

Attended: Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Earle Clements, Barrett Kyle, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Shauna Richard, Mariette Seed, Tony Van Herk. Also, community member Chris Smith, and EPS rep Cecily Pookhay.

Total: 10 members & City Rep

Regrets: Heather Boli, Rob Chaput, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Brad Mielke, Travis Watt, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthing.

1.0 Approval of agenda

April 04, 2017

Bill MOVES; Vince SECONDS. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

March 07, 2017 Minutes

Tony MOVES; Bill SECONDS. Minutes APPROVED.

3.0 Guest Speaker

Gerry welcomes **Constable Joe Spear** from District A-2, Community Crime Management Team, West Division of EPS. Introductions are done all round. Cecily Pookhay, Community Safety Liaison, who works with Constable Spear, is also present. Officer Spear reports that:

- That the west division is in 4 sections. A-2 comprises 9 separate communities including Grovenor, Inglewood, etc.
- Residential break-ins mostly occur in the day; commercial at night.
- There was a spike in crime in commercial areas in Jan-Feb, and some in March 2017.
- 90 % of the crime is done by 10% of the people. They look for hot spots in the community.
- Every call gets recorded and broken down. The info is passed on to the officers during their 'parade' or information sessions that happen mostly 11 am Wednesdays.
- Because of overcrowding, many offenders are released on "promise to appear" or PTA.
- Community members can report minor crimes online.
- The more crime that is reported, the more that this is reflected in the stats and the more action can be taken.
- We need to report suspicious activity and people we see in our neighbourhood.
- We need to be able to give a description of suspicious people using 5Ws. Take notes.
- We need to take notes of people coming and going from suspected drug houses.
- License plates are golden.
- Fear of repercussions from drug houses is mostly in Hollywood.
- Getting to know your neighbours and encouraging them to call to report crime is important.
- Surveillance cameras and motion detectors can be a big deterrent. Light is a criminal's enemy.
- Neighbourhoods are patrolled in both marked and unmarked police vehicles.
- There is a program on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.
- Not mowing lawn is not a crime. It is a bylaw offense. They will get bylaw officers involved.
- There is the SCAN program – Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods. The homeowner has to be aware of what renters are doing. There is a process being tested to try to seize a house if homeowner doesn't take action.

- He knows of 3 houses in Grovenor that SCAN is aware of that are different from the 2 Chris & Andrew have cited.
- He recommends an upgrade to our security system with a terra byte hard drive for videoing.
- He recommends a crime safety list be put into our newsletter.
- He recommends people do things to make their home less likely to be a target.
- He recommends two different or sheet metal screws to deter license plate theft.

Action Item: In response to the question by constable spear, Gerry suggested Cassandra as the point of contact person for information related to the suspected drug houses in Grovenor if they require further civic input from the Grovenor board.

Action Item: Crime safety/prevention list for newsletter to Bill.

Action Item: Cecily is invited back for June as she never got to speak.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Grovenor School Principal report

Cori Fraser

Cory reports that at Grovenor School:

- There are building repairs going on due to surplus money from Facilities and Maintenance. Painting will take place in coming months, and lights will be replaced.
- Outside upgrades are pending.
- They are in the midst of pre-registration for next school season.
- There is currently space in kindergarten for next year.
- The district is asking for parents and community members to participate in an online survey, to gain thoughts and opinions of stakeholders.
- She is happy about the new playground.
- She has been in conversations with the City regarding the spray park hours. A push button has been installed.

Action Item: For survey link to be distributed to all.

4.2 Vice Presidents report

Gerry

- Gerry thanked everyone for attending.
- Gerry states that there will be a Neighbourhood Renewal meeting starting at 6:30 on the night of our next meeting, May 02. Tony Sestito & Jeff Ward from the City will be there.
- City Councillor Scott McKeen will be present at 7:00 pm for the annual town hall meeting before the regular board meeting.
- We have a Big Bin event slated for May 06 from 9:00 am – until the bin is full.
- Brian is working on getting more reflective materials for the Hall sign.
- Gerry requested an update from the CFEP program regarding our grant application and they indicated that it would be announced in June or July.

4.3 Treasurer's report

Peggy

Peggy absent. No report provided.

