

June 06, 2017 - 7:09 pm

Attended: Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Rob Chaput, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell, Bill Melenberg, Shauna Richard, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward. **Total: 6 & City Rep**
Plus, guests: Janet Weisser, Ryan Weisser and ward 6 councilor candidate, Tish Prouse.

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Earl Clements, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Brian Los, Brad Mielke, Tony Van Herk, Travis Watt, Cam Worthing.

1.0 Approval of agenda

June 06, 2017 Amended Agenda

With the addition of items:

- 5.3 – Mural discussion with Janet & Ryan Wiser
- 5.4 – Membership for board of directors
- 5.5 – Communities in Bloom

Bill MOVES; Kersh SECONDS. Agenda APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

May 02, 2017 Minutes

Bill MOVES; Brian SECONDS minutes. APPROVED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice Presidents report

Gerry & Kersh

- Gerry welcomes everyone.
- He thanks Bill for providing a timely and well done newsletter.
- He says Rachel was hired by N. Glenora for the Joint summer playground program. Allan is to meet with her to provide access to facilities and answer related questions.
- Gerry says the board will give \$100 for block parties. City has grants for this as well.
- Kersh thanks Gerry for organizing the last meeting with Scott McKeen and the Neighbourhood Renewal team.
- He thanks Brad, Gerry and others for role in the playground, saying we are close to breaking ground.
- Kersh thanks Brian and volunteers for undertaking the garden project again this year.

3.3 Treasurer's report

Peggy

Peggy reported that the balances as at May 31, 2017 were:

- General account - \$42,707.40
- Casino account - \$29,687.17
- Playground fund - \$68,372.19
- Peggy was given the AGLC annual report by Rosa, but will need help filling it in. Gerry offered to assist if required.

3.4 Civics report

Gerry/Cassandra

- Gerry mentions that Cassandra is still working with applicable bylaws
- She is addressing various projects with the city such as one at 143 St. and 104 Ave; another planned for 142 St between 104 & 106 Avenues; etc.

3.5 City of Edmonton

Shauna

Shauna reported:

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- In follow up to the bed item from last month, Shauna said that all beds are the City's responsibility to maintain, except the one between the hall and the rec centre. There is a horticulturalist that deals with bushes and trees, and another crew that cuts the grass (turf crew). We get service once a month. If we are not happy, call 311 and it creates a ticket. (Brian does around the garden plots.)
- The city will provide increased maintenance for Canada 150 events.
- The city has different equipment that it loans out for events. Shauna lists off several items and offers to send link for central reservations desk.
- She recommends we ask sooner rather than later if we want equipment for Fall Fest.
- Shauna mentions a recreation network gathering June 19 at lunch hour. Everyone is invited to the fit for life event. There are 3 gatherings per year. Grovenor is in recreation network #1. This can be posted on our website or Facebook.
- There is a bylaw patrol group that monitors weeds in yards, but there are only 2 of them, Shauna says in response to a question.
- For anyone planting a garden on the boulevard (e.g. at 104 Ave and 144 St), a citizen would enter into an agreement with the city called Partners in Parks.
- The CRC is becoming ward based.

Action Item: Shauna to send link for equipment reservation.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Facilities status update

Allan

Allan reports that:

- The interior painting has been finished.
- Many old fire extinguishers were taken to the recycling depot.
- We need to purchase new fire extinguishers.
- There will be a new message on the sign outside hall. Alistair is working on.
- He would like to place a community notice board outside the hall. (**Agreed**)
- The community league papers are now organized in one place in the hall (second furnace room) and shredding needs to take place. We only need to keep documents 7 years, he says. (Gerry mentioned that Rosa may have some youth soccer related documents stored there that should not be shredded).
- In the rec centre, they are preparing to clean room 4 (at south end of centre). He would like to see the snow blowers go back in there.
- A tool cabinet is needed to organize all the tools (in room 4), which he asks permission for.
- **Permission is granted** by board members to spend up to \$1000 for tool cabinet.
- It is recommended Allan contact Travis Watt for the City safety report for the rec centre and Hall done previously. The report clearly advised that gasoline or equipment with gas tanks are **not** to be stored in the Rec Centre building for safety reasons. That is why the shed was purchased.
- For the front door, he is getting a quote from ADT for a dial pad on the door.
- Now the frame needs replacing as it appears someone tried to break in.

Action Item: To contact Travis for report on safety at the rec centre. Review City Safety report on Grovenor facilities.

4.2 First Aid and CPR course update (N Johnson)

Allan

- Allan reports that he never heard back from Nancy regarding the CPR / First Aid course to be held at the Hall.
- Peggy reports that she sent Nancy a cheque for the one person that registered.
- The event date has passed. What has happened to the cheque?

4.3 Playground and Park renewal project – status update **Brad/Vince/Gerry**

It is reported that:

- We are holding to a July 10 ground breaking date.
- The project is expected to take 3-4 months.
- There is an article in the newsletter and map on the playground.
- Anything that gets built is approved by city inspectors and stamped. There is no lack of checks and balances.
- Once built, the city takes responsibility.
- It is a balance project with major item costs listed below:
 - Site Work costs (Bid/Tender, mobilization, contingency, etc. - \$194,000
 - Lighting upgrades - \$56,000
 - Rubberized surfacing - \$173,000
 - P.G. equipment - \$161,000
 - Installation - \$48,000
 - Furniture items (tables, benches bike rack, garbage containers)– \$14,000
- Various city items/costs are already completed.
- The cost of the playground is estimated \$682,000
- The revenue for playground is \$691,000
- We are approximately at \$9,000 surplus projection.
- Here is a breakdown of the revenue and sources:
 - NPDP – 250,000
 - Canada 150 – 233,000
 - Community League, etc.– 33,000
 - West Block – 50,000
 - CFEP – 125,000 (to be presented this Friday)
- It is agreed that we will give \$10,000 from the league \$15,000 previously approved).
- This will be transferred from the Casino account into the playground account, then to the City – Gerry/Peggy on Friday).
- Brian asks about community funding raising.
- It is stated that the required funds are required this week.
- Gerry proposes that Brian contact Brad (project chair) to see if further fundraising is required and proceed accordingly. Donations are always welcome as noted in newsletter ads over the past two years.
- It is pointed out that events at the school have been fundraisers.
- Gerry thanks Brad, Vince and others for their efforts in the playground renewal project.

