

Grovenor Community League
Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Grovenor Community Hall

September 03, 2019 ▪ 7:00pm start

Attended: Heather Bolli, Vince Bowen, Rosa Ficko, Antoni Kowalczewski, Brian Los, Gerry O'Donnell, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo, Mariette Seed, Margaret Smith.

Guests: Miriam Ferguson, Brad Mielke, Heidi Bowen, Jeff Havixbeck, all community residents.

Total = 9 members, CRC rep & 4 guests.

Regrets: Allan Bly, Rob Chaput, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthington.

Recorder: Mariette S.

0.0 Call to Order

Kersh calls the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

1.0 Approval of agenda – September 03, 2019

- Rosa MOVES; Bill SECONDS. Motion is CARRIED to approve the September 03 Agenda with addition of items 6.2 to 6.6.

2.0 Approval of minutes – August 06, 2019

- Bill MOVES and Brian SECONDS the approval of the August 06, 2019 minutes. Motion is CARRIED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice President's reports

Gerry & Kersh

Kersh states:

- Thank you to everyone for coming together this evening.
- Thanks to Brad and all who came together to renew the school grounds, for the benefit of the community.
- Thanks to the companies that donated to that effort.
- Thanks to Rosa for her coordination effort for the casino, and the other volunteers.
- Thanks to Brian for the community garden and the harvest.
- Thanks to Bill for tending to EPCOR business and newsletter (updated picture on front cover recommended).
- Another successful year of summer programs with N. Glenora. They do most of the leg work so that is a benefit.
- The three girls did a good job managing the programs. Programs coordinator is sending a report. Feedback was positive it is reported.
- Thanks to Heather for work on contracts and Fall Fest work on public engagement.

Gerry reported:

- Thanks to Bill for a great Newsletter. Speaks of the importance of the newsletter as a communications medium for the community.
- A huge acknowledgement to Brad for the school grounds maintenance project.
- Appreciation to Vince for getting the work with mural repairs initiated.
- Again, congratulations to Rosa and all volunteers which resulted in receiving \$75,000 from AGLC for the casino.
- Thanks to Miriam for her handling of the hall bookings.
- Thanks to Bill for eaves trough repairs.
- Thanks to Kersh for coordinating the new sound system at the rinks and Rec centre.

3.2 Treasurer's report

Antoni

Antoni reported that:

- As of July 31, our accounts are:
 - General Account: \$91,779.89
 - Casino Account: \$2,466.78
- Of note:
 - Misc. expense of \$558.70 for the bins (Big Bin event)
 - Soccer expense of \$588.19 for soccer registration
 - Grant of \$10,360.00 from the city in July

3.3 Civics report

Kersh/Gerry

Gerry states that:

- There is nothing new from developer on the development project at corner of 142 and Stony Plain Road. Old Chicago Blue site. Nor from Cathy who came to our meeting a few months ago with concerns about the pending development on that site.
- Several properties have been sold. Tasty Tomato is holding out from selling in that vicinity.
- Three more notices sent to Grovenor for proposed development, which were circulated to board for review.
- Jeff Havixbeck offers to step into the Civics role. Appears to be no conflict of interest with his daytime job in construction industry as he mostly does renovations.
- **MOTION to nominate Jeff Havixbeck as Grovenor Civics and Community Development Director is MOVED by Vince. Brian SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Action item: Jeff to complete community league membership application at meeting.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Margaret

Margaret reported:

- There is another Recreation Network event happening Oct 09. Free food. Location: Molson Canadian Brewhouse in Lewis Estates.
- Sept 29 is free admission date for City of Edmonton facilities.
- She reached out to Communities in Bloom person and has had no feedback so has taken it up to their manager.
- She is meeting with the Oliver person (Dustin) tomorrow and will report back.

Action item: Margaret find out when Jasper Place pool is set to reopen. It was delayed.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Sports report

Rosa

Rosa absent but sent the following report via email:

- Outdoor Soccer wrapped up with the U17 Boys going to Calgary for the Provincials. They had a bronze indoor medal and silver outdoor.
- The boys have done extremely well, and we hope will to continue to U19.
- Indoor Soccer registration is now opened for late registrations. Anyone interested can go to www.emsawest.com
- There are about 700 coaches for the west.

Action item: Rosa will try to have the soccer books done for Antonio this week.

4.2 Facilities status update (Hall)

Gerry

- Kersh & Gerry have discussed and will pursue rink personnel after Fall Fest.
- Benches must be found – a priority.

- Matting is needed. Look at Crestwood, it is suggested.

