

Attended: Allan Bly, Jaclyn Briscoe, Cassidy Cooper, Kyle Greer, Jeff Havixbeck, Michelle Kawulka, Antoni Kowalczewski, Kersh Naidoo, Gerry O'Donnell (joined later due to out of town commitment), Keaton Seaby Mariette Seed, **Total = members and 2 guest speakers.**
Regrets: Margie Belanger, Heather Bolli, Vince Bowen, Alexis Labarda, Bill Melenberg, Grace Salvo. **Optional:** CRC Rep Darrell Nordell, David Roseke. **Guests:** Eugene Mondor, resident; Karen Mottershead from Terra Centre; Michelle Schurek, resident; Jordan Fooks, resident.
Recorder: Mariette S.

0.0 Call to Order

- Kersh calls the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1.0 Approval of agenda – September 06, 2022

- Cassidy MOVES, Jaclyn SECONDS. Motion is CARRIED to approve Sept. 06 agenda with the addition of item 5.1 Terra Centre and 5.2 Grovenor resident on Street Labs.

2.1 Approval of minutes – August 02, 2022

- Allan MOVES, Antoni SECONDS. Motion CARRIED to approve the August 02 minutes.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Vice President's reports

Gerry/Kersh

Kersh states:

- Thanks everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Hope all enjoyed the long weekend.
- Thanks to Bill for the latest newsletter out early September.

Gerry arrived and stated:

- He thanks Kersh for all the Fall Fest arrangements and all other volunteers
- He is getting a gift certificate for the second entertainer.
- Thanks to Mariette and Allan for their administrative and documentation preparation work respectively.
- Thanks to Antoni for all his financial duties performed for the community league and good luck in his future endeavours down south.
- Gerry has two submissions for mural designs and is waiting for another.

Action Item: n/a

3.2 Treasurer's report

Antoni

Antoni reported that:

- Account balances as of July 31, 2022 were:
 - General Account: \$ 110,637.85
 - Casino Account: \$ 4764.64
- Of note for July:
 - \$600 – City of Edmonton Grant.
 - \$1,545.50 - Cleaning and maintenance.
 - \$11,760 - Sidewalk
 - \$8,849.40 - Planters
 - \$5,682.60 - Eaves and downspouts
 - \$943.95 - Cameras
- General Notes:
 - Casino Acct received \$88,094.05 in August
 - AGLC Year End submitted

- Rental income question
 - \$75 cheque bounced
 - Followed up, person promised to deliver cash
 - No update since
 - Next steps? Asked if there is a damage deposit cheque? Maybe send the person a letter.

Action Item: *Someone to send the woman a letter.*

3.3 Civics report

Jeff

Jeff reports:

- Changes to small strip mall on 14708 Stony Plain Road. They have proposed to rezone their land from neighbourhood convenience commercial zone to CB1, low intensity business zone. Limited residential usage.
- It is asked if we have the ability to connect with the landowner directly about their plans? Jeff says they don't really have to say what changes they have in mind. Jeff to check. Andrew Knack email mentioned.

Action Item: *Jeff to email City to see what he can find out about the requested change.*

3.4 City of Edmonton

Darrell

Darrell absent, no report

Action Item: *n/a*

4.0 Old business

4.1 Programs update

Cassidy

Cassidy states:

- He went and visited the farm where the eggs come from. The farmer's expenses were getting out of hand with increased gas prices but this seems to have stabilized.
- About 54 dozen eggs are produced every month.
- He is looking at setting up a big brother / big sister program and running it sometime before Xmas. As an in-person activity where older students mentor younger.

Action item: *Cassidy to develop teen mentoring program.*

4.2 Facilities status update

Allan

Allan reported that:

- The rink shack door was broken into recently. The sweepers inside were chained together. The door handles will need to be replaced.
- More vandalism has occurred on the roof affecting the furnace vents. Then the furnaces shut down.
- Suggested to put a pigeon prevention device on the roof.

Action item: *Allan to look into new door handles.*

Action item: *Allan to have furnace company in to look at the pipe.*

4.3 Membership update

Michelle

Michelle reported that:

- For the month of August, the memberships are picking up for the 2022-23 year.
- For the upcoming year there is a change to community benefits. We no longer have access to 10 free swims at City pools.
- We now have a 15% discount at City of Edmonton facilities for multi admission passes, or a 20% discount on annual memberships at city of Edmonton facilities. Community Wellness program.

- The community league could alternately choose to pay for a regular weekly swim time for members at a specific pool, such as Jasper Place, or bulk purchase city of Edmonton passes at a discount should we choose to do so.
- Reference of the 10 free swim passes was removed from the newsletter and website.
- She will be setting up a table at Fall Fest for membership.
- She will need a float for Fall Fest. Kersh will bring.
- For access to the payment process, Antoni will help Michelle beforehand.

