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Attended: Vince Bowen, Earl Clements, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Stuart York, **Total: 9**

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Denise McNeill, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthing

1.0 Approval of agenda

June 7, 2016 Agenda

Kersh MOVES Barrett SECONDS approval of agenda. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

May 3, 2016 minutes

Earle MOVES. Bill SECONDS. APPROVED.

7:00 to 8:00 – Town Hall Meeting with City Councilor Scott McKeen

Gerry introduced Scott McKeen and cites an extensive bio for him.

Scott McKeen says his passion is mental health. He said he runs head-long into rules all the time, and that processes on council are never simple, always complex. There are a lot of complaints received to do with infill, renewal, etc. He further mentions:

- The Municipal Charters Act, and that the City is described as “children” of the government.
- Derelict housing – the City has no authority on homes vacant & boarded up forever. Taxation is a possible leverage point.
- Edmonton doesn't have authority to toll Henday.
- Motorcycle noise is really hard to deal with, but that vehicle noise is coming up in the Municipal Government Act.
- He is part of Edmonton's Poverty Task Force.
- The closure of mental health programs several years ago pushed people onto the streets.
- Consequently, one third of police services are spent on social disorder responses—code 4. This has a tertiary impact.
- He is pro-development where and when appropriate for the area.
- Pilots are going on to help prevent shortcutting through neighbourhoods such as speed bumps, signage, etc.
- Moving vehicular traffic became the highest goal of Edmt. councils. Now streets are for cars and not kids. We gave away the streets.
- A congestion tax as used in London was suggested by a resident at the meeting.
- A white paper at edmonton.ca on taxation and user fees.
- 2008 Municipal Development Plan approved – 75 % suburban growth, 25% infill.
- New “Infill Enforcement Teams” to deal with uncouth developers.
- Size restrictions in residential areas (height & mass combination).
- Some areas restrict structures per lot. Glenora is one house per lot. To get around, lots are subdivided and 1 skinny house placed on each.

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- No application for permits received yet by the City for the proposed development on the old Blue Chicago site. Zoning changes need to be dealt with first by City. And a transportation plan and a final design.
- Scott encourages Grovenor board to deal with proponent of the project at some point.
- The Mature Neighbourhood Overlay is being reviewed right now, taking into consideration the size of new homes in old neighbourhoods.
- City cannot tell developer to save trees. Can only encourage it. New legislation in Ontario considers trees a community asset, even if on private property.
- New subdivision density is much higher than mature neighbourhoods. He feels it makes financial sense to have higher tax base, i.e. higher density, as there is a high cost for building adequate infrastructure in new suburbs.
- The City needs to be more financially efficient or taxes will rise.
- The police non-emergency number is: 462-3456. Action is based on metrics over time.
- Solar signs posting speed for cars entering neighbourhood. Decibel levels too.
- Fire pits are mentioned, suggesting we call his office if a problem persists after contacting City previously.
- Safe Community and Neighbourhood (SCAN), call at 311
- Gerry noted that a new federal grant applied for recently could possibly provide a large amount of the balance needed for the playground replacement project.

Items Gerry brought to Scott's attention (and Gerry will email him about):

- Bylaws for infill development, they have no teeth, inadequate enforcement
- Crosswalk at 148 St. is dangerous and needs review by City.
- Traffic back-up at 149th street due to revised advanced left hand turn light mechanism
- As the meeting with the Neighbourhood Renewal management group for the city has been deferred, we need Scott's support on this matter in future.

Residents brought up concerns re the size and capacity of the Blue Chicago site relative to the current Grovenor population south of Stony Plain Road (SPR), smoke from fire pits, speeding cars through Grovenor, delayed bridge crossing on St Plain Road, monster houses shadowing smaller neighbouring homes, etc.

3.1 President's report

Gerry

Gerry congratulated Bill for getting the newsletter out in a quality manner. He further states that we had another graffiti attack on the skate park ramp recently that was subsequently painted by the city. There has been no word yet on the CLIP grant – expected in July per Kersh. One major, the solar panels on the Hall roof, and 2 other minor projects submitted under that grant application. Gerry and Kersh looked at the toys in the Hall that were stored in the back room and determined that they were reasonable to retain as is for use in summer or other children's programs. A volunteer coordinator is needed to organize the casino. Christine could help to advise in transition to the new coordinator. Barrett volunteered to ask his friends to take on the coordination role. We applied and sent in an application to do a casino last year. Rosa said the next casino will be in the first quarter of 2017.

Action Item: Gerry will get in touch with Rosa & Christine on status.

Action Item: Gerry to email Barrett and Frank re Zamboni operator for rinks in 2016-17 season.

Action Item: Gerry to send Rosa (cc to Barrett) a follow up note on what Casino leader entails.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Rosa

Rosa informed that the bank account balances were as follows as at May 31, 2016: General account \$80,206.51; Casino account \$66,621.30.

