

Attended: Vince Bowen, Earle Clements, Rosa Ficko, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward (arrived 8:30).

Optional: Shauna Richards.?

Total: 8 & City rep

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Brad Mielke, Kersh Naidoo, David Robert, Frank Santiago, Cam Worthing.

1.0 Approval of agenda

November 01, 2016 Agenda

Vince MOVES. Barrett SECONDS approval of agenda. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

Oct 04, 2016 minutes

Earle MOVES. Barrett SECONDS. APPROVED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Introduction/welcome to new Grovenor School principal

Vince/Gerry

School principal, Mrs. Cori Fraser, attended meeting and addressed the members, saying:

- There has been growth in school enrollment
- The school is an Early Learning Site for 3-4 year olds
 - There is an am & pm class of 24 students total.
 - They need extra schooling, often for language struggles.
 - There is a full-time teacher and 2 part-time teachers, and a full-time language pathologist.
- The kindergarten and grade 1 classes are smaller this year, about 15 or 16 students.
- There are 175 students total.
- They are tight for space; the day care is using the stage but will relinquish for Xmas.
- They brought back the mental health therapist for kids on a referral basis. Also, working with families. It is fairly new to EPS to do this.
- She doesn't have numbers, but most of the students are from Grovenor. But because of the daycare, the school does attract families from outside.
- The behavior and learning programs, those kids are bussed in.
- She is requesting that the Buddy Bench given by Rona be put in the playground, on the south end. She has a spot picked out. Debate ensues about tying/bolting it down.
- Not all regular school maintenance was done over the summer. Grovenor got bumped this year due to flooding at some south side schools.
- Volunteers are needed for reading to school kids in a casual way.
- We Read is a more formal program at some West End schools.
- Cori will help us pitch to MP for help with our playground moving forward.
- Last year was the Heritage Event; there is potential for doing it this year.
- She attended our recent Fall Fest, and asks we continue to invite her.

Action Item: Bill to get number of kids that come from Grovenor, and other material from school for newsletter. Principal's email is: cori.fraser@epsb.ca.

Action Item: Gerry will email Cori the codes for hall door in case of an emergency. Also, more keys need cutting.

Action Item: To invite the school principal to board meetings every quarter.

3.2 President's report

Gerry

- Gerry thanked all attendees at meeting.
 - He stated that Rosa and he went through the prior years' financial records and found what they needed to follow up on CFEP grant reports, and that Rosa subsequently followed up with the Alberta Government CFEP program management to provide the missing documentation so that we would be eligible to apply for additional grants (e.g. Playground). There was approximately \$9,000 in unspent funds that would need to be refunded, so we requested that they allow us to submit other expenditures that had been incurred. The LED lights for the rinks were accepted for this purpose.
 - Gerry discussed the insurance application. He submitted the updated application, saying the form is lengthy. They have now revised the site so that last year's form is available to update for future years versus having to start from scratch.
 - FBD does the insurance for all 165 community leagues. Rosa will pay FBD.
 - We also need to pay \$1000.00 for the Green Shack Program donation for last summer.
 - For Gerry's Casino update, see item 4.7 below.
 - Gerry thanks Cassandra for overseeing the Open House on October 24 to do with the DC2 rezoning request at 142 Street and 101 Ave.? Many people turned out. Recommendations were made and we will take feedback under advisement.
 - Gerry also thanks Frank Santiago for taking care of a plumbing issue that surfaced in the past month, late on a Sunday night.
 - For Gerry's mural report, see item 4.5 below.
 - The Volunteer Appreciation Night is discussed in detail in item 5.4 below.
 - It is brought up in discussion re the volunteer appreciation event that all ice rink people are paid, so not technically volunteers.
- The mural project is progressing with the artist working with the school's art class teacher and students on designs.

3.3 Treasurer's report

Rosa

- Rosa reported that at the end of October, the balances were:
 - General - \$87,393.20
 - Casino - \$59,551.84
- She also reported that CFEP is outstanding and that she is finishing it up. There was \$3600 for hall renovations, \$3000 for protective coatings.
- Expenses (CFEP) have to be related to skate park and spray park. And she mentions we may have to give money back. But they are allowing us to charge other items.
- Documents still need to be found for CLIP grant.

3.4 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

- Gerry reports that Cassandra reported via email that she is working on DC2.
- Also, she is following up on a Peace Officer issue.
- Gerry also advised that we are not letting the City off the hook with regards to following up with enforcement on dealing with the contractor deficiencies identified.

3.5 City of Edmonton

Shauna

- Shauna reported that there was success for Grovenor in getting the Learn to Skate program.
- For the Learn to Skate program, they are putting together the grid. And have not yet decided.

Action Item: Mariette will follow up on garbage can near skate park.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Sign Upgrade for hall – update

Brian

- Brian reports that the new sign price is \$6600. Plus, getting power to it is extra.
- There is new technology. A pole with a solar panel to light the sign is estimated at \$3000. Heads would be needed, plus a battery pack. It would face south.
- It would need to be “engineered” to some degree.
- He will work on a firm price with Hubble Engineering, a lighting manufacturer.

4.2 Rink lights upgrade to LED

Brian

- Brian says there are 8 new lights at the rink and he will show them to us after meeting. He can show us the old versus new tonight.
- The rest will be done this weekend.

