

October 04, 2016 - 7:10 pm

**Attended:** Vince Bowen, Rosa Ficko, Christine Johnston, Bill Melenberg, Brad Mielke, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Cam Worthing.

**Optional:** Shauna Richards.

**Total: 8 & City rep**

**Regrets:** Heather Bolli, Earle Clements, Cassandra Haraba, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Peggy Ward.

## 1.0 Approval of agenda

**October 04, 2016 Agenda**

Bill MOVES. Christine SECONDS approval of agenda. Agenda APPROVED.

## 2.0 Approval of minutes

**Sept 06, 2016 minutes**

Rosa MOVES. Brad SECONDS. APPROVED.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 President's report

**Gerry**

- Gerry thanks all for attending.
- He offered congratulations to Kersh and Angie as primary coordinators and all the others who volunteered for a great and awesome Fall Fest.
- Scott McKeen and Sarah Hoffman were unavailable for Fall Fest this year due to vacation or other commitments. Randy Boissonnault, our MP attended and briefly addressed the crowd. He advised Gerry following a tour of the playground that he will try to help with our playground renewal project. The 150 Canada Grant could come through for us.
- It has been confirmed the City will reimburse Grovenor for the \$ 563.00 Fall Fest expense incurred that day due to an oversight.
- Gerry received an email from a retiree named Jim Adams who is willing to do ice maintenance work at the rinks this winter on contract. Apparently he has great experience. Gerry put him in touch with Barrett & Frank.
- Gerry discussed our insurance for next year. There is an online form for EFCL rates. Gerry completes this form every year.
- Gerry asked us to be on the lookout for infill transgressions and to report them to 311.
- He further said the City Manager gave a formal response to our (Cassandra's) emails re infill related issues and the repeated lack of adequate enforcement by applicable city officers. The City also responded concerning 146 St. and 104 Ave that Rosa submitted, referring to various transgressions at properties including the duplex property across from Kersh's place.

### 3.2 Treasurer's report

**Rosa**

- Rosa reported that at the end of September, the balances were:
  - General - \$85,041.04
  - Casino - \$60,165.75
- She also reported that she is doing the application for the Casino in February, and that there are still a few vacancies to fill for the volunteer positions.
- She currently pays the power and water bills through EPCOR; the gas bill through Direct Energy. She is trying to switch the gas to EPCOR also so she only has one bill to pay for these utilities.

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- She states she has finished her part in the year end financials. Year end is Aug 31.

### **3.3 Civics report**

**Gerry/Cassandra**

- Gerry reports that there has been a lot of activity regarding infill in Grovenor and numerous transgressions with poor enforcement response. Cassandra has been responding to issues online with the City on an ongoing basis, especially regarding interpretation of acts and regs concerning the responsibilities of city compliance officers to enforce applicable legislation and bylaws.

- We received a request to have a meeting here at Grovenor Hall by Newstudio Architecture Inc re a DC2 rezoning application for a new development at 14204 and 14208 – 101 Ave. There will be a formal agenda submitted beforehand. The meeting will be for any interested Grovenor residents and the developers and architects. Cassandra is working with the architects re the meeting coordination. It will be an open house style discussion.

### **3.4 City of Edmonton**

**Shauna**

- Shauna reported that this fall there us a Leader in Training program. It is for kids 13-17, and it is now part of high school credits.

- For the Learn to Skate program, they are putting together the grid. And have not yet decided which communities will get it. (Grovenor was previously asked to participate and Gerry responded affirmatively.)

- It was stated that Grovenor desires the Learn to Skate program. We host; the City coordinates. It is a free program for residents. It would be similar to last year where we post on line, on Facebook and in newsletter, etc. as soon as it gets finalized by the City.

## **4.0 Old business**

### **4.1 Sign Upgrade for hall – update**

**Brian**

- Brian is at a Green Leagues course (with Tony Van Herk)

- The new LED lights for the general skating rink are here and will be installed by the vendor at no charge.

### **4.2 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update**

**Brad/Vince**

Brad reports that to comply with the City's rules, the selection of an equipment supplier needed to be done by the end of September. Blue Imp was chosen. From his perspective, the reasons are:

- We get the most for our investment.
- We get more play space.
- The company is 100 % Canadian (in Medicine Hat).
- Blu Imp equipment is in many provincial campgrounds, so must be preferred provider.
- The price is better than that of other companies; \$50-100,000 lower than others.
- Their sales team is very responsive, a step above the others.

Also:

- The project cost for the play equipment is \$154,000.
- The cost to install is \$32,000.
- The cost of freight is \$15,000.
- Brad further states for the surfacing, we have \$170,000 to spend; \$33,000 is the one proposed. We could save \$130,000 in surfacing.

There are many options available (that will increase costs). Such as:

- Choosing wood chips or sand (discussion ensued on wood chip accessibility and replacement cost to the City.)
- An optional equipment list
- Trash receptacles
- Bike rack
- Picnic tables
- Adult exercise equipment

- Brad says the October 2014 \$655,000 playground budget is no longer the fundraising target. We can reduce what we need to raise. We could possibly lop off \$100,000.