Action item: *Mariette to contact person at Crestwood re rink managing & matting.*

4.3 Rec Centre and Ice Rinks update and Rentals

Kersh

Gerry reports:

- Rink boards need repair. Rosa knows company who used to do rink boards.
- Lewis Estate community is looking at getting their boards redone. Rosa will follow that process. Could be \$45 -50,000.
- Brent Ireland is still a potential as rinks manager.
- One of last year's attendants, Arielle Ostrander is interested in being so again.
- Power skating and drop in hockey to continue this year.
- Music with new sound system will be ready to go for new season.
- Gate to be investigated and possibly fixed.
- Brian doesn't think Wally will be available for the benches.

Action item: *Rosa to look into company that repairs rink boards.*

Action item: *Bill to phone Brent Ireland as potential ice maker.*

Action item: *Vince to work with Gerry on bench replacement project.*

Action item: *Gerry to forward the contact info to Vince that Margaret provided.*

Action item: *Mariette to provide name of Crestwood's ice manager as potential candidate.*

4.4 Webmaster update on Google Suite

Allan

Allan absent; no report.

4.5 Damage to eaves trough update

Bill

Bill stated:

- That he fixed the front one. Then back one has been damaged and repaired by Bill.

4.6 Contract policy update

Heather

Heather reported:

- She sent what she had for Miriam and Ashley to Gerry and Kersh for review.
- She will work on something for rink personnel.
- Gerry has reviewed and will send back to Heather his edits.
- He suggests two-year contracts or leave it open ended. Open ended was decided.
- Discussion to have contract with Ashley or her cleaning business. The latter is decided.
- GST reporting discussed. If earn over \$15,000 a year one has to declare it.

Action item: *Heather to follow up with Miriam to see if she would be willing to add rec centre to her duties.*

4.7 Neighbourhood parking & traffic concerns

Vince

Vince reported:

- Margaret and he met again.
- The data results were compiled by person in Margaret's office. There is a lot of data.
- This should get the City's attention as people provided a lot of information.
- A meeting is to be planned that is free standing from the board meeting. A forum on this issue is important given the pending development in Grovenor. Scope of meeting to be defined.
- We need to show residents they are heard and not brushed off. We need Margaret to gain traction with City.
- It will be a huge interdisciplinary undertaking. But can't solve everything in one night.

- Margaret emailed Brian Murphy at City. He is next step. He is the parking person. Another person does traffic. She hasn't heard back from Brian yet.
- The City will gain credibility with quantifiable deliverables.
- Is it realistic to try to do this before our AGM or wait until new year? March mentioned.
- Vince will share data with a small group of people before forum.
- Speed limits are another item that should be addressed.
- **Action item:** Margaret/Vince to work in getting appropriate people lined up.

4.8 Fall Fest update

Kersh

Kersh reported that:

- We are in the last 2 weeks. There is a drive to get volunteers.
- Heather and Kersh reworked the sign-up sheet to reduce time slots. The downside is people have to register for more slots if they want to do more.
- Black Velvet is confirmed (band). Porta potties are confirmed. Face painters are secured. Margaret has permits.
- Food list is completed. Thanks to Kathy and Gerry for that.
- A man is coming to fly kites if wind is great enough.
- Margaret to check with facilities person Jans Zisko for number of benches and garbage cans available to us for Fall Fest. Still waiting to hear back from him.
- Margaret has funds for renting more tables. Up to \$500. Remainder permitted for food.
- Donation request and door prizes are coming along. Thanks for those that helped.
- All will come together on Friday before.
- A clean-up bee is planned for Friday night before Fall Fest at 5-6 pm at the hall.
- Direct new volunteers to signup page on Grovenor website.
- Heather has a bingo event planned for Fall Fest for kids and adults.
- Prizes, he is working with Margaret on this. She has glow sticks coming.
- We should check what supplies we have from last year.
- We can accept what we get from Remax – plates, cutlery, cups & napkins. But none are environmentally friendly. Unsure of numbers to be supplied. Kersh to follow up.
- There are snacks left over from bike parade that can be used for Fall Fest.
- Heidi offers to work with volunteers before-hand. 50/50 sellers needed. Can't drink when selling tickets. Same as when tending bar.

4.9 Neighbourhood Watch update - deferred

Cam

Cam absent; no formal report.

- Rosa reported issues on her street with 2 landlords renting out their garage to mechanics. A lot of vehicles that are not obeying traffic laws and parking wherever.
- Gerry reported media report about woman in Grovenor (Stoney Plain Rd and 148 St.) attacked in a back alley at 5 am in December 2018.
- Discussion on having active community watch walk the neighbourhood.

Action item: Rosa to contact Margaret re her neighbourhood situation.

