

March 07, 2017 - 7:05 pm

**Attended:** Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Rob Chaput, Earle Clements, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Shauna Richard, Mariette Seed, Tony Van Herk, Peggy Ward.

**Total: 10 & City Rep**

**Regrets:** Heather Boli, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, Brad Mielke, Travis Watt, Cam Worthing.

**1.0 Approval of agenda** - with agenda change to add Chris Smith's report on criminal activity, item 5.5.

**March 07, 2017 Amended Agenda**

Vince MOVES; Bill SECONDS. Agenda APPROVED.

**2.0 Approval of minutes**

**February 07, 2017 Minutes**

Vince MOVES; Bill SECONDS Minutes APPROVED.

**3.0 Reports**

**3.1 Vice Presidents report**

**Gerry & Kersh**

- Gerry thanks Rosa (as Casino Coordinator) and all the volunteers who participated in the recent Casino at Yellowhead Casino. It was well organized.
- He thanked Bill for organizing the latest newsletter edition.
- Gerry advised that he has been in communication with Jeff Ward, Director of Building Great Neighbourhoods Infrastructure Delivery and Tony Sestito, Project supervisor from the City, agreed to meet one on one with residents re any concerns for follow up investigation purposes by the City Engineer, Felix Lam, prior to sign off of the Final Acceptance Certificate(FAC). Councillor McKeen indicated that he would be available as well. Felix Lam is the primary contact for the Neighbourhood Renewal Project related concerns.
- Gerry asks if anyone wants to organize a Canada 150 celebration event for Grovenor. There is funding available to be used up to Dec. 31, 2017. One suggestion was made by someone that we could turn our Fall Fest into a 150 event and gain funding for it. This was not agreed to. In response, it was argued that Fallfest is a traditional celebration held in Grovenor annually (in the fall period). However, if someone wanted to organize another event this summer specifically to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a one-time event, the board would support this.
- Gerry received confirmation from city Councillor Scott McKeen to be present on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a town hall meeting to meet with and answer any questions from residents, which is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm.
- Constable Joe Spear, in charge of West Division Neighbourhood Watch program to speak on Grovenor criminal activity at April 04 meeting.

**Action Item:** To promote on social media and hall sign both the Neighbourhood Renewal and the Scott McKeen town hall meeting.

**3.3 Treasurer's report**

**Peggy**

Peggy reported that the balances as at February 28, 2017 were:

- General account - \$45,923.79

- Casino account - \$40,136.46
- Playground fund - \$68,374.00

**3.4 Civics report**

**Gerry/Cassandra**

- Gerry reminded everyone on Cassandra's behalf to complete the petition on the C4RD website (Citizens for responsible Development) at C4rd.ca
- She said the owners of the property at 10034 142 St. are asking for variances. She will take the lead on that as Civics Director.

**3.5 City of Edmonton**

**Shauna**

Shauna reported that:

- The Neighbourhood Engagement Team (NET) has been notified of the crime in Grovenor.
- The Summer Daycamp registration is open on March 15. Through the City.
- There is a Little Nature Nut event slated for August 14-18 as part of the Summer Daycamp.
- Grovenor has been selected for a Green Shack once again. Location is to be determined, and contingent on playground renewal construction.
- We are asked to make a \$1000 contribution to the Green Shack program. The City then takes care of all the programming.
- There is bike safety "train the trainer" free training available on April 23, 2017.
- Breathe is a Parks & Green Space strategy being presented March 15 at City Hall.
- There is a free cat collar program.
- City of Edmonton community group grants can now be applied for online. Account ID and organization email required.
- Neighbourhood Engagement funding is now available. It needs to be supported.
- As part of EFCL, we are included in the Alberta 150 Celebration Grant, she says.
- A **MOTION** is asked for by Gerry to donate \$1000 to the Green Shack program. Kersh MOVES; Vince SECONDS. APPROVED.

**4.0 Old business**

**4.1 Sign Upgrade for hall – update**

**Brian**

Gerry reports on behalf of Brian that he (Brian) still hopes to get some reflective material on the sign to improve its visibility.

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

**Brad**

Gerry reports on behalf of Brad that:

- There is a meeting this Thursday with the City for the playground to wrap up outstanding matters, such as the design and budget.
- The final project design has been delayed.
- The tender process and budget numbers will be reviewed again.
- Brad is still looking at this year to get the playground done.

**4.3 Facilities Status update**

**Allan**

Allan reports on the hall that:

- Key/door access has been an issue in the past. He has streamlined the process so each user/renter has their own security code, eliminating the need for monitoring keys.

- This has allowed for him to monitor who is entering/leaving the hall. Alastair and Andrew have their own codes.
- An exterior dial-pad on the main door is still the plan to totally eliminate a keyed door.
- There have been issues with the hall being left clean, as is the expectation. Discussion ensues on how to charge for/deal with that, with no real consensus. Do we build in a cleaning fee as part of the rental agreement process?
- How do we deal with damage done by long term renters that have no damage deposit?
- On a Friday night a heavy duty key was broken in the lock at the repair cost of \$330.00.
- The necessity for renter to have their own insurance--as mentioned on the Hall Booking section of the website--is discussed. Grandfathering them in is mentioned.
- It is also mentioned that the same rules have to apply to everyone, and we need to be consistent.
- Peggy suggests we contact EFCL to see what the standard is on renters & insurance.
- Do all renters need to provide proof of a liquor permit.
- Electrical work is needed on the hall pot lights, as per the energy audit where they were found to be a serious fire hazard. Light above main entrance needs repair as well. The preference is to find a local person to do the work.
- The necessity of the second furnace is discussed and controlling the temperature on both thermostats. This can be setup to be controlled remotely, as well.
- There is cleaning and rearranging to be done in the hall. Alastair will be employed to do this. The goal is for long term renters to have designated storage space.
- What to do with all the papers in file cabinets is discussed. It is mentioned they can be archived after 7 years. Further mentioned that this can be done at EFCL. But someone in the know will have to go through them.
- The plan is for the main hall sign to display the website address, not phone number.