4.4 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

- Gerry reported that Cassandra is immersed in several issues involving infill related matters. The main one is related to the new development proposed at 10034 - 142 Street.
- She is working hard to make changes regarding infill, acceptable practices therein.

4.5 City of Edmonton

Shauna

Shauna reported that:

- There is a free Zoo day for NW Community members who register. It is Saturday, April 22, 12-3 pm. We can share this with other people.
- Other items/events are covered in her prepared report including youth programs, the 100 in 1 Day initiative, Spring Clean Up, Playspace Inspection & Maintenance, Library Resources and more. There will also be an Easter Monday event at the Valley Zoo.

Action Item: To get the free zoo day mentioned in the newsletter.

5.0 Old business

5.1 Facilities status update

Allan

Allan reports that:

- Alastair is now taking care of the hall, and Andrew the rink.
- He is requiring insurance from all renters.
- He is now asking for a \$200.00 damage/cleaning deposit.
- He has had a talk with Samy, the head of the Sunday morning church group as many infractions have occurred such as: breaking the key in the lock, leaving stove burner on, leaving water running, leaving a window open, leaving trash about, and not fully cleaning up the kitchen.
- The pot lights in the hall were repaired. The electrician that Bill recommended was great.
- The storage rooms and furnace room are in the process of being cleaned out.
- The keys have been found for the locked cabinets in storage room. The plan is to give every long-term renter a cupboard. As well as locked space for their bigger items.
- The hall walls have been patched and painted by Alastair.
- He would like to cancel the hall phone as no one answers it and we pay \$110 a month for it, and go with Voice over IP.
- It is brought up that it may be a requirement of the City to have a phone in the hall. If this is not required, it was agreed by the board that the telephone service should be cancelled asap. This was **agreed to by the board**.
- Tony is still on the hall security system; Allan needs Tony to contact company.
- It is time to go over the papers in the hall file cabinets to determine what needs saving.
- There are 4 spare security cameras yet to be installed. Agreed that the surplus cameras should be set up asap if required for better surveillance. This was **agreed to by the board**.
- The security system is currently set up to erase video after 48 hours. This should be **reset to 2 weeks if possible** as was suggested by constable Spear. This was **agreed to by the board**.
- Higher resolution images will take much more data.
- Alastair can do the monitoring of it.
- He would like to go ahead and get Wi-Fi in the hall. **Agreed to by the board**.

Action Item: Allan to get Wi-Fi in hall as per approvals noted above by the board.

5.2 Facilities Status update

Allan

Allan reports that:

- The matting at the rink needs to be replaced (and was budgeted for in Clip grants).

- Brian Ficko will remove the old rink lights from the rec centre.
- Andrew & Alastair only have keys to the shed. The snow blowers are not kept in there and they should be as originally intended to keep any gasoline out of the Rec centre as per the previous safety inspection report.
- The missing snow blower has come back to the rink.
- Gerry had forwarded an ice maintenance email to Allan.

5.3 First Aid and CPR course update (N Johnson) Allan

Allan reports that:

- Only 2 people from Grovenor have registered for the course.
- Nancy wondered if she can funnel these 2 people to a course she is doing at Londonderry, with the same arrangement for the board to pay 50%. Yes, it is agreed.

5.4 Playground and Park Renewal project – status Brad/Gerry

Gerry reports that:

- He has signed off on a CIP 150 grant Direction for Payment of Contribution letter for the \$233,000 grant. It is ours to spend on the playground.
- We are hoping for another \$75,000 from the CFEP program. We won't hear more on that until June.
- The playground build program is scheduled to proceed this year.

5.5 Casino report Rosa

Gerry reports on behalf of Rosa that:

- Approval from ALCB for the \$15,000 cheque for the playground has been difficult due to the bureaucracy involved at ALCB. Still in process.
- Rosa reported via email that no word has come yet about our amount to be awarded from the Grovenor casino at Yellowhead.

5.6 Sports report Rosa

Rosa reports by email that:

- There are less kids that signed up this year which is disappointing.
- There is a U5/U6 Mixed team (10 kids), 2--U8 Boys teams (one has 2 girls on the team with a total of 16 kids, still looking for up to 8 kids) and a U16 Boys team.
- They have coaches, assistant coaches and managers.
- The hope is that they will be able to get on the field for the first week of May.