3.3 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

No formal report received but it is mentioned that Cassandra has made several complaints to the city re intrusions by developers on curbs, sidewalks, boulevards. We need to ask everyone in Grovenor to monitor and report such intrusions by infill developers to the city on a regular basis.

Catholic Social Services has 100 people moved into the old **Hub Insurance building on 146 St.** Chris is the VP at Social Services and has asked for feedback from residents in the area. This is still zoned residential. There may be potential parking issues. The building was sold to Lockerby Holdings, then Phoenix Insurance, then Hub Insurance. There is no grandfather clause to approve continued use, and no application to change zoning that we are aware of yet. In conversation with one of the VP's, Gerry was advised that most workers are on the road to service clients and not in the office. Cassandra is still pursuing documents through a FOIP request. She is having some problems getting the documents requested. We will continue to monitor the parking situation and Bill will update later.

Action Item: Bill will take pictures as part of the monitoring plan.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Stuart

Stuart reported that there is:

- A new big rec centre for the west side
- There are solar and energy efficiency workshops June 13 and 20.
- Training for Summer Trainees to be Community Leaders, taking place on June 27 & 28. It is open to the community. One can show up and get training.
- An event Saturday in Britannia on Stony Plain Road revitalization
- The Kids on Track event on 156 St.-- Boys & Girls club, Play-day involving a pile of sand and less structured play opportunity.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Cost estimates for Sign Upgrade for hall – status update

Brian

Brian is still researching cost estimates for the Hall sign lighting upgrade proposal. The sign has also been repainted by Alastair, which Brian Ficko had previously suggested.

4.2 Recreation Centre – update on planned renovations for 2016

Barrett

The security system is updated with Protection. Barrett has been dealing with Craig. A new second box costs \$1000. It is free if we extend the service by 12 months. June 16 delivery date. Barrett would like to see the security system extended to the skate shack—two signals and a motion sensor. He is also looking at rates for WIFI internet service. Craig checked the frame rate to give 2 x storage space on the camera system.

Barrett heard from the property owner across the alley from ice rink. The garage has been damaged by pucks, and fence broken. Bigger nets or to extend the fencing with bigger posts are options suggested to deal with this. It is also mentioned that pucks get close to heads on

the small sheet of ice, from the main rink. It is mentioned to clean-up the space (Rec Centre) to have a better space for renting.

Action Item: Gerry gave authority for Barrett to take care of the neighbours concern re property damage and extend the net appropriately. Barrett needs to instruct Alastair to tidy up the Rec Centre facilities.

4.3 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update **Brad/Vince**
Kim has applied for various grants including the new federal C150CIP grant.

4.4 Garage Sale at Grovenor Community League Hall **Barrett**
Barrett reports that only 2 people have responded so far, and that there are signs around the neighbourhood. He said he would talk to Denise at school, advertise it in the “School Zone.” It is being held 10-4 on June 25 and volunteers are needed. Tell neighbours. Tables will be outside. Leftovers will be donated to charity.

4.5 Green Shack at Grovenor – status update **Barrett**
The green shack will be delivered soon. It is metal. Notification is going to be on signs; notices will be sent to schools. Our green shack will be in the afternoon from 2:00 – 6:00; Joint program with N Glenora will be from 10:00 – 1:30. There will be an open house on Tuesday at St. Frances. The City is asking for a donation of \$1000 for the 7 weeks of Green Shack programming.

Gerry suggested that we should consider this since the city pays for all costs for this program. A motion is made by Barrett to donate \$1000 for the Green Shack program. Bill SECONDS. APPROVED.

4.6 Estimates for Murals and Coatings **Vince/Gerry**
Coating estimates have been received and approved but will be on hold until the Murals are taken care of because the coatings will go over top and be permanent. Vince has been back and forth with the artist. It looks like it could be a fusion project between the school and the artist. As school is almost out for summer, there will be no coordination until the fall. Three vulnerable walls were identified by Gerry and Kersh in May—the west facing wall of the Rec Centre by the skate park, and the south and west facing walls of the hall. Coatings with no murals are still an option. Barrett said he would also check with an artist friend re murals.

4.7 Fall Fest Planning (Sept. 10) – status update **Gerry/Kersh**
Gerry reached out to St. Paul’s Church for volunteers. Bill would help to phone for volunteers using the list to be provided by Kersh from last year’s event. Gerry called the food coordinator from last year for input. Permits, band and fireworks are all in the works.

Action item: Stuart will get in touch with Angie re fireworks permit.

4.8 Camrock Development **Gerry**
See Civics report regarding the Hub Ins. building.

5.0 New business

5.1 Visit by MLA Sarah Hoffman on July 5 **Gerry**
Sarah Hoffman will be coming to Grovenor Community League. It will be posted on the sign, social media, and website.

5.2 Joint summer program with N Glenora – status update **Gerry**
Grovenor does the morning (10 – 1:30) and N Glenora does the afternoon. The opposite schedule for both Leagues has been established for the Green Shack program with 2 – 6:00 for Grovenor.

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5.3 Other new business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm.

6.0 Next meeting – July 5, 2016, 7:00 pm.