

FINAL

Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA) **Board Meeting Minutes** **March 13, 2013**

Present:

Maureen Smith, President
Andy Kneubuhler, Past President
Ted Greenhough, Development Director
Shelley Bartole, Membership Director
Mustafa Abalrahman, Membership Director
Sohaib Wasif, Business Planning Director
John Merrett, Aspen Recreation Director
Roy Kuhnlein, Casino Director

Also attending:

John Merriman, Community and Neighbourhood Services
Carolyn Jurek, Office Manager

Item 1: Additions to Agenda

None

Item 2: Review and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

A Motion was made by Maureen Smith to accept the January and February 2012 Minutes as tabled. John Merrett seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Item 3: Items Carried Over/Arising from the Last Meeting:

None

Item 4: Housekeeping

None

Item 5: Guest Speakers

Carolyn Jurek

Carolyn Jurek asked the Board if when advertising for the SCA CA AGM she could also state that the Board was seeking a new Secretary and Development Director. The Board agreed.

Carolyn also advised the Board that a free to the public story time program was asking if they could use SCA CA space. A Motion was made by Maureen Smith to offer the story time program free space in the community centre where and when it was available. Motion Seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.

Carolyn also advised the Board that the April SCA Event would be a Family Movie Night only.

Item 6: Directors' Reports

President's Report – Maureen Smith

Audit/Financial

SCA CA records will be delivered to the auditor this week. All accounts are reconciled to the end of January 2013 and we have received \$45,000 from the City regarding the CCG

Community Garden

The Community Garden will go ahead this spring with the first garden boxes (removable) being set up just behind the small parking lot wall. In the event that we expand the parking lot the garden boxes can be relocated.

Renovations

The following projects will be underway this spring/summer: bike racks, door locks, storage in the Founders and Board rooms, security cameras, loft privacy wall and carpeting, basement flooring, handicap washroom, outdoor benches, regarding and landscaping, exterior lighting, exterior doors and floor vents.

Trevor Lakatos is to touch base with Sohaib Wasif regarding the regarding project.

Maureen Smith made a motion requesting that the Reserve Fund could be used if the SCA CA runs into a cash flow problem regarding the above renovations and projects, with the understanding that the Reserve Fund will be reimbursed as Grant money is received. Motion seconded by Mustafa Abalrahman. Motion carried.

Future Grant Applications and quotes received to support those applications will be shared via DropBox so that all Board Members can review and comment on the process,

Ward 6

Maureen advised the Board that the Ward 6 Office is hosting the 'Partners in Planning – Planning with Heritage in Mind' session and any interested Board Members should RSVP directly to the Ward 6 Office.

The session 'Building Safe Communities' will be attended by the Neighbourhood Block Watch Captain, Richard Webber.

Ward 6 will also supply some content and links for the Gazette informing residents about the City's restricted parking program for communities near the LRT lines.

Casino – Roy Kuhnlein

The SCA CA's next Casino will be in or around November 2013. The SCA CA will require many volunteers for the Casino and will advertise for volunteers closer to the event date.

Aspen – Shelley Bartole

Shelley advised the Board that the Residents' Petition concerning restricted parking on 73rd Street was almost complete and would be forwarded to the Alderman's Office. Shelley also advised the Board that 73 Street was currently on the list for a traffic calming study.

The Bold Sign in Aspen advising residents that SCA CA was their CA hopes to generate some membership and participation from the Aspen area.

Traffic Director's Report – Brian Gobeille

Brian confirmed that the 73rd Street playground zone has been selected for a traffic calming study. He also advised that although 'Limit Your Speed' signs are effective in slowing traffic, a crosswalk should still be considered.

Aspen Recreation – John Merrett

John attended a meeting regarding the erosion of Aspen Slopes. The City has agreed to clean up the area but a permanent solution has not been reached.

A volunteer event is in the planning stages for everyone involved with the building of the new playgrounds in Aspen.

Sadly John advised the Board that he would not be seeking re-election at the upcoming SCA CA AGM. The Board will be sad to see John go but are very appreciative of his participation on the Board.

Strategic and Business Planning – Sohaib Wasif

The following information is required for the preparation of the SCA CA Business Plan:

Andy Kneubuhler will supply the Board with a Draft Table of Contents.

Roy Kuhnlein will provide demographic information.

Mustafa Abalrahman will provide information regarding facilities, churches, schools, etc.

All Board Members are to provide job descriptions.

Next Gazette Submissions due April 29, 2013

Next meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7 pm.