Action Item: Gerry and Vince will discuss ask Brad regarding what he thinks of the need for further fundraising drive at this stage in the process.

- 4.4 Sports report** **Rosa**
Gerry gives Rosa's email report:
- Rob also advises that there are 2 under 8 teams, and one under 6 team.
 - Team photo is on Monday.
 - There is an upcoming Fun Day through the soccer association.
- 4.5 Grow Forward Garden** **Brian**
Brian reports that:
- The garden was planted May 27 and 7 people showed up.
 - Tomatoes were planted, among other things.
 - More mulch may be needed.
 - The garden is for everybody.
- 4.6 CLIP grant application status update** **Kersh**
Kersh reports that:
- It is unknown when we will receive the funds. We will likely sign agreement in July or August and then receive the funds in Sept. or Oct.
 - We have not heard back from Brent (City coordinator). The solar project is on hold pending the grant's approval.
 - Funds from previous years' CLIP grants available can be used to paint the rec centre.
 - The mats at the rink can be replaced as well. Allan is given the 'go ahead' to proceed with this.
 - Gerry and Kersh have yet to reconcile the CLIP grants from 2014-16.
- 4.7 Big Bin event** **Kersh**
Kersh reports that:
- This was a successful event
 - We received a \$600 grant for this event.
 - 3 metric tons of junk were collected (and went to landfill).
 - \$966 was the total cost; we spent approximately \$350 on this community event.
- 4.8 Fall Fest update** **Kersh**
Kersh reported that:
- Most of the Fall Fest items have been dealt with. He has secured the: porta-potties, bouncy castle, popcorn machine, tent, face painting, and the band.
 - The focus now can be shifted to volunteers.
- Action Item:** Kersh needs to update the Fallfest volunteer website before we can launch volunteer emails to CSS and St Paul's
Action Item: Email to go out to the contacts we have asking for volunteers
Action Item: Chris at Catholic Social Services to be contacted by Kersh for volunteers.
Action Item: Gerry will contact Ryan at St. Paul's church for volunteers.
Action Item: Brian will get 50 volunteer tags from EFCL.
- 4.9 Greenshack/Joint Summer Playground programs - updates** **Gerry**
See 3.1, Vice president's report above.
- 4.10 Newsletter update** **Bill**
Bill reports that:
- There is a lot of advertising in this issue.
 - The next newsletter cutoff will be the 3rd weekend in August and items must be in on time.

- Kersh will be giving the VP address for the next newsletter issue.
- This next issue will be out before September (and Fall Fest).
- The newsletter goes out 4 times a year.
- Bill needs more newsletter carriers.

4.11 Other old business - none

All

5.0 New business

5.1 Sponsorship recognition on playground signage

Brad/Gerry

Gerry reports that:

- Brad advised earlier that the supplier for the playground equipment (Blue Imp) will also provide an onsite sign to recognize major contributors.
- This would be an engraved, hard plastic, presentable, posted sign.
- Some of those who should be listed on the sign include: the Provincial government, the Federal government, the City of Edmonton, Beaverbrook/Inhouse, the school's Parent association, the Pre-school, and Grovenor Community League.
- There were also a lot of smaller donations. It had been previously suggested that these could be captured on signage at the Hall and that Vince could provide additional names or groups, but left undecided at this point in time.
- Shauna says to make the city aware of the sign.

Action Item: Gerry/Vince will get Brad to follow up on Shauna's suggestion.

5.2 CFEP cheque presentation

Gerry

- Gerry reports that this will take place this Friday with the deputy premier Sarah Hoffman and that everyone is welcome to participate if desired. Brad and Gerry are committed.

5.3 Ryan Weisser on Mural walls

Janet/Ryan Weisser

Ryan reports that:

- His work had come to a standstill.
- His supply costs have recently gone up greatly and the previous funds granted him for the various projects will not be enough to cover costs and that he would experience a loss.
- Therefore, he is asking for an additional amount of \$1000.
- **Motion:** Kersh MOVES, Gerry SECONDS the motion to spend an additional \$1000 to move forward the mural project. APPROVED.
- This will bring the total to \$6000 for the various mural projects.
- Gerry asks if the rec centre wall mural could be expedited and for the third mural design (for South Hall wall) be submitted by Ryan for approval.
- Ryan has not been paid any monies for his work to date as he was unable to complete the previously agreed to murals and invoice accordingly, as approved last year.
- Allan suggested that Ryan should be paid for materials upfront.
- **Motion** to pay Ryan Weisser 30% (\$2000) is MOVED by Allan; SECONDED by Kersh. APPROVED.

5.4 Membership drive for board positions

Brian

- Incentives to attract new board members are discussed including free league membership, and the use of facilities for \$25.
- It is decided to revisit this before Fall Fest.

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- Brian says there are 950 houses in Grovenor and membership is at about 250.

5.5 Communities in Bloom program

Brian

- Brian reports that his wife Carmen will volunteer be the program lead for Grovenor.

Action Item: Brian will send an email on Communities in Bloom, and get it posted on social media and website.

5.6 World Health program

Gerry

- There is a workplace wellness program offered to community leagues.

Action Item: Gerry will forward information to all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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