

FINAL

Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA)

Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

Board Attendance:

Maureen Smith, President
Simon Fletcher, Treasurer
Karla Pollock, Secretary
Shelley Bartole, Development/New Schools/Traffic
Azad Chandler, Christie Park Liaison
Carrie Ferguson, Development
Sanjeev Kad, Development
Kathy Underhill

Also in Attendance:

James Runge, City of Calgary, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)
Rich Lam, Communications & Community Liaison to Councillor Richard Pootmans - Ward 6

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order

Maureen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item 2: Additions to Agenda

Maureen Smith briefly reviewed agenda for concurrence.

Item 3: Approval of Past Minutes

Motion made by Maureen Smith to accept the Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2017. Motion seconded by Simon Fletcher. Motion carried.

Item 4: President's Report – Maureen Smith

Community Garden Addition

Maureen is exploring how to fund an expansion with the Community Garden boxes so that the neighbouring Olympic Heights School can be involved with planting.

Canada 150 Planning Update

Canada 150 On The Hill, September 2, 2017. Great progress is being made. Members of Signal Hill and Coach Hill/Patterson Community Associations have joined efforts. Volunteers have been split into different committees (entertainment, citizenship ceremony, communication/advertising, transportation/parking, volunteers, sports demonstrations, children's activities, logistics, food, corporate sponsorship). We have asked the Calgary Stampede Caravan to be at the event to serve a pancake breakfast and bbq lunch to the attendees. We will have the use of

their large covered Caravan stage. Estimating 5000-10,000 attendees. Great response from community so far and booking many multicultural associations to perform. Need for corporate sponsorship. Next Canada 150 committee meeting is on February 16, 2017.

Board Development, Basics and Governance for Community Associations

Maureen discussed how we are committed to making improvements to our monthly Board Meetings with the goal to have more structured agendas and monthly financial summaries. She asked Simon Fletcher to prepare a financial summary for the March Board meeting. Ongoing Board Governance topics will be discussed at future monthly Board meetings.

Future Prospect of an independent Aspen Community Association?

Maureen discussed the prospect of an Aspen Community Association becoming a reality in the future. Aspen is a large growing community, with many schools and active young families. Group discussion ensued. Aspen residents have expressed concern of being isolated from the SCA due to distance from the community hall. Currently we offer support to the Aspen outdoor Adopt-a-Rink, which is situated on land set aside by the developer for a potential Aspen Community Hall. However, no residents have shown serious interest or come forward to start the official process. Group agreement that we would warmly welcome residents of Aspen to show interest, step forward and start the progress of developing their own Community Association. We would offer guidance, support with bylaws & regulations and mentor as much as we could.

Maureen will add this invitation in her President's Letter for the upcoming edition of the Gazette.

Item 5: Kathy Underhill - Board Basics and Governance for Community Associations

Kathy recently attended a "Board Basics" Seminar at the Federation of Calgary Communities. She shared what she learned and reinforced the importance of Board Code of Conduct and Board Conflict of Interest. Kathy tabled some suggestions for Board communication improvement: providing Board members with a list of current SCA programs and a breakdown of the income earned from the contracts, a list of current service contracts, a list of job descriptions, providing Board members with a monthly financial summary and a more structured agenda for monthly Board Meetings.

Item 6: Development / Traffic / New Schools – Shelley Bartole & Carrie Ferguson

Shelley and Carrie provided an update on future development on the south border of Aspen, along 17 Avenue S.W.. There is a possibility of high density development so there is concern with traffic access and congestion that may affect Aspen. Community Engagement meetings will be ongoing.

Shelley is attending an upcoming Calgary Board of Education K-12 Math Strategy Engagement Session. She will share about the session at a future Board meeting.

Item 7: Rich Lam, Communications & Community Liaison to Councillor Richard Pootmans - Ward 6

Rich announced upcoming Councillor Chats. He also shared about the new www.calgary.ca/accessibility program that offers assistance for sight and hearing-challenged citizens. He passed around literature to introduce the accessibility assistance - for instance, a braille plate that be attached to a sight- challenged residents' blue and black bins to help them differentiate between them. He encouraged the SCA to apply for a Canada 150 Grant from Ward 6.

Item 8: James Runge, City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)

James Runge distributed his NPC Report for the Board's consideration. He encouraged the SCA to apply for a Canada 150 Grant from the City of Calgary.

Item 9: Azad Chandler - Christie Park Stucco Fence

Azad shared that Christie continues to look for a financial solution to repair an aging Common Property stucco fence along 69 Street S.W. They may have to ask residents whose properties share the fence to financially contribute to repairs.

Item 10: Meeting Called to Close

Motion made by Maureen Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm. Motion seconded by Azad Chandler. Motion carried.

~ Next Board Meeting - March 15, 2017 at 7:00pm, SCA Community Association Board Room.