Action item: Antoni to email Michelle re using Square for payments.

4.4 Neighbourhood watch update

Jaclyn

Jaclyn states:

- She has no real update.
- She will reach out to the social media coordinator with safety tips.
- Front door doorbell video to help monitor crime accessed by police. Something she signed up for.
- Mentions that there is more graffiti happening on sidewalks, around parks. Calling 311 recommended.

Action item: n/a

4.5 Sports update

Keaton

Keaton states:

- Thanks to Mariette and Madelene for getting the word out on the kids program (on hall sign and social media). It has brought a few more kids into the program.
- From 2-12 kids each week.
- The activity is going well. It was for 2 or 3 year olds but getting 1-4 year olds.
- Looking to expand next year and some indoor at the school gym.

Action item: n/a

4.6 IT/Communications update

Allan

Allan stated:

- He is going to replace the meeting invite. And he will update it on the website.

Action item: See above.

4.7 Street Labs update

David

David absent: related Street Labs item under new business 5.2 below.

- n/a

Action item: n/a

4.8 Review of Board Positions on website (Civics)

Jeff

Jeff states

- Jeff says the description is written and he will post it on the drive. Or send an email.

4.9 Fall Fest update

Kersh

Kersh reported:

- That everything is coming together but that there is still quite a bit of work to do.
- One of the biggest needs is for volunteers to show up and fill positions.
- All of the other major items have been organized. We have four food trucks. We have the City providing extra bins and tables. We have the band and a solo artist and the porta potties taken care of.
- We obtained our fireworks permit, which is great news.
- There is still a push for donations (door prizes) and volunteers.
- Games are needed. If comfortable bringing, great. The City is out of games as it is Community League day. Thanks to Cassidy for checking.

- Thank you to those that are supporting the event. I look forward to a good day, good weather, etc.

Action Item: Tying up loose ends, securing volunteers.

4.10 Grow Forward Garden update

Gerry

Gerry reported:

- The garden is coming to its seasonal end. Still some vegetables available.
- This year there were continual attacks on the garden. The worst it has ever been. In previous years, this has not been a major problem. Volunteers find it very disheartening.
- Gerry wonders about another camera that will look over the garden.
- Allan says we may be at the camera limit for our system. Moving a camera may be a solution. Allan will look into this alternative.
- He continues, that without a time of occurrence, it is very time consuming to search our video system archive to capture 'incidents'. It can take hours.
- An alternative may be to get a more advanced video recording system where it is triggered by motion of different types. A commercial level video system.
- Suggested to put up more signage saying, "you are on camera!" as a deterrent.

Action Item: Allan to look into moving a camera to provide oversight of the garden; and investigate a more advanced camera system.

4.11 Attracting new board member

All

- Keep looking out for new community members to join the board.

4.12 District Planning Public Engagement Event update

Keaton

Keaton states:

- He attended a meeting with the City about 3 weeks ago. He put a link in the chat.
- Individual District plans, we are part of the Jasper Place District Plan.
- Engagement is in the fall for that. They are looking for feedback from community leagues.

Action Item: Keaton is asked to put the link for the plan in an email and send to board.

4.13 Other old business

All

- n/a

5.0 New business

5.1 Nomination of Alex Harcott as new Treasurer

Kersh states:

- Alex will be joining the board as treasurer due to Antoni leaving the community to move to Calgary.
- Alex has lived in Grovenor for some years, used to be a neighbour of his and is with a local accounting firm.
- Alex was the Treasurer of the Little Angels daycare in Grovenor, while his two children attended.
- Kersh **MOVES** that Alex Harcott be nominated to join the board as Treasurer. Allan **SECONDS. Approved.** Alex is not present tonight. Proper introduction next meeting.
- Antoni and Alex will need to arrange a hand off, and Allan will need to provide the necessary IT support, as needed.
- Gerry and I will make sure Alex feels comfortable in his role moving ahead.

5.2 Proposed land use change on Stony Plain Rd.

Gerry stated a notice was received recently on this matter. He stated that this could have a major impact on the community and should be monitored by our CL.

- This was also covered by Jeff in 3.3 above.

