

May 03, 2016 7:10 pm

Attended: Vince Bowen, Earle Clements, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Stuart York, Peggy Ward **Total: 10**

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Denise McNeill, Brad Mielke, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Cam Worthington

1.0 Approval of agenda

May 03, 2016 Agenda

Kersh MOVES. Vince SECONDS. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

April 05, 2016 minutes

Barrett MOVES. Kersh SECONDS. APPROVED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 President's report

Gerry

Gerry thanked everyone for coming. He recently completed and filed the Community League 2016 Annual Return with the provincial government at the Brownlee building. We then attached this to the CLOG application.

We received a \$1,000 corporate donation from TD Trust for our playground that Gerry dropped off to Rosa for deposit.

July 5 Deputy Premier Sarah Hoffman is joining our meeting;

June 7 is Scott McKeen's visit.

The City's management reps for the Neighbourhood Renewal program requested to defer meeting with the board and residents until early fall. This gives time for contractors to address issues—roads, grass, curbs, sidewalks, etc.

Gerry mentioned a second article by Paula Simons re "Neighbourhoods being held hostage"—when development projects get held up for long periods like the Glenora Skyline project. He circulated both articles for reference by the board.

Gerry reported on a historical article by Paula Simons in the Edmonton Journal on Sat, April 16 re the origins, boundaries, cultural history, elegant buildings, covering the past century in Glenora. Gerry suggested that we consider doing a historical article on Grovenor developed by our historical group recently established. Bill will look into this.

At Brad's request via email, the costs related to the professional fundraiser is discussed, indicating we don't have the wherewithal to do the grants ourselves. We need copies of the plan and grant applications. The feedback process is done. Two groups of volunteers are needed. In one, four people are needed to gather information from people's feedback and summarize before the end of May. A second group of 5-10 people is needed to assist Kim Street and plan fundraising event. There are 4 grants suggested that we apply for at a cost of \$200 each to the fundraiser.

Gerry asks for a motion to approve the costs for the fundraiser applying for grants for us. Vince MOVES. Kersh SECONDS. APPROVED.

Brad had asked for assistance to collate feedback received from residents regarding the playground designs previously presented. Volunteers for this purpose include: Gerry, Vince, Peggy.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Rosa

Rosa relayed that the bank account balances which were as follows as at April 30, 2016: General account \$ 77,636.36; Casino account \$ 67,093.34.

3.3 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

Gerry reports that Cassandra and others have been dealing with the new Kennedy-Alldritt development project proposal. Fifteen residents replied to the previous letter from Gerry and other literature attached, which had been delivered last month to 115 houses in the surrounding area. The comments were varied. Two towers of 16 levels are proposed, plus office space, retail outlets, etc. This will have a big impact on Grovenor and surrounding communities. It was suggested by Gerry that we should eventually host a community hall activity open to all residents with reps from City as well (without developer present) to discuss any concerns summarized by Cassandra. Cassandra met with the chief planner from City on this project.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Stuart

Stuart mentioned a spring block party event, a trade show at Castle Downs building and clubhouse for football team next Wednesday. He also mentioned Capital City Cleanup, the Big Bin event the following week, and that Jasper Place Fitness Centre is changing the pool. There is an open house drop-in next Wednesday, May 11 to see the plans. North Glenora emailed him re coordination of summer programs. Both Grovenor and Glenora have selected afternoon so one will have to switch. Grovenor is going to partner with City on Greenshack program M-F (2:30 - 6:00). It starts the first Monday after July 1st until Aug 23. Stuart mentions for any new construction project, we have to apply for the money. Then ask permission to do it. He will help us fill out the forms. We should do it through him so he can check it meets City approval. Solar panels and sign are two major construction projects (there are also 2 minor items). City has dropped \$100.00 fee to close street for block party. No Green Shack subsidy this year. For doing community cleanups (as Brian mentioned in the ravine), Stuart says to get supplies such as garbage bags and gloves from Capital City Cleanup.

Action Item: Gerry will advertise the Green Shack program in newsletter.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Gift basket for refugee family update; second family in future **Kersh/Gerry**

There is now a third Syrian family. They are being sponsored by Crestwood Community League (but are living in Grovenor). There was a function last week where they were presented a gift basket/cards from Grovenor. It was at Crestwood Hall where 80-90 people came out to see the latest family consisting of 3 kids and 2 adults.

