

Grovenor Community League
Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Grovenor Community Hall

September 08, 2020 ▪ 7:00 pm start

Attended: Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Jenn Carter, Kyle Greer, Jeff Havixbeck, Antoni Kowalczewski, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Gerry O'Donnell, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthington, **Total = 12 members present.**

Regrets: Heather Bolli, Rosa Ficko, Alexis Labarda, Bernard Llanos, Kersh Naidoo, Grace Salvo, Heather O'Hearn. **Recorder:** Mariette S.

0.0 Call to Order

- Gerry calls the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

1.0 Approval of agenda – September 08, 2020

- Cam MOVES, Jeff SECONDS. Motion is CARRIED to approve the Sept. 08 Agenda.

2.0 Approval of minutes – August 04, 2020

- Bill MOVES, Kyle SECONDS the approval of the August 04 minutes. Motion CARRIED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice President's reports

Gerry & Kersh

Gerry states:

- Kersh will try to join us later. Something came up.
- His gratitude to everyone for participating in tonight's meeting.
- Thanks to Mariette for coordinating tonight's meeting, the documents and meeting link.
- Thanks to Antoni for the financial documents, plus a casino document.
- Thanks to Bernard for hall sign update.
- Thanks to Allan for website and EFCL updates.
- Thanks to Bill for the newsletter. It is a great issue.
- Thanks to Kyle for oversight of facilities

Kersh: absent

- No report

3.2 Treasurer's report

Antoni

Antoni reported that:

- Accounts as of July 31:
 - General: \$95,720.20
 - Casino: \$25,448.25
- Of note for April:
 - \$1,588.42 for soccer reimbursement.
 - \$1,144.50 - Scrapper's Edge – for removal of old exterior mats.
 - \$4,165.37 – Omnisport – for new benches.

Action Item: x

3.3 Civics report

Jeff

Jeff reports that:

- We missed out on last month's report.
- A Grovenor resident spoke out about a development next to his place on 146 street. There were many issues about the project being too big for the lot. The resident took it upon himself to challenge the City on the variance approval. It has now changed to a 3-plex from a 4-plex with suites in the basement. Permit was revoked. Foundation has been poured, however. So, developer seemingly is proceeding with the development as

a 3-plex. There are still concerns related to damage to the adjacent land by the foundation and a neighbour's property.

- He has been brought into a residential infill working group. It is not something just we in Grovenor are experiencing.
- The letter to City has expanded to bringing in more community leagues. The downside to that is that it will take longer to draft but could have a bigger impact.
- A property on 149 St. that was a rezone request to RA7. It is no longer pending but back listed as for sale. That property is still unsold.
- Alldritt property at corner of 142 St. And Stony Plain Road is sitting idle.
- Jasper Gates project, they have not had a meeting in a while.
- Cassandra Haraba is working on a large project with the residential infill group. An infill hole is caving in and damaging adjacent property at **10219 – 146 Street**. The desire is for the City to be more aware of the impact developers can have on a neighbourhood. Specifically, with regards to excavations done poorly, where damage has occurred to neighboring property. This now includes the 146th development.

Action item: Jeff to work with Community League action group on infill issues.

3.4 City of Edmonton

Heather O

Heather O: absent

- No report sent.

4.0 Old business

4.1 Programs and Social update

Heather / Grace

Heather/Grace stated: Absent

- Neither are present. Deferred.

4.2 Sports update

Rosa

Rosa: absent

- No report sent. Deferred.

4.3 Facilities status update (Hall & Rec Centre)

Kyle

Kyle reported that:

- Not too much is going on with the facilities. Getting ready for outdoor rinks.
- He has a meeting on Sept 23 with EFCL on ice rinks.
- He is waiting on a quote for the sidewalk.
- Amanda is still doing the monitoring of the buildings.
- He is looking at getting an ice edging tool if we proceed. A walk behind unit similar to a lawn mower. It would improve the quality of the ice. Gerry says we can get 50% back using a CLIP grant.
- With a team of volunteers working with Michael McNally and without the need for attendants, that will reduce the overall expenses for the rink this season.
- The Rec Centre won't be opened this year due to Covid 19 concerns and AHS / City protocols making it difficult for staff to comply.
- We don't want to impinge on our budget if the casino revenues could be below normal in 2021.
- No concerns with Kyle going ahead with purchase of this second-hand machine.

- Grovenor skateboard park ramps were recently spray painted with graffiti. The city previously told us we could not put a coating or paint on the skateboard ramps. (Check in old minutes.) A safety concern as it is a ramp and could become slippery. Gerry to look into it further.
- There might be video of it? If we know when it happened specifically. A Friday night before Sept 02.
- It is mentioned that one of the ice rink gates is hanging due to being broken.
- It is asked when the hall might be opening again for regular renters. Discussion ensues on the potential of reopening for this group. Records must be maintained of all attendees for all activities. City and AHS protocols must be strictly adhered to. There are resulting liabilities.
- Kyle to look into the EFCL waiver. Go step by step. Try to keep people out of kitchen. Agreed to move any unneeded tables and chairs to rec centre.
- Hopefully in the next 2 weeks we can begin renting for Jazzercise and Yoga classes. This was agreed to by the board following further due diligence by Kyle.
- It is stated there may be problems with staying open for select events. We could say no birthday or other parties until further notice. The website already says this. Suggested to go on case by case basis in future and state that all new hall event bookings are subject to board approval.

Action item: Gerry to look into how to clean up skateboard ramps from graffiti.

Action item: Kyle to look into the broken metal upper and lower support on one of the rink gates.

