

Grovenor Community League  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

# Minutes

Grovenor Community Hall

April 06, 2021 ▪ 7:00 pm start

**Attended:** Allan Bly, Vince Bowen, Jenn Carter, Kyle Greer, Jeff Havixbeck, Antoni Kowalczewski, Bernard Llanos, Gerry O'Donnell, Grace Salvo, Mariette Seed, Peggy Ward, Cam Worthington, Darrell Nordell. **Total = 12 members, 1 NRC, 1 community member: 14 people present.**

**Regrets:** Heather Bolli, Alexis Labarda, Bill Melenberg, Kersh Naidoo. **Recorder:** Mariette S.

## 0.0 Call to Order

- Gerry calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

## 1.0 Approval of agenda – April 06, 2021

- Jeff MOVES, Antoni SECONDS. Motion is CARRIED to approve the April 06 Agenda.

## 2.0 Approval of minutes – March 03, 2021

- Bernard MOVES, Cassidy SECONDS motion to approve the March 03, 2021 minutes. Motion CARRIED.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 Vice President's reports

**Gerry & Kersh**

Gerry states:

- We have guest James Cumming, MP Edmonton Centre joining us tonight.
- Thanks to Mariette for the meeting documents, and Allan for website maintenance.
- Thanks to Kyle for all the coordination he did for the ice rinks. We had a good year despite the Covid situation.
- Thanks to Antoni for his regular financial reporting.
- Thanks to Bill for the recent great newsletter.
- We received approval from the Culture dep't of Alberta and City of Edmonton that we can keep the Playground refund. Rea from the Culture Dep't spoke on our behalf at a meeting following the receipt of all of our documentation. Thanks to all of those involved.
- He previously sent the email requesting Community Leagues to apply for the annual CLOG (community league operating grant).

Kersh absent

- Gerry to follow up with Kersh re CLOG.

### 3.2 Treasurer's report

**Antoni**

Antoni reported that:

- Accounts as of April 30:
  - General: \$73,111, 12
  - Casino: \$22,337.52
- Of note for April:
  - We had an accounting expense of \$3307.50
  - The \$67,000 for the Playground budget surplus is already in our account.
  - Another \$7000 from the provincial government

**Action Item:** x

### 3.3 Civics report

**Jeff**

Jeff reports that:

- There is a crack almost all the way through a swing seat in the playground.
- Darrell says to call 311. The responsibility for the playground is now with the city.

- Invest Tech consulting reached out to him on behalf of another party. They now own a third lot directly north of, behind the Chocolate café. He has been dealing with the realtor also.
- He had a meeting with them on March 18. They were planning to meet with residents.
- Neighbours protested the first rendition.
- They wanted to present at our board meeting, but a stand-alone meeting is suggested sometime in May. Jeff will set up and notify board.
- The developer is going to the City with a formal development proposal shortly. They will be rental units. They are short on details. It is a mature development, underground parking, a 2-3 story walk up. Estimated .7-1 stall per unit.
- Suggest we be proactive and be heard as it will go ahead. Just try to shape things.
- Jenn's neighbour is trying to open a small business in Grovenor. A small-scale detailing shop out of his garage. Jeff met with him and wrote a letter as an individual for him.
- The City has rejected him multiple times (sub-division appeals board). But the city doesn't seem to understand his business. He has letters from his neighbours.
- Problem properties discussed. Safety of residents has been taken up by the board in the past.

### 3.4 City of Edmonton

Darrell

Darrell sent a report which is in the April 06 Grovenor Google drive folder

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11-29BaueX4GGs5vktlciKvSBHSFB73NI/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>
- Darrell to reach out to director of derelict properties for City.
- Regarding the proposal for sliding hill. An analysis was done on it. It is not being supported by the public school board planner or the City.
- The crosswalks at 104 Ave will be getting crosswalks and Zebra lights.