Gerry asks for motion (after the fact) to provide \$800 in gifts/gift cards to third Syrian family moving into Grovenor. Vince MOVES. Barrett SECONDS. APPROVED.

Action Item: Kersh has yet to deliver gift basket/cards to 2nd family.

4.2 CLIP grant application – status update

Kersh/Gerry

Gerry thanks Kersh for doing the CLIP grant legwork, saying there is a lot involved in submitting the CLIP and CLOG grants. Kersh and Brian will coordinate thru Stuart. Perhaps

meet for coffee to discuss grant applications. Gerry already has an estimate for the solar panels for the Hall roof.

4.3 Cost estimates for Sign Upgrade for hall

Brian

Brian got a quote of \$6800 to change the box of the sign but keep pole, fluorescence. There are 4 lines of text to change. Letters cost \$446. For hinged protective covers, \$2200, for a total of approx. \$2600 additional. LED. Top graphics are additional. Close to \$10,000. A permit is needed. Committee thinks cost is too high. Solar lights on sign are discussed.

Action Item: Brian looking at cost of getting power to sign, and cost of stand-alone solar lights.

4.4 Recreation Centre – update on planned renovations for 2016

Barrett

The furnace has been serviced. The bar is next, along with cleaning out rec centre and making room for hoses. A cast iron spool or hose holder would be great, Barrett says. Andrew and Alistair are extra help. Proposed bulletin board for out front is questioned in light of recent vandalism attacks.

Storage in the hall... one group wants use of a cabinet. Cabinets need to be cleaned up. Kersh offers to do it this weekend before the big bin event. Access to the toys in cupboard and door always being locked is brought up. Releasing the toys is discussed.

Action Item: Gerry and Kersh to look at toys on Sat during Big Bin Day

Action Item: Gerry offered his hall keys to Barrett, as he is without.

4.5 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update

Brad/Vince

Brad indicated Vince is giving the report. Kim Street gave invoice for preparing business plan, and preparing of grants. Preparation of Business Plan - \$300; Coop community spaces grant - \$200, CFEP grant - \$ 400, plus \$45 GST for a total of \$945.

Action item: Barrett to proceed with the aforementioned projects.

4.6 Draft letter to corps for playground fundraising campaign

Gerry

Permission granted by West Block after draft shown. MLA and Councilor permission pending.

4.7 Fall Fest (Sept. 10) Planning – status update

Kersh

Kersh mentioned he would like to focus more on 50/50 to raise more money, perhaps. Sell in groups of 5, 10 or 20 – no single tickets. Last year we lacked the ability to recover food costs when the weather turned bad and we shut down early. He proposed bringing in a few food trucks so we are not bogged down with food details: estimating quantities needed, purchasing, preparation, and cleanup. He mentioned a \$6.00 flat rate dinner fee though the actual ticket price would be **\$15.00**. The food trucks would have to deal with permitting, power and cleanup. Last year we spent between \$1500-2000 on food for approximately 250 people. Year before, 300 people. Excess food was donated to charities last year.

Fall Fest is our biggest community event. Many volunteers are needed to pull it off. A hand full of people end up doing 90% of the work. Gerry indicated that this suggested change in concept was significantly different from the traditional family picnic atmosphere including BBQ, salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, dessert trays, juices and other refreshments and that it would seem a fairly drastic step to give up our once-a-year traditional family BBQ – Picnic tradition. It was also going to be quite expensive to use the food trucks based on the prices quoted. It is suggested we use outside volunteers such as a youth group from St. Paul's church, the Ross Shepard football team and also approach Chris at the local café as usual.

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Action Item: Gerry will ask St Paul's church group about them volunteering their time in exchange for us making a donation to the youth group.

Action Item: Vince will send Kersh his Ross Shepard contact to follow up with.

Action Item: Gerry will advertise for volunteers in the newsletter again and is willing to assist to approach others in the community to assist.

4.8 Big Bin event planning (May 7) – status update **Kersh**
It is this Saturday. Graham, Michelle, Kersh, and Gerry are working it. Bin pickup same day. Habitat for Humanity's involvement is pending.