Action item: Allan to send Kyle the EFCL waiver.

Action item: Allan to distribute the EFCL emails on liabilities to all.

4.4 Webmaster update

Allan

Allan reported:

- The website is updated every Sunday with requests.
- He gets the EFCL updates and sends them to the executive.
- He has had requests for advertising from local residents. He will check with Bill.
- Hoping at the end of Sept he will have the time off to do deal with G Suite.

4.5 Neighbourhood Watch update

Cameron

Cameron stated:

- His neighbourhood watch group is going to meet next week. He will bring to next board meeting the results from that.
- He has heard from residents about disruptive neighbours. Want to explore options other than just calling police.
- Looking at crime stats in Grovenor, theft from vehicles and break and enters are # 1. Primarily to garages.
- Suggested to unplug or turn off garage door opener switches if going out of town.
- Report all incidents. Police don't regularly rove neighbourhoods any longer. Reporting everything gives them a reason to come to our neighbourhood.
- Check motion detector lights for burn out bulbs and adequacy of lighting.

Action item: x

4.6 Rental Policy update

Heather

Heather: absent

- Report deferred

4.7 Crosswalk signage/lights update 142 and 148 Streets **Kersh/Gerry**

Kersh absent: no update re 142 Street cross walk.

- Re 148 Street cross walk, Gerry stated the city advised that this will be part of the review process when the LRT comes through.

Action Item: x

4.8 Dog Park Signage **Gerry**

Gerry reported:

- Heather O did send sign samples.
- Bill did run story in current newsletter about dog dos and don'ts based on information provided by the city. Further discussion required on which version of sign could be used at park.

Action item: x

4.9 Jasper Gates Wellness Centre Food 4 Good program update **Bill**

Gerry reported that

- The program ended in August. The program manager advised that Grovenor should refer people to the Food Bank.

4.10 Newsletter status update

- Bill left early. Newsletter delivered, so all is well.

4.11 Membership drive update.

Brian stated:

- Signage at hall says it all. Plus, it is in the newsletter.
- He can send out skate tags and can send out cards.
- He gets updates from EFCL monthly or as sent out.

4.12 Other old business **All**

- n/a

5.0 New business

5.1 Introduction of new Grovenor School Principal **Vince**

Principal Charlene Roberge reported that:

- She has 20 years with Edmonton public schools and worked in administration with buffalo trails school. She has all grades. She was a consultant with inclusive learning, so Grovenor is a good fit with her. 7 years as consultant
- Now 160 students registered for the new school year. 35 students doing online learning for first quarter. on Nov 10. Families have the choice of in-person or online.
- Check out the Grovenor site. Constantly getting new information from AHS, etc.
- The students are in cohorts of 15 per class. Will move around differently in the school.
- To meet with someone at school, by appointment. Call first. QR codes in use.
- Re hand sanitizing and hand hygiene, school has sinks in every classroom.
- Loading zone is right in front of school.
- Back alley into school parking lot is in bad shape. She called 311. A grater was not successful in filling in the holes. West end not so great.
- Small amounts of graffiti appeared here and there over summer. They put in a service request with Edmonton Public School and it has been taken care of.

- How can the school keep to the traditions in the community? They can still participate, but in a virtual way.
- The playground is being broken into sections so kids can play in their cohorts.
- They are supporting the families and children coming back. Mental aspect is the focus.
- It is asked if there is a need for funds in the school food program. Yes. Drop off cheque.
- Also asked if there is anything the board can do. Subdivide the playground area into quadrants.

Action Item: Kyle and Gerry to spray paint lines on grass for play space grid.

Action Item: Gerry to make arrangements to drop off food program cheque that was previously approved by the board.

5.2 Grovenor Casino update

Gerry

Gerry reported:

- Revenue is way down in Casinos so we should not expect the same intake that we have had in the past. Foot traffic is way down.
- The casino tables have been recently reopened.
- His feeling is we should still strive toward having a casino in 2021.
- As soon as he hears back from Rosa, he will update us.
- Our casino has been approved for 2021. But it may not be at Yellowhead necessarily.
- We hope to be able to proceed as normal, but there may be a delay in scheduling by AGLC.

Action Item: Gerry will update us on 2021 Casino once he hears back from Rosa.

6.0 Action Items update (for items not yet covered)

- Brian to send message to Allan for posting membership details on website.
- For Grovenor connect email to no longer be published. Ask Heather if she will take it on. Vince will be available for now to cover the email address, but he may not be the most appropriate person as his kids have outgrown the school.
- Bike parade – moot.
- Heather O did reach out to Cameron and his group can and will update next meeting.
- Sky Fire is not interested in advertising in Grovenor newsletter.
- Solar panel documents received by Kyle from Tony.
- Tobogganing hill will not be pursued at this time.

Adjourned 8:41 pm

7.0 Next meeting – October 06, 2020 ▪ 7:00 pm

*Please see July Income Statement included below.

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Profit and Loss

Grovenor Community League

Date Range: Jul 01, 2020 to Jul 31, 2020



ACCOUNTS	Jul 01, 2020 to Jul 31, 2020
Income	
Advertising Income	\$360.00
Total Income	\$360.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$360.00
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Block Party Re-imbursements	\$410.75
Cleaning Services	\$473.80
Memberships & Dues	\$537.80
Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,309.87
Soccer Expenses	\$1,588.42
Telecommunication/Broadband	\$101.85
Utilities	\$238.31
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,660.80
Net Profit	-\$8,300.80
As a percentage of Total Income	-2,305.78%