## 4.0 Old business

### 4.1 Programs and Social update

Grace

Grace stated:

- n/a

### 4.2 Programs update

Cassidy

Cassidy stated:

- He is looking at getting local eggs available in the neighbourhood.
- He will compose something for the newsletter and social media.

### 4.3 Ice rinks update

Kyle

Kyle reported that:

- The ice rinks were closed.
- He was notified that kids have been climbing on the shed and roof of the buildings. Damage is found to shingles and downspouts.
- There is a file number if anyone has other information.
- Chain link gate and overhead light he will tend to when ground is dry.

**Action item:** He will send an email.

### 4.4 Playground Refund from CoE and CFEP status update

Gerry/Darrell

Gerry reported that:

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- We received approval to keep the surplus playground money. We already have it deposited in our general account.

**4.5 Elections Canada request to rent Hall update** **Gerry**

Gerry stated:

- He has dealt with that and we are now waiting for an election call.

**Action item:** x

**4.6 Valley Line LRT & EPCOR infrastructure project** **Allan**

Allan stated:

- The City is in the process of selecting the company that will provide the train for Valley line west.
- A different company is being looked at for the two lines.

**4.7 Google Workspace & Website update** **Allan**

Allan reported that:

- He has yet to assign email addresses to directors at large.
- We are creating a process in which all the information is transferable.

**Action Item:** x

**4.8 Newsletter update** **Bill**

Bill (absent) sent email stating:

- The deadline for submissions/copy will be May 28.

**Action item:** *Get submissions in to Bill well before deadline.*

**4.9 Stony Plain Road and Area News Network** **Bill**

- n/a

**4.10 Grovenor CL Casino 2021 status update** **Jennifer/Heather**

Heather/Jennifer reported:

- n/a

**4.11 Other old business** **All**

x reported:

- n/a

## 5.0 New business

**5.1 James Cumming, MP Edmonton Centre visits Grovenor community** **Gerry**

Gerry gives a brief bio and introduces James Cumming.

- He thanks him for joining us tonight. James is a NAIT graduate.
- Initially elected in 2019 as a member of parliament. He was the shadow Minister for Innovation.
- Now shadow Minister for Covid economic recovery.
- He hears a lot from people on how difficult the pandemic (Covid) has been on their businesses.
- Mark Bowman does his community outreach. Help with applications on infrastructure.
- He has lived his entire life in Edmonton Centre. Grew up in Patricia Heights.
- He understands what it is like to volunteer.
- Ottawa has its challenges. Many programs have been extended.
- Loan programs are available. Programs on infrastructure.
- A shift now into delivery of vaccines as Canada is rather far behind.

- They have been pushing hard on the lax vaccine process.
- Also been pressing hard on requirement for rapid testing. Stronger protocols around rapid testing.
- There was a good pilot program in Alberta on flights for people arriving in Canada.
- They will continue to advocate and push hard for Albertans to get vaccinated, for rapid testing, and when businesses and individuals can safely reopen the economy.
- Our growth rate in Alberta prior to Covid was low. We are going to have to jump start the economy.
- We have many resources that the world needs, resources to grow and expand the economy. We need different ideas. He likes to look outside the norm.
- The constituency office is there to assist. They are actively trying to get people back into Canada. The role of the MP and MP's office is to assist, that you are in the queue, re Immigration, CRA tax issues and general assistance. Steer people to the appropriate office, agency. They are there to serve. To help community leagues. Summer job programs.
- In the current climate with Covid related concerns, they are not going door to door to hear from constituents.
- They send out regular newsletters or communication pieces. Feedback is welcome.
- Open to how to better outreach in the community.
- Q: G/O asks what types of appropriate actions and conservative government recommendations to help the Edmonton municipality and private businesses? Potential funding opportunities for alternative energy, computing or software start-ups? Example given - Entos Pharmaceuticals from U of A is looking for funding for vaccination trials. And that there seems to be more investment in Calgary.
- A: John Lewis from the UofA has been working on Cancer research. Other jurisdictions were provided significant funding for vaccines early on. Ottawa is looking at that now. Through tax structure or funding we need to support this type of venture to be less dependent on outside sources.
- Re helping business with their debt load and recovery, he is studying that. Rolling capital gains into other small businesses. Hasn't narrowed it down yet. Debt forgiveness? Trying to come up with a plan for small and medium sized business. Through no fault of their own, those are the ones that have been shut down.
- The Liberals are proposing infrastructure programs. Ports, roads, internet, connectivity – things that can enhance productivity. Not yet revealed by federal government.
- H Bowen expresses ongoing concern of small business and homeowners have to have insurance. Rates have been going up a lot. Bring some balance to insurance rates. As a consumer, there isn't a lot of choice in bringing costs down.
- J C says Hotel insurance is exceptionally high. An insurer left the Canadian market place, shrinking the pool. Insurers claim the loss ratios are up. Forest fires have driven rates up.
- Talk of lower taxes on small business he doesn't support. But to lower input costs and regulation. Compliance tax.
- Licensing, permitting, bonds, personal insurance rates, etc. have all gone up in the past year, JH says.
- JC is looking at ways to reduce upfront business costs.