5.7 Neighbourhood Renewal project meeting preparation Gerry

- This is covered in item #4.2 above.

5.8 CLIP Grant reporting – status update Tony/Gerry/Allan

Tony reported that:

- AMSP and TAME are both part of MCCAC. TAME covers Energy efficiency improvements and AMSP covers solar power.
- The solar project is expected to cost approximately \$25,000.
- The CLIP grant has been applied for. It will cover 50% of the solar panels (~\$12,500).
- AMSP will cover another 25 % (~\$6250).
- Grovenor to cover the other 25 % which is estimated to be about \$6250.
- We are applying in the funding agreement for the whole project.
- There is structure to the funding agreement. They will pay us after the work is done.
- The energy efficiency assessment was sent.

- We can't sell but can gain credit on unused energy.
- He reiterates the residential energy program that is being offered.

A **MOTION** is put forth for approval for 2 CLIP applications.

Tony MOVES; Bill SECONDS. Motion **APPROVED**.

A **MOTION** is put forth to proceed with AMSP grant application.

Tony MOVES; Brian SECONDS. **APPROVED**.

A **MOTION** is put forth to proceed with all of the energy efficiency proposed items.

Tony MOVES; Brian SECONDS. **APPROVED**.

5.9 Fall Fest Planning – Sept 9

Gerry

Gerry reports that:

- Gerry advised that he will coordinate the Food Services again this year together with a core group of volunteers. He indicated that the process followed last year went very well, was under budget and with almost no food remaining. Previous years, there has been a lot of excess food that needed to be given away in the week following the event.
- This will keep costs much more affordable for families to purchase food tickets as compared to commercial food trucks. It was estimated that we would need to charge two to three times as much for meal tickets if we went with the commercial food truck option.
- There was no shortage of volunteers for all functions throughout the event last year. If we need to conserve on resources, the 50-50 draw would be the smartest area on which to economize due to its large consumption of resources.
- This is also the only time of the year that we get to use our BBQ that was purchased by the board a few years ago primarily for this purpose.
- After discussion, it was agreed that we would proceed with the traditional family oriented barbeque and picnic style approach versus commercial food trucks.
- Kersh and Gerry will ask Catholic Social Services and St. Paul's to provide volunteers again for the event.
- As previously noted by Kersh, Angie Resendes has already posted the sign-up sheet for Fall Fest volunteers again this year, so please go online to sign up asap.

5.10 Other old business

All

6.0 New business

61 Dr. Andrew Machuk – Concerns re Drug Dealers

Gerry

- Dr. Machuk could not make the meeting so Gerry advised the attendees on his concerns.
- Bill will update media sources to inform public re any police recommended safety and reporting protocols received from constable Spear.

6.2 Joint Summer Playground Program - Attendant hiring

Gerry

Gerry reports that:

- We are doing the joint program again this summer with N. Glenora.
- North Glenora has applied for student funding under STEP for the joint program and are advertising for a summer student in April for both playgrounds.
- We will pay our share of expenditures.

- The morning will be the summer program; and in the afternoon the Green Shack program.
 - This means a full day of summer programming, which is rare in the district.
- A **MOTION** is put forth to supply our required commitment of funding.
Vince MOVES; Bill SECONDS. **APPROVED.**

6.3 Inhouse information regarding variance request

Gerry

Gerry reports that:

- He has heard from Inhouse regarding their application to the city for temporary relocation of the Glenora liquor store at the Beaverbrook site.
- The current location of the liquor store is a few meters too close to the limitation set by the city for proximity to Grovenor school area even though it would be placed further away “as the crow flies”. That section of the building needs to be torn down to accommodate construction.
- The City will not grant a liquor license for the liquor store to move 30 yards away to the other end of the complex, temporarily, before they move into the new building.

6.4 Other new business

All

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

6.0 Next meeting – May 02, 2017, 6:30 pm for Neighbourhood Renewal. 7:00 pm for Scott McKeen. 8:00 for board meeting.