

Grovenor Community Hall

October 03, 2017 ▪ 7:10pm start

Attended: Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Gerry O'Donnell, Kersh Naidoo, Shauna Richard, Mariette Seed, Tony Van Herk, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthing.

Total=10 (9 members + City rep)

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

1.0 Approval of agenda

- **October 03, 2017**

Bill MOVES and Brian SECONDS. Agenda APPROVED with the addition of the school casino.

2.0 Approval of minutes

- **September 05, 2017**

Brian MOVES and Kersh SECONDS. September 05 minutes are APPROVED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice Presidents report

Gerry & Kersh

- Gerry thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He gave accolades to Kersh and Angie Resendes in particular for taking the lead for Fall Fest along with Travis Watt plus the many volunteers, saying it was a marvelous Fall Fest.
- Gerry thanks Allan for coordinating the Garage sale at the Hall.
- Gerry thanks Peggy for completing the second ALGC report requested.
- Gerry advised that he received a request from our insurance company to complete the insurance application form for 2018. He will submit this by the October deadline.
- Gerry thanks Brad and Vince for moving the playground project forward. And mentions the extra swings (bucket and belt types) that were arranged recently.
- Gerry mentions 3 community programs coming to Grovenor in 2017-18 timeframe:
 - Learn to Skate
 - Green Shack
 - Bike Safety
- Gerry completed the questionnaire received from June Erdmann of the City of Edmonton to allow Grovenor community league to participate in these programs – e.g. Greenshack, learn to skate, bicycle safety) for next year.
- Gerry mentions the possibility of Grovenor offering one night or afternoon per week of pick-up hockey (no checking and slap shots allowed) for Grovenor residents plus possibly power skating lessons if there is interest.
- Kersh thanks the City for their contribution of tables, games, benches, etc. for Fall Fest.
- He thanks those that participated before and after the event for their contribution.
- He also thanks Allan for the garage sale.

 **Action Item:** Mariette to contact EFCL re archiving of hall records.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Peggy

Peggy reported that the account balances are:

- General account - \$45,363.06
- Casino account - \$90,592.03

- She also reports that Tony was recording our EPCOR bills (for purposes of the solar panel project). She doesn't have them from May 2016-Jan 2017, which she needs to submit the 2nd casino report.
- She is transitioning from paying the EPCOR bills from the general bank account to the casino bank account, but needs Gerry's signature and the missing billing information.
- Bill in the meeting contacts Tony to provide Peggy with the needed information.
- She would like the EPCOR bills to be sent to the hall again, so she can access them.

 **Action Item:** Peggy to complete 2nd ALGC report

Action Item: Peggy to start getting EPCOR bills again.

3.3 Civics report

Cassandra

There is no formal report but Kersh mentions that:

- The vacant house on 103 avenue and 143 street near school was torn down.
- Kersh says Grovenor Hall gets notices of variances and they then go to Cassandra.
- We don't seem to get the demolition notices any longer.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Shauna

Shauna had 3 items to report:

1. There is an open house program event on October 17 from 6-8 pm.
 - There is a formal presentation and then a "try & see" portion with demonstrations.
 - It is for equipment loaning, generators, no scaping, fire pits, lighting, smors kits, bannock kits, as well as games.
 - These items are all free for community events such as block parties, or Fall Fest, etc.
 - There is an online form to fill out to sign out the items, as Kersh did for Fall Fest.
2. Shauna also mentioned a youth leadership training program through the city, for those aged 13-17.
 - There is a volunteer component in high school and this training can help with that.
 - It is October 21 from 1-4 pm at Park Allen hall.
3. She also mentions Neighbourhood Community Winter Activity Funding Support.
 - This is for new years' or family day celebrations.
 - Funding is available for \$500 to organize a community event from Oct 15-Nov 28, 2018.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Facilities (Hall and Rec Centre) status update

Allan

Allan reported:

- Allan thanks Peggy for helping to clear and sort old community league documents stored in the furnace room, noting the abundance of old building permits.
- The rec centre is about to be painted.
- Allan is still looking for a hall booking person.
- It is discussed to start the person at \$250 and then based on the level of activity, increase this if required.

Motion to start paying someone \$250 per month to manage hall bookings is **MOVED** by Vince and **SECONDED** by Bill. **APPROVED**.

4.2 Playground and Park renewal project – status update

Brad

Brad was not present, but Gerry and Vince reported on his behalf that:

- There have been weekly general contractor/city project manager meetings at the playground construction site that Brad, and now Vince have been attending.
- These include Michelle P. the City project manager and Katherine Hutchinson.
- The rubber surfacing is being installed in 2 layers. They are pushing for this week for the 1st layer.
- Another top coat will go on if weather permits this year; otherwise next. However this will not impact the opening, as the 1st layer meets the safety code requirements.
- The concrete is yet to be done for the ramps; the plan is for next week.
- Then the installations like bike racks, etc. will be installed. Then all plantings & sod.
- There was a complaint that the new playground was not toddler-friendly enough.
- There will be some T-swings., some toddler bucket seats (now) and 2 belt seats, 1 bucket seat and 3 disc swings.
- The estimated completion date is October 31, weather permitting.
- Brad is watching this all very closely.
- Lighting has been an issue. The City can't figure out why the playground lights don't work. Allan says First Call was done. And they have been in the hall and there is no breaker there for the playground lights.
- It is mentioned that Western Economic Development would like 30 days' notice of ribbon cutting event related to their donation to the playground renewal project.
- Nothing is planned yet. Board consensus was that this should wait until spring for planning and advertising purposes.