- He also states the CFEP reconciliations and related reporting have to be taken care of or we will be passed over. Kim is available for reconciliation. She has done before. But we need to find documents first. Partiality will go to those who have a clean record for prior grants.

**Action Item:** A date to be is set for Gerry, Rosa and Brad to meet, after Rosa checks hall file cabinet for documents.

**Action Item:** Gerry has an old box in his basement to check as well.

#### **4.3 Update and Estimates for Murals**

**Vince**

- Vince reports that scaffolding and help will be needed for the Rec Centre wall. And that the price will be at least \$4500, with \$1250 for each of the 2 smaller walls and 2,000 for the Rec centre wall.

- Using CLIP grant money for murals is discussed as an option.

- As Vince is going out of town shortly, he hands over dealing with Ryan, the artist for the murals, to Gerry to coordinate.

**Motion:** Moved by Vince to increase the amount for the mural on the large wall at the Rec Centre to \$2,000. Seconded by Kersh. Unanimously approved.

**Action Items:** Vince will email Ryan to advise him of the decision and for him to contact Gerry in future. Gerry will email Ryan to provide us with sketches for review and to have him start painting asap.

#### **4.4 Fall Fest status update**

**Kersh/Gerry**

Kersh thanks all the volunteers and functional leads, saying it was a great event. Highlights follow:

- CSS really stepped up with all the volunteers they provided. St. Paul's church too.
- Ryan Young provided the face painting.
- The fireworks went off this year (cloudy but no rain).
- Some door prizes are yet to be handed out for those not present.
- There was less expense on food this year (estimates for food and refreshments fairly accurately determined by Kathy and Gerry as co-leaders).
- Some volunteers had less than expected to do with so many available.
- Peggy and Heather oversaw liquor sales.

**Action Item:** Kersh will send out numbers with minutes.

#### **4.5 Recreation Centre – update on renovations**

**Gerry**

Barret absent.

- The rink LED lights are here.

- It is mentioned that the AED machine in Rec Centre need maintenance every few years, regardless of usage. Training of rink staff could be provided for free by the Heart and Lung Association. Barrett and Frank could contact them in future when ready with staff.

**4.6 Casino status update**

**Gerry/Rosa**

A casino coordinator is still needed for the February 10 & 11, 2017 event. Volunteer positions are still open. Contact Rosa if want to fill a shift. To advertise again in newsletter.

**4.7 Ice Rink plans for maintenance and attendants – 2016-17 update**

**Gerry**

- Barrett will contact Jim Adams who volunteered to help with rink.
- We are appointing a new rink attendant coordinator.
- We are taking a more controlled approach to managing and maintaining the rink this year.
- Alastair will do janitorial work and also help out with rink ice maintenance and attendants. .
- We will post in newsletter what is being offered at the rinks this year.

**4.8 Proposed First Aid and CPR course offerings at Hall (N Johnson)**

**Gerry**

- Up to 18 people can attend.
- The course is branded by the Red Cross.
- There are 4-6 hours of online time and 4 hours of classroom time.
- A nominal charge is discussed for attendees, i.e. \$40.00
- Materials cost about \$40.00 per person, Christine estimates. Still needs to be determined.
- The cost is approximately \$150.00 per person after materials was estimated by Christine. Still to be determined.
- Board agreed to cover other costs, after materials.

**4.9 Green Leagues update**

**Gerry**

Brian and Tony are taking training. It will last for 3 or 4 Tuesday's.

**4.10 Hall Solar Panel project update**

**Gerry**

Shauna is using our CLIP grant form to qualify for project on solar panels. There is a permit required to do the work, and a permission form.

A concern is expressed about theft of panels on roof. When approved by the board a few months ago, it was felt that the benefits outweighed the risks. Insurance covers damages.

**4.11 Other old business**

**All**

**5.0 New business**

**5.1 Proposed group presentation to MP R. Boissonnault on Playground** **Gerry/Brad**

Randy Boissonnault is tasked with the Canada 150 Grant.

**Action Item:** Gerry will request a group meeting with Randy B, similar to the presentation made to MLA Sarah Hoffman last year.

**Action Item:** Vince to help coordinate getting all the stakeholders together for meeting. This will include the preschool, daycare, and parent's association. At 3:30 pm on a weekday is preferable.

- Grants available for parents and the boy in wheel chair (at school) discussed.
- Shauna reported that we have \$6,300 in our City trust account fund.
- It is asked if Bill is still asking for donations in the newsletter.
- The Cobbs Bread grant program was discussed. Heather Bolli received an email from them regarding details. Agreed that this should be applied for asap.

**5.2 AGM date**

**Gerry**

It is decided that Dec 6 will be the date of the next AGM.

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**Action Item:** The notice is to be posted in the usual places: outdoor sign, Facebook, Twitter, website and in newsletter.

**Action Item:** Rosa will contact the accountant to have documentation ready before December.

**Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.**

**5.0 Next meeting – November 01, 2016, 7:00 pm.**