**Action Item:** Bill to forward Allan the name of a certified electrician.

**Action Item:** Kersh to see if we are covered insurance-wise for renters that use the hall.

**Action Item:** To write a draft policy for use of the hall. To put boundaries around the renters' use. Kersh and Gerry.

- 4.4 Casino status update** **Rosa**  
Rosa absent. See Vice President's report, item 3.1 above.
- 4.5 Sports report** **Rosa**  
Deferred.
- 4.6 Ice Rink status update** **Allan**  
Allan reports that:
- The soccer room is full of the old rink lights over at the hall that will have to be purged.
  - There is a wood shop over at the rink.
  - That he can assume responsibility of the rink on April 01, 2017.
- 4.7 First Aid and CPR course update (N Johnson)** **Bill/Allan**
- Gerry mentions that we need to advertise that the community league is covering 50% of the cost of the course.
- 4.8 Energy Audit/Hall Solar Panel project status update** **Tony**  
Tony reported that:
- There is a one page summary of the audit.

- He is in the process of getting quotes for the price of the solar panels, which he wants in by end of next week.
- It is recommended that we apply for as many grants as we are eligible for. There are lots available.
- Our power/water bills are fairly good. There was an issue with a leaky toilet.
- It was estimated that we could save \$47.00 a month by unplugging the second fridge.
- It was recommended to save money in energy costs that we:
  - program the thermostats to turn down in off-hours.
  - switch to LED lights on the pot lights.
  - use weather stripping to seal the exterior doors.
  - build a \$20,000 structure around the rec centre for huge carbon savings.
  - replace the furnace at the rink.
- The hall was redone in 2010 and is really good.
- He is meeting with the municipal Climate Change Board tomorrow. They will pay up to 50% of what we want to do up to \$25,000 once we register with them for their program
- We need the CLIP grant to do the solar project.
- To recap on the solar initiative, he says that we have:the energy audit, the solar audit, are getting quotes, will apply for CLIP grants.
- EfficiencyAlberta.ca is giving free lights for a residential no charge energy efficiency program.
- He has a meeting with Generate Energy over the next 2 weeks. Rob agrees to join and Tony will invite Brian.

**Action Item:** Tony to send to committee the electronic copy of the energy audit.

**Action Item:** Tony to send information for posting on social media.

**4.9 March Newsletter – status update**

**Bill**

Bill reports that:

- The newsletter is currently at the printers, so will be ready for distribution soon.
- The neighbourhood renewal item (for March 10 deadline) may not make it into the newsletter.

**4.10 Neighbourhood Renewal – status update**

**Gerry**

See Vice President's report.

**4.11 CLIP Grant reporting – status update**

**Gerry/Kersh**

- The Vice President's will have to reconcile the previous years to know where we stand in terms of funding available from previous grants.
- Submissions needed of items to apply for.

**Action Item:** Allan to provide a list of items for hall and rink to Kersh and Gerry by March 24 so they can apply for the funding in time.

**4.12 Other old business**

**All**

**5.0 New business**

**5.1 Scott McKeen Open House May 2**

**Gerry**

- Bill will update media sources to inform public
- Vince to update sign

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**5.2 Big Bin Event May 6** **Kersh**

Kersh reports that:

- There is a City application to be processed. Cost \$600.00
- The provider deals with the City for permit
- It is 9-2 on Saturday, May 6.

**5.3 Fall Fest Planning – September 9** **Kersh**

Kersh reports that:

- The Sign-up Genius is up and running to take volunteer registrations.
- It has an email database that will send out reminders.
- Option of food trucks mentioned if low on volunteers
- We should have consensus on food for event in April

**5.4 Flood Map discussion guide/ Drainage Survey due March 10** **Kersh**

Kersh reports that:

- The survey deadline is this Friday, March 10.
- He encourages us to do it.
- He did survey personally and on behalf of Community League.

**5.5 Community Member Chris Smith on criminal activity in Grovenor**

- Chris reports on criminal activity in his area of Grovenor, specifically a suspected drug house near 147 St. and 106 Ave.
- His property (yard) has been subject to intrusion. He did report the attempted break-in to his home. He was told to submit a report online for his pin being stolen.
- Alberta Scan said they can't do anything about it for a few months.
- The email on the Grovenor website garnered no response. He asked who was in charge of this.
- Earle says our community watch officer, Scott Rattray quit in December replaced by Joe Spear.
- Joe Spear is head of the Community Crime Management, and he reports to Shaun Autenbright (@edmontonpolice.ca). Scott's file was not forwarded to Joe Spear.
- Earle says we have an active neighbourhood watch.
- It is mentioned that we have to encourage community members to report crime as we will only get more surveillance and attention if issues are reported.

**Action Item:** Earle to send Heather current information for updating the website. To also mention the Walk the Block program, and to call the Community Crime Manager of city police if suspicious activity is noticed.

**Action Item:** A newsletter item by Earle listing steps to take for crime awareness and reporting.

**Action Item:** Rob suggests posting notices on social media to get more awareness out there of the need for reporting criminal activity to increase metrics.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**6.0 Next meeting – April 04, 2017, 7:00 pm.**