4.10 School grounds maintenance project update

Brad

Brad reported:

- The project is complete in all regards.
- Recognition – Cori to get students to write letters.
- Accent Infill contributed approximately \$2000-3000 in goods & services.

- Subcontractor on building nearby gave use of his bobcat for the day. And he used it for a time; Brad operated it the rest of the time.
- Home Depot did donate. Jack at Westmount gives stuff to community leagues.
- Phase one is done. Phase two will proceed once school decides what they want to do. EPS is involved. An outdoor classroom is planned.
- Amanda Marshal is school contact for “Bee friendly” project.
- Brad may get more topsoil to plant flowers for bees.
- Jesse, new custodian at school is really taking initiative.
- There is a new drain on roof.
- The final tally for Grovenor is around \$1200. Receipts yet to be submitted for new shrubs, grass seed, stump grinding and pizza. Also, items from Home Depot.
- The project saved 8000-\$10000 in labour alone.
- Several moms were present. Cam brought a chain saw. And 3 other dads. Twenty people tops participated.

4.11 Facebook Page admin update

Vince

- Nothing has happened with Rob handing over administrative rights to Amelia.
- Vince has emailed him, gone to his house. He has not provided the password.
- We need logins for all the social media accounts.

Action item: Rosa to try to contact Rob.

4.12 Other old business

All

5.0 Action Items update (for items not yet covered) - deferred

6.0 New business

6.1 EPCOR project – guest speaker (next month)

6.2 Newsletter update

Bill

- Bill updated on status of newspaper deliverers.

6.3 First Discoveries Pre School Society

Kersh reports:

- First Discoveries would like to post on our sign. As their enrollment is down, they have cut one of their classes. They have a 4-line business listing ad in our newsletter they would like posted on our sign. Helena asked to hand out flyers at Fall Fest.
- Vince says they are a not-for-profit that has contributed a lot of good to the school and community. They are not in competition with anyone. Heather says they have a quality program and there is no other pre-school in Grovenor. The day care is currently in the Baptist church across 107 ave. They won't walk young children over to the Pre School in McQueen, as they used to (when it was across the hall).
- Suggested to make sign access 2nd on list next to the community for space on sign.
- MOTION by Vince to provide free 1/4-page newsletter ads for next 3 newsletter issues for First Discoveries Pre-school. Heather SECONDS. APPROVED.
- Kersh to report this back to Helena, Erin and Alex. Also, to post on our social media sites.

6.4. Brad has proposal for stop signs

Brad reported:

- That he responded to an accident at 102 Avenue and 144 Street.
- He has great concerns at this intersection as sight lines are bad.
- Consider a 2-way stop east-west or possibly painted 4-way stop.
- The city already knows how to solve these problems. They are not new situations.
- He is crafting a letter for the City on this issue.
- Vision zero is the City's own policy to make streets safer for pedestrians.
- Little Angel's Daycare children are walking through this intersection twice a day.
- Kersh has meeting planned with Chris at CSS re parking. Boundaries mentioned.

6.5 Nina Hagerty School for the Arts

- We received a request for posting signs. Event is October 5. A portion of the proceeds goes to the school for a good cause. The photographer is in our neighbourhood. No concerns noted. Gerry to ask Ashley to do it. Bulletin board still needed for outside.

6.6 Porta Potty update.

- Miriam has checked them often and has no adverse issues to report, no damages, no extra cleaning charges from the company. Everything appears to be positive.
- The GFI decora outlet has been purchased. Given to Brian for installation in kitchen.
- Miriam offers kudos to Brad for his work on the major undertaking of the school yard.

6.7 Children's Karate program

- Antonio reports a group would like to put up a poster as well for their registered non-profit program. Suggested to tell them. Website for \$10 a month. Or newsletter.

Adjourned 9:32 pm

7.0 Next meeting – October 01, 2019 ▪ 7:00 pm

*Please see the July 2019 Income Statement on next page below.

Profit and Loss

Grovenor Community League

Date Range: Jul 01, 2019 to Jul 31, 2019



ACCOUNTS	Jul 01, 2019 to Jul 31, 2019
Income	
Advertising Income	\$90.00
Government Grants – Local Government	\$10,360.00
Hall Rental Income	\$595.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$446.25
Program Income – Membership Dues	\$95.00
Soccer Fees	\$500.00
Total Income	\$12,086.25
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	
As a percentage of Total Income	\$12,086.25 100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	\$1.95
Cleaning Services	\$140.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$694.15
Rent Expense	\$250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$446.25
Security System	\$147.89
Soccer Expenses	\$622.34

Operating Expenses	
Telephone – Wireless	\$89.25
Utilities	\$370.88
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,762.71
Net Profit	
As a percentage of Total Income	\$9,323.54 77.14%