4.9 Garage sale at Grovenor Community League Hall **Barrett**
Charging a small fee and assigned tables are discussed, for a maximum of a 3-day period. Concern is that people won't come back and collect their items that don't sell.

4.10 Grow Forward Grovenor – status of planning (May 21) **Brian**
Brian states the planting of the garden may happen May 14. He says there are lots of free seeds, seed potatoes and spruce seedlings. Refreshments will be available from 2-4 pm.

Action Item: Gerry will take care of advertising garden planting event.

Action Item: Gerry will ask Brian Ficko type of light bulb needed in arena.

4.11 Chicago Blue site – Status update **Kersh**

4.12 Community League Operating Grant (CLOG) – Status Update **Gerry**

4.13 Green Shack at Grovenor – Status Update **Stuart**

4.14 Door Security System – Status Update **Barrett**

Barrett has spoken to the company. A new monitor will cost \$1000 for the basic model; monthly fee \$35. He already paid the \$157 installation fee. He is waiting to hear back from the man as he thought we were commercial. There is a 5-year renewal discount. Kersh recommended the company Telsco. Brian wondered if they would make an offer to residents via newsletter.

5.0 New business

5.1 Graffiti Attack at Hall – status update **Brian**

Gerry stated that the recent graffiti attack was quite massive. Vince took pictures and filed a police report. Gerry filed an application for funding with the City Capital City Cleanup initiative. The work was contracted out to Goodbye Graffiti company and was completed quickly. It was a 3 day 3 step process. The skate park and signs were cleaned off. The brick on the hall was paint matched. The work was completely covered by the grant. The shoes were also removed from the wires by Vince, which indicate a drug trafficking location.

Action Item: Gerry is looking into estimate on price of protective coating to mitigate effects of future attacks. The vendor had initially quoted \$3.00 per square foot, but Gerry will ask for a detailed estimate.

Vince filed a report with the police to get a police report number; and that number is then needed to get the cleanup grant with the City West Division Cleanup Coordinator. In time police compile statistics on reports. He also mentions showing the vandal's tags (symbols) to Grovenor School Principal, Denise McNeil to see if anyone recognizes similar graffiti work. This brought up a discussion of the video surveillance system. Apparently, for some reason, it was not functional the night of the graffiti attacks. System has capability to be remotely accessed, Vince says. He poked around with security system. He found four more cameras.

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Discussion ensued about getting these additional cameras installed. Cam set up original cameras.

Action Item: Gerry asks Barrett to get lock box back on track and furnace room cleaned out.

Action Item: Vince, Barrett and Gerry to check out the surveillance system following the meeting.

Action Item: Gerry to request frank to look into replacing the lock box.

Action Item: Gerry asks Vince to follow up with Cam on surveillance system.

Action Item: Gerry, Vince, Barrett & Frank to make decision on a plan for surveillance system. More murals on outside walls could be a deterrent to more vandalism and should be considered. The current mural cost \$1200. It would be about \$5000 to do all 4 walls of hall. The committee agrees to do 2 walls at this time and that they be "artfully painted." A nice mural at another park mentioned. Trees outside secluding front doors of hall from view are discussed.

Action Item: Gerry will try to contact the other Community League re their mural.

Action Item: Vince will contact previous artist and request an estimate. Process in place from before.

Action Item: Vince will contact 311 about getting trees trimmed like others.

Discussion on internet connectivity in the hall deferred until security system is operational. Barrett to look into this before the next meeting.

5.2 June Newsletter – planning and deadline for articles

Brian

Newsletter deadline is May 22. May 28-29 delivery. Gerry suggested advertising for Fall Fest and other Volunteers in newsletter. He agreed to submit the ad. He will also submit several articles for inclusion.

5.3 EFCL – Leagues Alive information

Mariette

Mariette reported on initiatives that were in her Leagues Alive conference package. This included a walking program to promote fun, fitness and friendship, where a limited number of poles were available (given away). Also a provincially sponsored healthy eating and be active initiative, and the third offer was Introductory Training for Board Members (in Governance Fundamentals). Also, YEGisHome.ca is a site where Edmonton's Community Leagues can promote themselves.

5.3 Other new business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 pm

6.0 Next meeting – June 07, 2016