

August 02, 2016 - 7:10 pm

**Attended:** Vince Bowen, Gerry O'Donnell, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward, Shauna Richard  
**Total: 6 & City rep**

**Regrets:** Heather Bolli, Earl Clements, Rosa Ficko, Barrett Kyle, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Brian Los, Denise McNeill, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Cam Worthing,

## 1.0 Approval of agenda

**August 02, 2016** Agenda

Kersh MOVES Vince SECONDS approval of agenda. Agenda APPROVED.

## 2.0 Approval of minutes

**July 05, 2016 minutes**

Bill MOVES. Peggy SECONDS. APPROVED.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 President's report

**Gerry**

Gerry introduced Shauna Richard, the new CRC. He reported that City crews cut a speaker wire at the rinks and that they will repair it. He also reported that the drop-in community swim program has been renewed for another year, but that he never received direct notice this year. He had to ask Shauna to assist. There will be an update in the next newsletter on the status. There will be 10 free visits to eligible city pools per family member.

Following the June town hall meeting with Scott McKeen, Gerry asked the city administration to review the duration of the left turn signal at 149 Street which causes long wait times for vehicles in the left hand turn lanes during rush hour(s). There is also a safety issue for pedestrians crossing Stony Plain Road to be considered. So some type of balance is required. He also requested flashing lights be installed at the 148 Street cross walk due to the dangerous traffic flow and poor lighting situation there. The city has responded that this has now been given a higher priority in their review process.

Gerry noted that he also previously asked the City two years ago to consider reducing the wait time for pedestrians trying to cross Stony Plain Road at the 144 street traffic light signal. After pushing the button to signal green for crossing, it can take up to two minutes to change the signal. The city advised at that time that this would disrupt the light synchronization of that road system.

Both the Green Shack and joint summer playground programs are in full swing and successfully operating.

Gerry encouraged all board members to consider volunteering a few hours for fallfest using the online sign-up sheet.

It was also reported that the gift for the third Syrian family has been deferred as they are not coming until 2017.

### 3.2 Treasurer's report

**Rosa**

Rosa provided by email the balances for the accounts as at July 30th:

- General - \$88,098.94
- Casino - \$63,327.49

### 3.3 Civics report

**Gerry/Cassandra**

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Gerry reports that there is ongoing communication regarding the Chicago Blue site by Cassandra and interested residents. Shawna is going to check if there is still no permit requested by the developer. Beaverbrook was to start up in October; at least that was the last word from Beaverbrook. Their sales center lot has broken ground at the northwest corner of 143 street and Stony Plain Road – across from Tasty Tomato restaurant.

A proposed cookie cutter duplex is going up across from Kersh on 103 at 146 St. It appears that not much can be done even considering the Mature Overlay regulations. The city just sent back a lengthy email re decisions made.

Water pooling issues during the spring thaw/freeze/thaw period as a result of the neighbourhood renewal period have been raised again and the response by the city was that this is normal and no further work would be done on that issue. We will raise this again with the city when they next visit with our board.

Traffic short cutting / speeding issues raised:

The subject of traffic cutting through neighbourhood and potential speed limit changes in our neighbourhood was discussed. Gerry said the city administration responded to issues raised by residents at the town hall meeting in June that he had subsequently submitted as requested by Scott; and they offered options for us to consider. Vince also said that he and neighbours in his area have concerns.

Gerry took a poll of board members present to ascertain speed/traffic flow preferences to help improve road safety for Grovenor.

Options offered for consideration by the city were:

- Solar speed identification signs (designed to be a temporary measure)
- Road traffic monitoring by city
- Lower the speed limit (as done in Woodcroft)
- Install speed bumps (as occurred in Crestwood)

Traffic flow around/in front of the school was also discussed.

The board members' poll concluded that:

- The speed limit should be 40 km an hour throughout Grovenor except for the school
- Solar flashing speed indicator signs should be utilized
- The speed limit should be 30 km on roads in front of school as well as the adjacent playground

Gerry will advise the City of this feedback from the board and request further response from them.

Bill reports that Catholic Social Services has been fairly good at distributing parked cars.

### **3.4 City of Edmonton**

**Shauna**

Shauna reports that:

- Family Nature Nights are happening at various City parks in July & August. They are geared toward elementary age kids, but anyone is welcome.
- YEG program is available. Like an orange shack for older kids.
- There is Fall Activity training for free.
- Registered Program Nature Night is full.
- Neighbourhood Heroes program is for preschoolers.
- The Green Shack program is going well.

