.

**4.11 Pre-school program – monsters story telling (July 27-31)** **Stu**  
See City update.

**4.12 Question on politicians advertising in Newsletter - update** **Bill**  
Cassandra drafted a policy statement for the community league for election material. This was distributed to the board for review.

Reviewed the draft policy as around the board. EFCL has advised that we should have policy.

Micheal: Neutral on political advertising, but if we choose to accept, supports the draft policy. Would rather see the community provide information on the candidates from a neutral standpoint.

Bill: Against any political advertising. Sees the policy as being so restrictive as essentially stopping it. From an editorial perspective it would be very cumbersome. Would support advertising if there was a less restrictive policy.

Kara: The policy is logistically prohibitive. There is no issue with political advertising, and as long as it is clear that it is paid advertising.

Rosa: Also sees the policy as prohibitive. Has no problem with the advertising as long as there is clear disclaimer that it is paid advertising.

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Kersh: Against any political advertising. Candidates will do their own campaigning. Also sees the policy as restrictive if we try to apply. Also questions how we would vet material for appropriate for our publications.

Cam: Doesn't like the policy. If someone wants to advertise, they should be able to as long as it is clear it is paid advertising.

Earl: No issue with the draft policy.

Brian: Does not support political advertising. Does support messaging from elected representatives.

Gerry: Was neutral on political advertising as long as it was fair and equitable for all political parties, a clearly displayed disclaimer shown, deemed to be in good taste, absolutely no allowance for favoritism or bias, and with appropriate guidelines such as max of ¼ page.

No voting on a policy was undertaken at this time on a policy, as it was agreed that Bill would hold a meeting with Kersh, Gerry, Cassandra and Bill in attendance to discuss potential amendments to the draft wording (i.e. removing the requirement to require all candidates to agree to advertise before anyone could advertise and substituting something less restrictive but equally fair for all candidates) The general preference around the board was for equal opportunity. No ads will be accepted until a policy is passed.

## **5.0 New business**

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| <b>5.1</b> | <b>AED installation and training April 25</b>   | <b>Gerry</b>           |
|            | AED(s) have been delivered to Gerry.<br>Orientation for AEDs and CPR will be on April 25, 10:00 to 12:00 and is open to the public. |                        |
| <b>5.2</b> | <b>Bylaw changes discussion update</b>  | <b>Cassandra/Gerry</b> |
| <b>5.3</b> | <b>Fallfest planning update</b>   | <b>Kersh</b>           |
|            | See president's report.   |                        |
| <b>5.4</b> | <b>CLIP grant application for 2015</b>  | <b>Kersh</b>           |
|            | See president's report.   |                        |
| <b>5.5</b> | <b>Big Bin event (May) - volunteers</b>   | <b>Kersh</b>           |
|            | See president's report.   |                        |
| <b>5.6</b> | <b>Drainage problem for boulevard connectors – complaints received</b>  | <b>Gerry</b>           |
|            | See president's report.   |                        |
| <b>5.7</b> | <b>City Operating Grant for 2015 update</b>   | <b>Kersh</b>           |
|            | See president's report.   |                        |

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**5.8 Neighbourhood watch**

**Earl**

The neighbourhood watch is reorganizing. Would like all of the various representatives to be retrained.

**5.9 Soccer**

**Rosa**

Quite a few kids out for soccer. For a long time, there has only been one team. There will be a U4/5 split team, a U6, U8, U14 team as well, and coaches. Our team won silver in a spring indoor tournament. No cost for the younger teams because they are sponsored.

**5.10 Seniors/Grovenor Historical Society**

**Brian**

Lynn Skillen has offered to start a new seniors group. They are looking to begin on April 21 at the hall in the evening. They are going to focus on historical information about the neighbourhood and get some of the seniors together.

**5.11 Sustainable food Edmonton**

**Brian**

Seedy Saturday, April 25 at the St Andrew's centre, 11-1:30. Free seeds and other information on gardening.

Will have to get the Grovenor garden going in early May.

**5.12 Membership Drive**

**Brian**

The annual Membership drive will be carried out in September again this year lead by Brian.

**5.13 Secretary position**

**Gerry**

Micheal is moving out of the neighbourhood so will be stepping down as secretary. He will be able to make it to the May meeting. There will be a need for a replacement. Proposal to solicit the Directors.

**6.0 Next meeting – May 14, 2015**