

FINAL

Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA) Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2013

Board Attendance:

Maureen Smith, President
Andy Kneubuhler, Past President
Sohaib Wasif, Vice President/Business and Strategic Planning
Kewal Khakh, Treasurer
Sanjeev Kad, Development
Shelley Bartole, Membership Director
Paul Avender, Advertising/Volunteers
Azad Chandler, Christie Recreation
Roy Kuhnlein, Casino

Residents Attending:

Simon Fletcher
Nicky Liao
Adham Elfayoumi

Also Attending:

Michael Smith, Westhills Community Camps
Sara Rooseboom, Community Assistant to Alderman Richard Pootmans, Ward 6
John Merriman, Community and Neighbourhood Services

Item 1: Additions to Agenda

None

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

Motion made by Maureen Smith to accept the September 2013 Minutes as tabled. Motion seconded by Paul Avender. Motion carried.

Item 3: Safety Minute

Azad Chandler gave a brief recap of the accident in Christie where a car crashed into a home. Speed was a definite factor and unfortunately the driver and passengers fled the scene. The matter is with the Calgary Police. Azad will host a town hall meeting to address traffic issues in the Christie area.

Item 4: Guest Speakers

Michael Smith – Westhills Community Camps

Michael Smith provided the Board with a report and summary regarding the Westhills Community Camps that ran throughout the summer. Again the Camps were well attended and Michael has indicated he will be back next summer to run the Summer Camps again with an anticipated expansion of programs.

John Merriman, Community and Neighbourhood Services

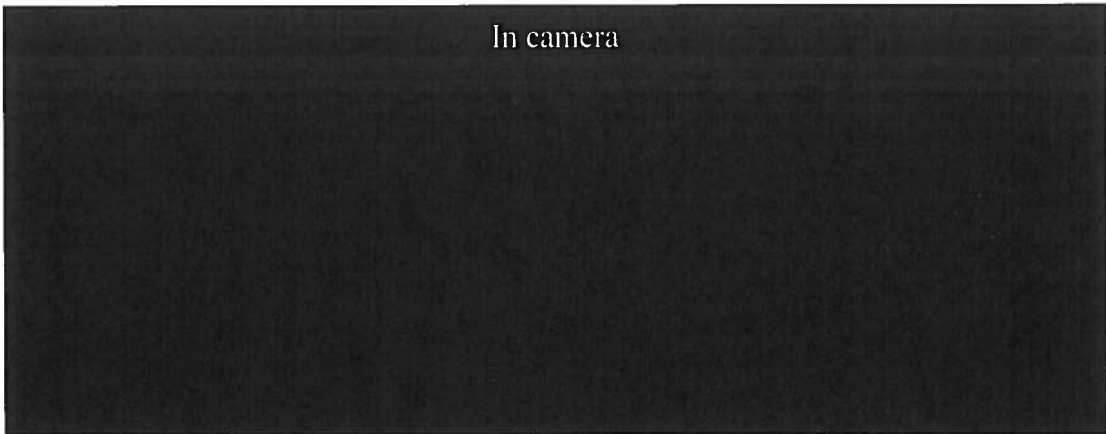
John Merriman suggested that the Board consult with the SCA's insurance agent to make sure that replacement costs in the policy adequately reflect all the improvements made to the building and grounds.

John also advised that the Lutheran Church was conducting a Community Assessment of programs and would be contacting the SCA for their input.

Item 5: Directors' Reports

President's Report – Maureen Smith

In camera



Amateur Sport Grant

Grant application due October 15, 2013.

Casino Report

Casino Report due October 15, 2013.

October 4th Community Event – Flood Relief

Approximately 200 residents were served dinner at this event. Resident cash donations to the Zoo were approximately \$500 and to the Calgary Food Bank \$300. Terry from Strathos Restaurant made a generous donation of \$250 to the Zoo.

Main Hall and Bow Valley Music Club (BVMC)

Trevor Lakatos (Building Superintendent) and Carolyn Jurek (Office Manager) met with representatives of the BVMC to discuss plans for the permanent stage. Building the stage and reconfiguring the storage rooms on either side of the stage will cost approximately \$10,000. The SCA proposed that costs be shared 75% BVMC and 25% SCA. The construction timeline has been moved up to Christmas 2013 as this is the only time in the near future when the Main Hall will be empty for any length of time.

Inn From The Cold

Maureen Smith has reached out to the Community Association Presidents of our neighbouring communities trying to rally additional support for the SCA's Inn From The Cold. Maureen will also contact 'Volunteer Calgary' and see if they can also help. Next Inn Sunday, October 27th.

The SCA will also investigate the resources 'Volunteer sign up.com' and 'Winsport Volunteers' and also consider canvassing program participants for volunteer time.

Past President – Andy Kneubuhler

Andy Kneubuhler updated the Board regarding the West LRT and parking issues and advised that the City's crime report regarding the before and after statistics regarding the West LRT would be available soon.

Treasurer – Kewal Khakh

Kewal Khakh provided the Board with current Financial Statements and advised the Board that the SCA continues to be financially healthy.

Strategic and Business Planning – Sohaib Wasif

Sohaib Wasif provided the Board with the next section of the Business Plan that addresses programming. One of the areas where the SCA could make an improvement in programming is for youth/teenagers. It was discussed that perhaps we could approach the schools and arrange for volunteer time to count towards school credits.

Advertising – Paul Avender

Paul Avender provided the Board with a draft advertising policy. The draft policy will be expanded to include sponsorship and donation arrangements. John Merriman from the City of Calgary advised that the City had specific protocols in place to address sponsorship signage etc and he would forward this information to the Board.

Facility Survey – Shelley Bartole

Shelley Bartole provided the Board with draft surveys for both long term renters and one time renters. It is the SCA's intent to provide each renter with a survey to complete so that the SCA is more aware of the quality of service provided. Survey Monkey and Fluid Survey are two independent survey services that are being considered.

Signal Hill Library Art Project – Azad Chandler

Azad Chandler attended the unveiling of the Signal Hill Library Art Project on behalf of the SCA. The artist for the project was Carl White.

Casino – Roy Kuhnlein

The SCA's Casino is on November 29th and 30th at the Stampede Casino – the SCA still requires volunteers for this Casino.

Next Gazette Submissions due OCTOBER 29, 2013

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, NOVEMBER 13, 2013 at 7 pm.