



Shaganappi Community Association

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Community Association Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

Attendees: Mike Wilhelm, Beth Tingle, Beatrice Wilhelm, Rob Armstrong, Errol Stewart, Phil Michaud, Jeremy Coates, David Hawthorn, John Van Hemert, Josephine Amos, James Runge

Absent: Phil I., Jeremy Coates, John Van Hemert

Heather Stubbs joined the meeting by telephone.

Guests: Michael Grimminck

I. Approval of minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting.

Include Ron Goodfellow as attendee

Change East side survey to West side survey in final paragraph.

With those changes, motion to approve minutes: Beatrice Wilhelm

Seconded: Errol Stewart

Carried

II. Update from Community Resource Officer Suzanne Sheppard from Calgary Police Service

Crime rates in Shaganappi are down overall.

The CPS executed a search warrant in Spruce Cliff which has had a positive impact on crime rates in the area.

The CPS continues to monitor the vacant house on 26th street. There have been several police attendances and people have been removed from the house and garage. People were charged and released. No new calls in the past week.

City parks is addressing issues with trees providing cover for camp sites in park and is raising the branches up off the ground to improve visibility.

Recent break and enter in Scarboro is not indicative of an ongoing problem or increase in crime. It was a one-off event committed by an individual with a criminal limited record who was impaired by drugs at the time. CPS did make an arrest in that incident.

III. Acknowledgments and Updates

a) City Report – James provided written report

Update on Beans and Barley Event: They have agreed not to ride through the creek area. There is still some concern over noise. The event will be in September this year and for future years they have started to scout other locations. Overall they are a respectful group but they will be advised of the noise concerns in the hope that they will be more mindful of that for the upcoming event.

The family golf event is at the Shaganappi Golf Course on June 4, 2017.

b) Canada 150 organizational meeting: Everything is on track for June 17, 2017

Schedule of events will be: 3:00 – 5:00: outdoor family games, crafts and activities
5:00: bring your own picnic starts
5:30 – 7:30: Prairie Mountain Fiddlers

Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump has provided (on loan) a kit about buffalo jumps because the area around the golf course was a buffalo jump.

The Committee has also put together a Heritage Booklet for distribution at the event. A proof of the booklet was circulated to the board for preview.

c) Workshop on Federation of Calgary Communities – David Hawthorn attended. The Federation is currently looking at how to get more involved with community associations to create better environments. They will be looking for feedback from community associations and neighborhoods as they address the issue. Further communication to be expected as the strategic plan is fulfilled.

d) Recap of email discussion on reflections on development

Attracting members from the west side of the community continues to be a challenge. There are lots of young families on west side but most of them use Killarney park because its closer. The geography creates more affinity between those community members and Killarney that with Shaganappi. Killarney Park is 1 block away rather than 8 blocks to Shaganappi Park. The flip side is we do get lots of Killarney residents coming to use Shaganappi Park which contributes to the vibrancy of the community.

New volunteers will help drive more participation. We've been working for years to increase membership on west side.

Just because the West residents are not members in large numbers does not mean it's not a good tight knit community over there. We need to figure out how to tap into that.

We need to make sure we are not in an echo chamber doing what we think is important – we need to make sure we are hearing what the community thinks is important and tapping into that.

The business plan is key in driving the direction of the Board. The business plan should be on the agenda for the September meeting so the newly constituted board can springboard off the AGM. Goal is to look at the business plan and budget early in the board cycle.

Community Cleanup may be opportunity to get word out to get people to participate. That event ties membership into concrete benefit. People also appreciate a knock on door – being asked personally to join the association.

- e) Outcomes of Crowchild Presentation at Council Committee – Beth Tingle advised that the letter from our Community Association outlining our community’s issues was tabled. The City has committed to do further consultation on sound attenuation in the fall. The Community Association will need to ensure involvement of members in that consultation process.

IV. Resources

- a) Financials

As at the end of April, the General Account has a balance of \$39,396.64 and the Casino Account has a balance of \$1163.55.

There are funds in the pay pal account of \$6,825. \$4,200 has been transferred to General Account.

The contractors are finished the work on the hall. Due to some modifications that were necessary to the lights, the project went slightly over budget resulting in an invoice of \$1,163.00. We need to submit our final grant report indicating the bill has been paid in order to recover the amount that has been held back on the grant.

Motion: To pay the final bill for the hall renovations – Errol Stewart

Seconded: Beth Tingle

Motion carried.

- b) CIP grant application for kitchen renovation – Beatrice will prepare the paperwork and Phil M. will assist in the getting of quotes.
- c) TAME grant – After discussion and recognition of the work that has recently been done on the hall a decision was made not to pursue an energy audit for the hall at this time. We have just upgraded the lights, wiring and furnace and we are aware that improvements to the insulation in the building would improve efficiency.
- d) Community Cleanup – date has been set for Sept. 16.

Tennis and Rink light replacement – we applied for a \$17k grant to replace the outdoor tennis and rink lights thinking we were going to get the full \$17k. The grant offered was capped at 10k. One option is to wait for costs to come down and technology to improve. Current expense is \$6-7k per fixture.

Alternative plan would be to do \$10k worth of work – could do either the rink or tennis courts. Rink might be best given lights used way more. If we remove tennis lights from scope and go for rink lights we can do job within the \$10k grant amount. The cost would be payable out of the general account and then the grant money is received it would go back into general funds.

Motion to reduce the scope of the light replacement project to \$10k by focusing on the rink lights and removing the tennis lights from the scope of work – Errol Stewart

Seconded by Beth Tingle

Motion carried.

Open discussion – Planning for the AGM in June.

Current directors and volunteers willing to return:

Mike Wilhelm, Beth Tingle, Beatrice Wilhelm, Phil M., Errol Stewart, Phil I., Heather Stubbs, Dave Hawthorn, Ron Goodfellow

Current directors and volunteers not returning:

Rob Armstrong, Josephine Amos

Community member Zach Bennett has agreed to stand for election as secretary to replace Rob Armstrong.

Recommendation for next year: consider increasing the size of the Board. That will require an amendment to the by-laws at the next AGM. Best practices dictate that an executive committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) should not have a majority. Also need to look at increasing involvement in communications and programming.

V. Adjournment of Meeting

Calgary Homeless Foundation presented to development committee following the Board meeting.