 **Action Item:** Vince to ask Brad how he feels about a spring grand opening for playground.

4.3 Sports report

Rosa

No report; Rosa absent.

4.4 Insurance for renters - update

Kersh

Kersh reported that:

- He did not make progress with this. He will look into it further.
- It is brought up that another community league west of ours does not require insurance for birthday parties.
- It is brought up that perhaps home-owners' insurance riders may cover renters when they are at the hall.

 **Action Item:** Allan to look at having it say, "check with home insurance" as an option on website for renting of the hall.

4.5 Rental rates for long term renters

All

Deferred

4.6 Christine Worthing Jazzercise rental agreement rate decision

All

It was discussed that:

- The current program renters pay \$25 an event. Christine has 2 on Monday and 2 on Wednesday.
- It was suggested that people pay Grovenor and we pay those doing the program.
- Christine was not present, so her opinion not learned. Cam Worthing who was in attendance was asked to provide any feedback relevant to this matter if possible.
- It is pointed out that Christine has an agreement with Jazzercise, details of which are unknown.
- A subsidy or discount idea was floated, whereby whatever we collect over \$5.00 per person goes to Christine and we could then cut her a cheque.

 **Action Item:** Allan to put together a draft agreement and talk to Christine.

4.7 CLIP grant application status update

Kersh

It was reported that:

- The CLIP grant for \$46,000 was confirmed today. This comprised 2 requests.
- \$12,500 (50% of the \$25,000 estimate) of that funding will go to the solar project.
- \$14,000 (50% of estimate) was also approved for the proposed Rec Centre building envelope.
- \$5,000 (50%) was also approved for various Rec Centre upgrades and renos.
- Other funding approved for items resulting from the energy audit report recommendations.
- We can move the solar project ahead next spring, along with the upgrades such as: pot lights, furnace and hot water tank.
- The rink envelope was put on the grant form, but we probably not use it for that due to the new murals and other aesthetical reasons.
- Though we have to report accordingly, Kersh is willing to work with the changes.
- The end date to spend this grant is November 20, 2019.
- Kersh and Gerry have yet to sign off on paper work to be received from the city.
- We will receive 100% - \$46,221.
- Transactions from the last 2 or 3 years still have to be reconciled.

4.9 Murals and overcoating update

Gerry

Gerry reported that:

- He obtained a 15% discount on the mural protective coatings. All murals have been done, including a few free items such as the back of the skateboard ramp.
- This work was done by Goodbye Graffiti Co. The invoice is yet to come.
- For future graffiti attacks, we could spray the murals with fantastic spray or other suitable cleanser and clean with (non scratching) soft rags, etc.

4.10 Ice maintenance for 2017-18 season – status update

Allan

Allan reported that:

- There was no response to the icemaker/rink manager ad place in the Grovenor newsletter.
- There were 2 responses for ice maker/rink manager from a Kijiji ad.
- Allan will interview them.
- The rink itself needs repairs. Allan obtained a quote from Stan for \$ 3200 for basic repairs to the rink, and \$62,000 to replace the rink.
- Stan factors the unlevel ground to needing to make the ice thicker. He recommends 3 loads of topsoil to remedy this at a cost of \$3800.
- Stan recommended a tall fence between the general skating sheet of ice and the boarded hockey rink. Price: \$4000.
- The board agrees to spend the \$3200 to repair the rink. Allan MOVES. Bill SECONDS. APPROVED.
- Discussion ensues on hiring Kim the fundraiser to find grant funding to replace the rink, as there apparently are programs in place. She charges \$200 per grant applications. Gerry said that if Allan can provide a detailed proposal with estimates, he would request Kim to initiate the search for grant funding.
- It is mentioned that McQueen put in a new rink this summer with a concrete base.



Action Item: Allan to provide a rink replacement proposal with estimate that Gerry could ask Kim to research for grant funding.

4.11 Community garage sale update

Allan

Allan reported that:

- The garage sale was a big success in terms of number of tables rented and sense of community that was generated.

4.12 Other old business

5.0 New business

5.1 Silent Auction Donation Request for free Children's birthday party rental

All

Vince reports that:

- Grovenor parents' association will be holding a silent auction on Dec 13 & 14.
- This will be at Yellowhead Casino and coordinated by Christine Worthing.
- A few positions/shifts are yet to be filled.
- It has already been posted on the website by Heather.
- We often share volunteers with this group, it is stated.



Action Item: For this to be posted in newsletter.

5.2 City programs

Gerry

It is mentioned there are 3 new City programs for the fall (see Sec 3.1). They are:

- Learn to Skate
- Green Shack
- Bike Safety

5.3 Other new business

All

None to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

6.0 Next meeting – November 07, 2017 ▪ 7:00 pm.