

FINAL

Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA) **Board Meeting Minutes** **November 14, 2012**

Present:

Maureen Smith, President
Andy Kneubuhler, Past President (West LRT)
Kewal Khakh, Treasurer
Michelle Greenhough, Secretary
John Merrett, Aspen Recreation Director
Carrie Ferguson, Program Director
Sohaib Wasif, Business Planning Director
Brian Gobeille, Traffic/Signs Director
Sanjeev Kad, Director

Also attending:

Sara Rooseboom, Community Assistant to Alderman Richard Pootmans, Ward 6
Michelle Hartwick, Olympic Heights Elementary School Liaison

Item 1: Additions to Agenda

No additions were made to the Agenda

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

Motion to approve the September 12 and October 10, 2012 Minutes was made by Maureen Smith and seconded by Sanjeev Kad. Motion carried.

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

Nil

Item 4: Guest Speakers

Sara Rooseboom, Community Assistant to Alderman Richard Pootmans, Ward 6

Sara Rooseboom advised the Board that the density of the development of the 'Haddock Property' (situated at the end of **Strathcona ?**) has been reduced to 12 units and will also

save several trees from being removed. The developer is resubmitting their proposal with the aforementioned in mind.

Sara also advised the Board that the Park Dale Community Association would host a 'meet and greet' for the new City Planning Manager, Rollin Stanley, and that SCA Board members were welcome to attend.

Michelle Hartwick – Olympic Heights Elementary School Liaison

Michelle Hartwick introduced herself as the Olympic Heights Elementary School (OHS) Liaison along with Tara Shaw who was unable to attend. The new position of OHS Liaison will strengthen the relationship and communication between the SCA and OHS. Collaboration will continue regarding traffic, parking and safety issues. The SCA and OHS will also trade information regarding events, fundraising and provide content for the respective newsletters. The SCA Board welcomes Michelle and Tara and looks forward to their perspective and input.

Item 5: Directors' Reports

President's Report – Maureen Smith

Federal Grant Application

Maureen advised the Board that with a lot of help from Trevor Lakatos the Federal Grant Application was completed and submitted in the amount of \$83,951. Projects include: bike racks, door locks, storage for the Founders and Board rooms, exterior signage, security cameras, loft wall construction, basement flooring, loft flooring, handicap washroom, exterior benches and interior signage.

Art Project

The Art Mural has been installed. Planning on having three plaques, one for each large panel that will name the Artist and Grant that supported the work.

Family Swim Night

Family Swim Night was held on October 20 and many families turned out and were very enthusiastic. The SCA will pursue other opportunities to host Members to the Westside Facilities.

Halloween Carnival

Lots of fun – well attended. Great opportunity for youth volunteers in the community.

Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night

Friday November 23, 6pm – VOLUNTEERS AND REPRESENTATION NEEDED

SCA 2013 Events Budget

Carolyn Jurek circulated the SCA Events budget to the Board. Maureen Smith made a motion that the budget be approved in the amount of \$21,200, motion seconded by

Michelle Greenhough. Motion carried. Additions to the SCA Events calendar for 2013 will be considered on a case by case basis.

Ice Rink Maintenance

Maureen Smith made a motion that the Ice Rink Maintenance budget prepared by Tony Ovechkin, in the amount of \$3,785 be approved, Sanjeev Kad seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tony Ovechkin heads up the SCA rink volunteers and is planning to begin flooding this weekend. The budget includes everything to keep the rink running all winter long – we are overdue to replace hoses and the snow blower. All rink maintenance time is volunteer time and they deserve the proper equipment.

Business Planning

The first meeting to begin the preparation of the SCA Business Plan will be held later this month. At this time we will be looking at Job Descriptions, Budgets etc. Trevor is currently preparing Budgets for the facility and checklists for the Janitorial staff.

Aspen Hills Playground

There will be a volunteer appreciation event sometime in the New Year. This playground was built using funds exclusively donated by the developer Brookfield Residential and the City of Calgary Parks Foundation.

Defibrillator and CPR Training

The SCA is currently looking at purchasing a defibrillator for the building. In conjunction the SCA Board and staff we will need to be trained on the use of the defibrillator and in addition offered CPR training. Training to take place sometime in the New Year.

SNO-PITCH Tournament

The Coach Hill Patterson Heights Community Association (CHPH) is planning on hosting a Sno –Pitch tournament sometime in March and is asking the SCA to field a team perhaps two (one of Board Members and one of residents) – more information to follow.

Community Garden

Thin turn out at the initial meeting. The SCA is hosting the Calgary Horticultural Society's Workshop on Community Gardens on January 17th. The attendance of interested parties at this event will determine if we go ahead in the spring. One couple has suggested that if we don't have the interest in a Community Garden perhaps we could consider establishing a small orchard.

Facebook Page

The SCA is considering developing a Facebook Page. Michael Smith, the SCA's webmaster indicated that our existing website can manage a Facebook page, automatically updating content. The Board will decide on this initiative at the January 2013 Board Meeting.

Next Gazette Submissions due January 4, 2013

Past President's Report – Andy Kneubuhler

Andy will attend the Grand Opening and tour of the West LRT on November 17, 2012. He also advised that there was a feeder bus route planned between the 69th LRT station to Vincent Massey Junior High School.

Treasurer's Report – Kewal Khakh

Kewal presented Financial Statements dated September 30, 2012 to the Board for their review. Kewal also presented a summary of the SCA cash position and a breakdown of the janitorial costs to date.

Kewal concluded that the SCA is in a healthy financial position.

Program Director's Report – Carrie Ferguson

Carrie continues to pursue the opportunity for the SCA to host the 'Little Warriors' program.

Traffic Director's Report – Brian Gobeille

Brian advised that there continued to be traffic issues surrounding the 14th Avenue and 73rd Street intersection and that a traffic study was requested by SCA Past President Gail Shandro in 2007. Brian will forward the information to Sara Rooseboom who will follow up with the City regarding the status of this traffic study.

It was also noted that the Playground Zone traffic signs on 73rd Street were hidden by trees and needed to be resituated. Again Sara offered to follow up with the City to ensure those signs were properly relocated.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7 pm.