

Grovenor Community Hall

August 01, 2017 ▪ 7:13 pm start

Attended: Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Kersh Naidoo, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Gerry O'Donnell, Shauna Richard, Mariette Seed, Tony Van Herk, Peggy Ward. **Total: 9 + City rep**

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Rob Chaput, Earl Clements, Rosa Ficko, Cassandra Haraba, Christine Johnston, Brad Mielke, Travis Watt, Cam Worthing.

1.0 Approval of agenda

For July 04 and August 01, 2017

Vince MOVES and Allan SECONDS. Both agendas are APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of minutes

For June 06 and July 04, 2017

Vince MOVES and Bill SECONDS. June 06 minutes are APPROVED. July 04 minutes are approved pending correction of ALCB to AGLC and other minor spelling errors.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice Presidents report

Gerry & Kersh

- Gerry thanks Brad for his work on the new playground, for getting things to the point they are now where excavation has begun and states:
 - The subsurface has been done.
 - The light poles, trees and benches are in progress.
 - The equipment is scheduled to be brought in for installation in late August/early Sept.
 - The surface material is to be laid down early September.
 - He expects the City to turn the playground over to Grovenor mid-October.
- Gerry also thanks Brian for his maintenance and monitoring of the Grow Forward garden initiative. Stating about a dozen people participated in the planting; and that Brian even cuts the grass.
- Gerry then thanks all who have volunteered for Fall Fest, saying planning is moving along well.
- He mentions progress on the wall murals, saying there are over 70 'hand-prints on the west rec centre wall mural.'
- Gerry reports we have received a \$10,279 CLOG grant. He thanks Kersh for initiating and following up on that.
- Gerry reports he has heard from Scott McKeen's assistant. Rachel thanked us for the minutes forwarded to his office from us from his May 02 visit to Grovenor.
- She has forwarded these items to city administration for review and possible action; and will get back to us regarding results.
- The subject of poor quality contracting work done by Standard General, as contracted by the City to fulfill the original Neighbourhood renewal work was discussed. The city reps advised us last year that lower quality cement mix was used and as a result a lot of repairs are currently being done in Grovenor.

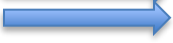
3.2 Treasurer's report

Peggy

- Peggy reported that as of July 31, the account balances were:

- General account - \$123,651.82 – This includes the \$10,279 CLOG grant & AGLC money.
- Casino account - \$21,502.15
- Playground fund - \$ 0 – This has all gone to the City to pay for new playground.
- She also reports that the transfer of the casino money needs to be done at the bank.
- The bank is now charging us \$1.95 each month x 2.
- It is reported that Frank apparently has rink shack money left over that was delivered to him by Barrett.

 **Action Item:** Grovenor rink shack monies to be retrieved.

 **Action Item:** Peggy and Gerry to go to the bank this Friday at 3:00 pm to transfer the \$74,648.71 from AGLC (casino monies) in the general account to the casino account where it belongs.

3.3 Civics report

Cassandra

- Kersh reports that Cassandra is currently working hard on civics issues around in-fill, and that she is very busy.
- She is also working on the related topic of MNO, or Mature Neighbourhood Overlay.
- Kersh says she has been able to get variances or requests for variances from builders held off, and offers her kudos.


3.4 City of Edmonton

Shauna

Shauna reported that:

- Canada Bread and Sustainable Foods Edmonton have joined together to organize a bicycle tour of a few community gardens, of which Grovenor is one. This will take place on August 19. There will be a wrap-up barbeque from 11:30-1:30 pm at Grovenor hall.
- Shauna is informed that Grovenor is not listed as having a spray park in a city publication.

 **Action Item:** Brian will get Travis to advertise Aug 19 event on our social media sites.

 **Action Item:** Shauna will look into adding Grovenor's spray park to the list.


4.0 Old business

4.1 Facilities (Hall and Rec Centre) status update


Allan

Allan reported that:

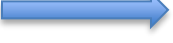
- All the main door locks have been changed to key pads. The key is now connected to the lockbox at the Hall door to prevent someone from losing it.
- The long-term rental agreements have been signed by Jazzercise and the Church.
- There was a break-in at the rink.
- He talked to a man about ice maintenance.
- An ice-maker will be needed for the fall. Andrew is out.
- Vince received an email from a community member about a wasp's nest at the hall.
- It is mentioned an auto-coiling system for the ice-making hose might be useful.

 **Action Item:** To place ad on Kijiji for icemaker.

 **Action Item:** To set date for garage sale.

 **Action Item:** To take care of wasp's nest.

 **Action Item:** Gerry to forward Allan garage sale sign info.

 **Action Item:** To look into an auto-coiling system for hose.

4.2 Playground and Park renewal project – status update

Brad/Gerry

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- The playground renovation project is underway. See details in item 3.1

4.3 Sports report **Rosa**
No report. Rosa absent.

4.4 Grow Forward Garden update **Brian**
It was reported that:

- Kids have been playing with the faucets/plugs on the community leagues water barrels. Peggy recently stopped a flood from their tampering.
- Sour cherries were ripe for the picking lately. This and pin cherries in the side garden.
- The plum tree was pruned after a branch was found damaged.
- Saskatoon seedlings are growing.
- Tony reports the City has an app to find out where fruit trees are in the city.