**4.0 Old business**

**4.1 Cost estimates for Sign Upgrade for hall – status update** **Brian**  
Deferred

**4.2 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update** **Brad/Vince**  
Vince says he would like the grant update from Brad, but hasn't heard from him. CIP150 grant application. We put a lot of effort into the application form and numerous supporting attachments (reports, financials, business plan, support letters from three levels of government, other groups and the president, etc. Blue Cross grant will be applied for again. Brad noted in an email that he had received some donations as a result of fundraising by students and parents at Grovenor School. Recycling. The government of Alberta has sent a letter to advise that Grovenor will need to complete two reports for past CFEP grants in 2010 and prior years for Hall redevelopment, the spray park and a playground upgrade). The CFEP grant would be for \$125,000.

**Action Item:** Vince will email Brad to get update on grant applications.

**Action Item:** Report needs doing on old grants.

**4.3 Update and Estimates for Murals** **Vince**  
Vince states he hasn't heard back from the mural people (school or individual). Gerry points out we (Grovenor hall and rec centre) are vulnerable and he would like to see the murals completed sooner rather than later. Also, the coatings can't go on in the cold weather. We are inclined not to include the school at this time for the mural project so as to expedite the process (as school is out for the summer), but perhaps in a future project.

**Action Item:** Vince will have the artist submit a proposal to board.

**Action Item:** Vince will notify the art teacher at the school.

**4.4 Fallfest (Sept 10) -- planning status update** **Stuart**  
Angie has set up a sign up page for volunteers to register for shifts. Sign up Genius is on Facebook and our website. It is mentioned there is a new form to submit with the city to use parkland, and that has been done. Fireworks insurance will be provided by the vendor. Both Gerry and Vince have reached out to Ross Shepard and received no response to date.

**Action Item:** Vince/Kersh/Gerry will follow up once school is back in.

Gerry & Kathy have researched food: pre-cut fruit, veggies, salad, and pre-cooked meat. That has been supported with multiple price quotes. Kersh talked to the Catholic Social Services (CSS) vice-president, Chris, about them helping at our BBQ, and a possible donation. And Gerry has communicated with Ryan and the St. Paul's rector who are sourcing volunteers for us. Six to ten people are expected, hopefully.

**Action Item:** Gerry will follow-up with St. Paul's. Kersh to follow up with CSS.

**Action Item:** Bill to put Fallfest article on front page of then newsletter.

**4.5 Recreation Centre – update on planned renovations & estimates** **Barrett**  
Gerry reported that an estimate for chain link fencing on the east side of the rink was given at \$6828. This is to prevent pucks from going into yards, to protect people and property. Gerry asked for a motion to accept the fencing estimate. Kersh MOVES; Vince SECONDS. Motion APPROVED. The go ahead is given.  
Gerry advised that Alastair had cleaned up rec centre last month.

**4.6 Casino coordinator – status update** **Barrett**  
Deferred.

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- 4.7 Garage Sale at Grovenor Community League Hall – Summary** **Barrett**  
In Barrett's absence, Vince indicated that he thought it was successful with lots of attendees.
- 4.8 Ice Rink Plans for 2016-17 season** **Barrett**  
Deferred.
- 4.9 ADT Alarm code – status update** **Barrett**  
The code is 1907 for board members. 4325 for others.
- 4.10 Other old business** **All**

**5.0 New business**

- 5.1 Grovenor Soccer team – status update on accomplishments** **Rosa**  
Gerry relayed from Rosa that Grovenor U14 Boys, coached by Brian Ficko and Harold "Buzz" Robinson, went to the City Finals and then Inter-Cities finals. They played against the top Edmonton team and the top 2 Calgary teams. They were able to win all 3 of their games in which they won Gold. The board congratulated the team and coaches on their achievement.
- 5.2 Newsletter edition for September planning** **Bill**  
Bill says the deadline for submissions is a firm August 20. That will allow the August 22 & 23 to deliver newsletter to mailboxes. Articles are needed as well as the president's message. The newsletter will also cover the Soccer achievement, Fallfest, Memberships, School and the Preschool. The name of the new school principal is given: Cori Fraser.  
**Action Item:** Vince will email his name to Stuart.
- 5.3 Proposed First Aid and CPR course offered at Hall (by N Johnson)** **Gerry**  
**Action Item:** Gerry will get more facts as there are many unknowns.  
**Action Item:** Information about the course will be shared with the school.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

**5.0 Next meeting – Sept 6, 2016, 7:00 pm.**