4.3 Playground and Park Renewal project – status update

Brad/Vince

- There is nothing new to report.
- We are waiting on word from Kim re grants applied for.
- Gerry points out not being able to get formal reply from MP Randy B’s office for date to meet.
- Maybe the new school principal can help with emphasizing the need for this project to proceed.

4.4 CFEP Reporting – status update

Rosa/Gerry

- This is reportedly complete now.
- The status of donations in the General bank account was discussed. We should set up a separate account for this purpose.

4.5 Mural project update

Gerry

- Gerry reports that the mural project is under way, and that we have 10 days of nice weather in the forecast. The school kids will be helping with the 2 west-facing walls (on hall and rec centre). The artist has been requested to add lots of color and they will be representative of the surrounding areas.

4.6 Recreation Centre – update on renovations

Barrett

- Barrett reports that the upgrade on the wire fence/barrier around hockey rink was done in the last few days.
- Also, repair work was done on southwest corner of rink. Barrett further reports that:
 - o Andrew is rebuilding the gate.
 - o The rec centre has been cleaned up.
 - o Alastair is providing a list of items needed for running of the rec centre this fall.
 - o Frank was to get equipment serviced.
 - o Alastair says everything is on track.

4.7 Casino status update

Rosa/Gerry

- Gerry reports the casino is fast approaching, and we are still without a volunteer Coordinator.
- He mentions Rosa is overseeing the document flow in the absence of a replacement coordinator in place of Christine.
- About 8 volunteer positions are still open, as well as 8 backup positions.

Action Item: Bill will call people to fill these spots. Rosa will give him a list.

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

Barrett/Frank

- Barrett reports that Andrew and Alastair say they are going to do the ice maintenance themselves.
- Barrett will confirm this with Alastair.
- Alastair will coordinate attendants. More attendants may be needed.
- Barrett to follow up with getting a third person for maintenance.
- Gerry thanks Barrett for all his hard work.
- Reservoir caps not put on family rink last year causing loss of water and higher bills than usual.

4.9 Proposed First Aid and CPR course update (N Johnson) Gerry

- Gerry reports that Nancy Johnson got back to him. The course is a combination on-line plus face to face in-class participation.
- Different options are discussed for paying for this training course.
- It is also discussed if rink attendants should get first aid training for free.

Motion: To decide portion Grovenor will pay per person taking course – 50-50. Grovenor and participants will each pay \$76.00. Rosa MOVED. Bill SECONDED. Motion PASSED.

Motion: For Grovenor to pay for rink attendants to take course, with reimbursement coming at end of season. Barrett MOVED. Bill SECONDED. Motion approved.

4.10 Green Leagues update Brian/Tony

The City and EFCL put on this 4-part workshop.

- Tony Van Herk reported that the 4 sessions went well. The first was on sustainability more than solar panels, gardens and engaging the whole community, using the leagues.
- The second session was on how electricity works, and how to be a green ambassador for communities.
- The third session was on energy efficiency and return on investment. LED lighting will reduce electricity bills within 9 months.
- The fourth session was on how to pay for these things. A lot of energy grants available, with the possibility of more next year in February and March. CLIP is one of the grants available.
- To be eligible for grants is 2-fold. First step is to have an energy audit. To have a solar site assessment is second. Both drive the grants.
- The cost is \$6500 for both. We are expected to pay \$1000 for both.
- Lighting, furnaces, exit signs, etc. are covered in energy audit.
- Tony proposes to have someone on the board overseeing this initiative, a sustainability director.

A Motion to put \$1000 toward the audit and assessment is put forth. Rosa MOVED. Barrett SECONDED. Motion APPROVED.

4.11 Hall Solar Panel project update Gerry/Shaina

See 4.10

4.12 Other old business

5.0 New business

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

Gerry had difficulty getting a formal response from Randy Boissonnault's office regarding a meeting with our playground group.

5.2 CLIP reporting requirements Kersh/Gerry

Documents still need to be found as per Rosa's report in 3.3 above.

5.3 November Newsletter – article planning Bill

The December newsletter deadline is November 20. There are delivery routes open.

5.4 Volunteer Appreciation Event Gerry

-- It is proposed for Tuesday, November 24 at 6:15 pm. RSVP deadline is the Saturday beforehand.

-- Grovenor will pick up the tab for one beverage and one entrée per person.

-- The person responsible for each event throughout the year will be responsible for inviting their volunteers. For e.g.:

o Fallfest group – Kersh	o Big Bin people – Kersh
o Board members – Gerry	o Playground people – Brad
o Garden people – Brian	o Newsletter people – Bill
o Soccer coaches – Rosa	o

5.5 AGM – discuss possible roles for the 2017 Board Gerry/All

We went around the table discussing who on the board is carrying on next year

- o Rosa reports she is stepping down as treasurer; Peggy will consider the role
- o Barrett reports he will likely be moving and therefore stepping down, but would be available to continue as long as necessary for the rest of the skating season
- o Mariette reports she is staying on as Secretary
- o Bill, Brian Earle, Vince and Peggy are staying in their roles
- o Gerry reports that Kersh and Cassandra are staying on, as well as Heather, Travis and Cam
- o Frank will be moving away for two years

5.6 Other new business

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

6.0 Next meeting – AGM December 6, 2016, 7:00 pm.