Action Item: To find a way to secure the rain barrel taps/plugs from tampering.

Action Item: Tony to send Gerry fruit tree app.

4.5 Communities in Bloom update **Brian**

- Brian reports that there have been 6200 nominations city-wide.
- Fifty-four yards were submitted from Grovenor.
- Carmen chose two nominations and submitted them to the City.
- On August 27, there will be a gala event with the announcement of the winners.
- Gerry thanks Carmen for being the Grovenor representative.

Action Item: Brian to send Gerry pictures of the 2 Grovenor yards submitted.

4.6 CLIP & CLOG grant application status update **Kersh/Tony**

- The city has deposited our CLOG grant of approximately \$10,000. We are still waiting for the CLIP grant approval and cheque to be disbursed by the city.
- Kersh has made 3 attempts to contact Brent regarding this.
- The cheque usually comes out in September or October.
- We likely have to provide a deposit for the solar panels to proceed with the project.
- **Motion** is brought forth to move ahead with the solar project and prepare a \$2500 deposit cheque, despite CLIP funds not yet being released. Kersh MOVES; Bill SECONDS; APPROVED.


Action Item: Peggy to prepare cheque for \$2500 to Sky Fire Energy.

4.7 Fall Fest update **Kersh**

Kersh reported that:

- We are still 20 volunteers short. He will be meeting with Catholic Social Services tomorrow and expects to get around 15 volunteers from them.
- A notice asking for volunteers is to go out in the next newsletter
- There are a few outstanding door prizes to secure. He plans to canvass neighbourhood businesses.
- Kersh says that during the week before Fall Fest there are a lot of last minute items to deal with, so if anyone can help, it is appreciated.
- He will email the volunteer group again regarding this.
- More fireworks have been arranged than usual due to Canada 150 celebrations.
- The band is a different band this year. They will play longer but cost more. The range for bands is \$750-1050.

- He ordered a lot of extra activities in light of Grovenor's playground being closed. The use of these items/activities depends on having volunteers to manage them. We will get charged if items are damaged or missing.


 **Action Item:** Kersh to meet with CSS and send out email to secure more volunteers.


 **Action Item:** Kersh and Shauna to arrange for door prizes from City.

4.8 Murals update

Vince/Ryan Weisser

- There has been very positive feedback on this west-facing rec centre mural.
- An improvised gathering of kids' handprints happened at end of the school year that
- really added value to rec centre west-facing mural, and was a great "feel good" event.

 **Action Item:** Vince to inquire about permission to use kids' photos.

 **Action Item:** Bill to write article on this for newsletter

4.9 Ice maintenance for 2017-18 season - status update

Allan

Action Item: Allan to post ad online looking for a new ice maker for our rinks this season.

4.10 Greenshack/Joint Summer Playground programs - updates

Allan

Allan reports benches have been moved out of the rec centre to give one program more space.

4.11 Other old business

5.0 New business

5.1 Newsletter planning for next edition

Bill

Bill reported that:

- Sunday August 20 is the submission deadline for the next issue as he is gone the first week of Sept.
- The issue will go out one week early so people get information on Fall Fest.
- The projected delivery date of newsletter is Friday, August 25.


 **Action Item:** Bill to send out reminder email requesting submissions.


5.2 Ryan Weisser – mural update

Vince/Ryan Weisser

- Ryan attended meeting to talk about his next mural. He has a galaxy of universe/milky way theme. It will be more colorful and expressive.
- A few draft design options will be circulated with a design decision in 2.5 weeks.
- The time frame for completion is projected to be one week, as Gerry is eager to get the protective coatings on before it gets too cold.
- It is proposed to pay Ryan an additional amount. **This is agreed to by the board.**

 **Action Item:** Ryan to send photos of draft design ideas to Gerry.

 **Action Item:** Gerry to distribute draft design ideas to the board.

 **Action Item:** Peggy to prepare cheque for Ryan in the amount of \$2293 for the balance owing on the Rec Centre west wall mural completion.

5.3 Other new business – political campaigns in Grovenor hall discussed

All

Gerry reports that he has been approached by ward 6 candidate Tish Prouse to use Grovenor hall for a community/political event. It was to be a public function. They will have a permit, but the projected group is 200-500 people.

- Gerry asked the board to determine if we want to rent the hall for this political event.
- It is noted by a member that there could be a strain on our washroom and having left-over trash.

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- It is noted our facilities should not be used to advertise or promote a particular political campaign unless it is an open forum for all candidates to participate, as per previous board discussions on similar matters.
- It is mentioned an “all candidate” event would be more appropriate.
- After a lengthy discussion is decided not to rent the hall to Tish Prouse for this purpose.
- Shauna notes he is asking all community leagues for hall use, and he is asking the City for parkland to use for an event.
- It is noted that other community leagues have rented halls for political events Westmount being one.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

6.0 Next meeting – September 05, 2017, 7:00 pm.