- GO ask about mobility telephone charges. Liberal government was to mandate a 25 % roll back.
- JC says the 25 % is on a narrow bandwidth. The country is very large which makes it difficult to serve. Cell phone companies bid on bandwidth. Government raises fairly significant money on the auction of bandwidth. But make it contingent on deliverables.
- Encourage investment on communications/cell phone companies. Reinvestment of capital gains to drive startups.
- Area that Edmonton has been missing out is AI, the UofA has AI initiatives. Edmonton wasn't considered as one of the AI centers that the federal government has promoted. He will advocate for this. We have an educated workforce.
- The spectrum option in the current state is not working. It is a cash grab?
- Use it or lose it for bids on bandwidth, he would like to see implemented. Suggested to hold the bidders more accountable. Have better deliverables with the bandwidth.
- More is needed to make this work. Can't participant if can't connect.
- The federal government is aware of the hot real estate market, but no plans have been announced. The mortgage rule change brought out a year ago did not slow things down like they had thought.
- Carbon capture has been pushed by Liberals and locally by Conservatives. Provincial government has an ask for 30 billion dollars for federal government to do with carbon capture. There is a role there for Edmonton. A geothermal project in Grande Prairie is getting some funding.
- J Cummings sees the role of federal MP is to develop policy that helps at a local level. Not impede it. Help firms to thrive and compete.
- Gerry concludes the Town Hall meeting at 8:00 pm and thanks James for joining our community tonight and all Grovenor residents who were able to remotely join in as well and extended an invitation to them to continue attending our board meeting until 9:00 pm.

**Action Item: x**

**5.2 Proposed Neighbourhood Clean-up project in May**

**Gerry**

Gerry reported:

- Probably not wise to do the big bin event right now. Cleanup of neighbourhood and park proposed.
- Cassidy invited to organize.

**Action Item:** *Gerry to forward email to Darrell and Cassidy to help move things along*

**5.3 Grow Forward Grovenor Garden – lead required**

**Gerry**

Gerry reported that:

- Brian will look for someone.

**5.4 Other new business**

**All**

- n/a

**6.0 Action Items update** (for items not yet covered)

**7.0 Next meeting – May 04, 2020 ▪ 7:00 pm**

**Adjourned 9:20 pm**

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\*Please see February Income Statement included below.

## Profit and Loss

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Date Range: Feb 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2021



ACCOUNTS	Feb 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2021
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	\$60.00
Government Grants – Local Government	\$500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	
As a percentage of Total Income	\$560.00 100.00%
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Accounting Fees	\$3,307.50
Equipment Lease or Rental	\$72.24
Ice Maintenance Expense	\$2,513.25
Memberships & Dues	-\$105.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$49.85
Telecommunication/Broadband	\$332.25
Utilities	\$558.36
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,978.45</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>-\$6,418.45</b>
As a percentage of Total Income	-1,146.15%