5.3 Ice Rinks program planning for 2022-23 season

- Gerry states that Keaton, Kyle and he met recently to plan out the ice rinks programs for this winter season.
- Michael will do the ice making and maintenance again this year. He will also do board repairs. No major repairs/external maintenance required at this time.
- Nets need replacing as they are worn and dilapidated; **Keaton** is looking into this.
- Equipment maintenance will be reviewed in October.
- **Keaton** will work with Darrell on the CoE Learn to Skate program.
- Drop in hockey has been slated for Sundays, 11:00-12:30. Randy from Grovenor community to help.
- A Youth hockey skills training program has been proposed. Perhaps hire a university student to lead the program. Gerry knows a person that has done this and used a ready to use program available at no cost on the internet. **Keaton** volunteered to try to identify a volunteer from Grovenor. A university student would be the second option to provide hockey/skills training.
- If having a fire pit again, weekends only. Re change room use, at this time, the decision is to not open the change room again this year, and to move benches outside by the general skating rink ice edges. This worked very well last year. Will be dependent on covid situation.
- Amanda could be considered for the attendant position gain on weekends only.
- New signs inside dressing room and external wall re no drugs, alcohol, smoking on premises and surrounding area. Offenders will be asked to leave the premises, or the police will be called. Kyle to take care of ordering the signs for installation.
- Kersh reports that Omni Sport is to come out in late September/early October to look at the mats and offer a solution, hopefully before the hockey season.

Action Item: Keaton to look at getting new nets for the hockey rink and Kyle to get signs made and installed for rec centre. Keaton to arrange for a team leader for the youth hockey skills program.

5.4 Request for preferred rate by Cornerstone Counselling

Gerry states:

- There is a group that does counselling and a marriage preparation workshops they offer over two evenings and one Saturday. They are asking if we could provide them with a preferred rate at the hall.
- Peggy and Chris Ward from the community are involved with Cornerstone.
- Gerry would be receptive to providing them with a preferred rate. It appears to be a longer term arrangement.
- It is brought up that a new agreement would need to be prepared.
- Rate discussed. Suggested to be comparable to what was available for the church group that rented the hall previously.
- Gerry MOVES that Cornerstone be given a preferred rate for the hall rental, pending availability. Cassidy SECONDS. Approved.

Action Item: Allan to determine what rate should be provided to Cornerstone.

5.5 Terra Centre

Karen Mottershead

Karen reported:

- Thanks everyone for having her. She is a Grovenor resident, has been for 34 years. She is very familiar with Grovenor.
- She has been with Terra for 25 years, downtown and now have a new home in Grovenor. It is safe, friendly, and fairly central. They are creating a community centre.
- They are building a parent/child play space. Kitchen space for meal prep.
- They are having a block party for their 50th anniversary when renovations complete.
- They are in the old Catholic Social Services building, who had 130 people working in the building. Terra has 31. They will minimize street parking. Nearby church has offered off-street parking. Hours of operation are 9:00-4:30 with odd evening events.

Action Item: x

5.6 Grovenor resident speaks on Street Labs

Eugene Mondor

Eugene states:

- He thanks us for allowing him to speak. He has lived here for 12 years. He chose Grovenor as he liked the free parking on the front street.
- A few months ago, he noticed some flags. More recently he found some cement blocks on his street. Then 2 planters on the street.
- He never saw any information, no one talked to him. The city told him that homeowners most affected by the installation needed to be contacted.
- David explained to him that installations make it safer for people to walk the street. Where are the studies? No time trials, speed traps?
- Who is responsible for the planters? Will they be removed over winter?
- He or his neighbours did not see a flyer or have someone come to their door. He no longer has parking in front of house.
- He has asked the City to remove what is in front of his house. The report he received from the City had no plans for items in front of his house. The addendum is brought up.
- Cassidy says the installation on his street was not as planned. Proposed elsewhere.
- Kersh says it appears things were overlooked. The goal is to enhance the neighbourhood and was originally undertaken to offset cut-through traffic and slow down traffic. He understood neighbours were contacted.

Action Item: Kersh to follow up with Eugene after doing some research.

5.7 Other new business

n/a

All

6.0 Action Items update (for items not yet covered)

- Gerry states that there was a news article on a police investigation of hateful graffiti. Gerry to circulate article.
- Other items were recorded on the Action item list in real time by Kersh.

Adjourned 9:05 pm

Next meeting is October 04, 2022

*Please see the July Income Statement included below.

Profit and Loss



Grovenor Community League

Date Range: Jul 01, 2022 to Jul 31, 2022

ACCOUNTS	Jul 01, 2022 to Jul 31, 2022
Income	
Government Grants – Local Government	\$600.00
Hall Rental Income	\$1,255.00
Program Income – Membership Dues	\$25.00
Total Income	\$1,880.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$1,880.00
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	\$81.95
Cleaning Services	\$1,545.50
Equipment Lease or Rental	\$231.00
Memberships & Dues	\$110.00
Office Supplies	\$427.21
Rent Expense	\$250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$27,628.22
Telecommunication/Broadband	\$487.20
Utilities	\$346.85
Total Operating Expenses	\$31,107.93
Net Profit	-\$29,227.93
As a percentage of Total Income	-1,554.68%