

FINAL

Strathcona, Christie, Aspen Community Association (SCA)

Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Board Attendance:

Maureen Smith, President
Kathy Underhill, Vice President
Dave Bryan, Treasurer
Karla Pollock, Secretary
Shelley Bartole, Development / New Schools / Traffic

Also in Attendance:

James Runge, City of Calgary, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)
Suzy Trottier, Communications & Community Liaison to Ward 6 Councilor Jeff Davison
Shelley Lakatos, SCA Office Manager

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

Maureen Smith requested a Motion from the floor to accept the Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2018. Motion made by Kathy Underhill. Seconded by Shelley Bartole. Motion carried.

Item 4: President's Report - Maureen Smith

Upcoming SCA Events:

January 18, 2019 - Spaghetti Dinner and Family Movie Event
February 18, 2019 - Family Day Skate with Hotdogs and Hot Chocolate

Calgary Foundation Pitch Night Invitation:

Maureen distributed an invitation for the public to participate in an event sponsored by Calgary Foundation and RBC called "Pitch Night: A Neighbour Grants LIVE Event". The sponsors encourage Calgarians to pitch their ideas to improve, enhance, or revitalize their community or neighbourhood. Groups pitch their ideas for improving their neighbourhoods and communities and the public gets to decide which ones will share in the \$50,000 in Neighbour Grants awarded at the end of the night. These grants are available once each year through a Grant application process. Applications will be accepted until February 26.

Board discussion and agreement to post the Pitch Night Invitation on the SCA website and in the e-newsletter.

Gazette Newsletter New Publisher:

Maureen advised that the SCA's current Gazette community newsletter publisher, Mind's Design Studio, has ceased operation. The SCA has approached another local marketing publisher and come to an agreement. Great News Media will resume the publication and distribution of our Gazette Newsletter in March 2019.

Item 5: Committee and Directors Reports

Treasurer's Report - Dave Bryan

Dave distributed a Treasurer's Report for January 16, 2019. The Report included an unaudited Comparative Income Statement for January 1 to December 31, 2018 showing Total Revenue, Total Expenses and Net Income. Board Discussion and agreement.

Maureen Smith requested a Motion from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report from January 16, 2019. Motion made by Shelley Bartole. Seconded by Karla Pollock. Motion carried.

Development / New Schools / Traffic Report - Shelley Bartole

Shelley shared some recent Development updates with the Board.

Vice President - Kathy Underhill

Abuse Coverage Insurance Requirements:

Kathy shared that the SCA Community Association must maintain comprehensive Abuse Liability Insurance coverage, which requires evidencing an Abuse Prevention Protocol. The SCA will be adopting this protocol and accordingly, will be completing an Abuse Liability Application form identifying our various tenants and organizations including worshipping institutions, daycares, summer camps and educational/recreational activities who interface with vulnerable persons in the absence of their parents or guardians. Vulnerable persons are defined as:

Persons who, because of age, disability, or other circumstances, whether temporary or permanent, are in a position of dependence on others or are otherwise at a greater risk than the general public of being harmed by a person in a

position of authority or trust relative to them. This includes children, youth, senior citizens, people with physical, developmental, social, emotional or other disabilities, as well as people who are victims of crime or harm. Such vulnerability may be a temporary condition or permanent.

The SCA's current insurance provider has put together an Abuse Liability Protocol. Kathy, SCA President, Maureen Smith and SCA Office Manager, Shelley Lakatos, are reviewing the SCA's current policy. The insurance provider has invited the SCA to adopt the protocol in its entirety or to make amendments to the current protocol as appropriate. Kathy, Maureen and Shelley will provide the SCA with a signed copy of an Abuse Liability Policy/Protocol in coming days. All SCA employees, contractors and sublicensees will be expected to review and sign the policy/protocol.

Coyotes in Neighbourhoods Concern:

Kathy shared her recent alarming experiences encountering coyotes in the neighbourhood. James Runge, City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC), assured Kathy and the Board that City of Calgary Parks Department is aware and active with this widely-held public concern. Board discussion and agreement that because there has been such an increase in local public concern, we will invite a City of Calgary Parks Department official to attend a future Board meeting.

Item 6: Ward 6 Report - Communications & Community Liaison and Constituent Liaison to Ward 6 Councillor Jeff Davison, Suzy Trottier

Suzy distributed a Summary of City of Calgary 311 Calls for the three neighbourhoods of Strathcona, Christie Park and Aspen for the period of December 1 to 31, 2018 and a 2018 Annual Summary via email.

Suzy advised that there will be an upcoming Ward 6 Town Hall to discuss Development and an upcoming Ward 6 Open House with all City of Calgary Services and Departments in Attendance.

SCA President, Maureen Smith, expressed interest in a Community Association President's Meeting and inviting Calgary 311 to attend to discuss ongoing Bylaw communication confusion. Suzy will organize this meeting and report back to the Board.

Suzy shared that the City wants to know how Calgarians feel about permitting alcohol consumption in public parks. The City has launched a Public Engagement Survey to find out whether citizens would be in favour of the idea, as well as any concerns they have. If the overall response is positive, then a pilot could be conducted this summer by the City Parks Department where some picnic sites would be permitted alcohol consumption.

Item 7: City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC) Report - James Runge

James distributed his monthly NPC Report for the Board's consideration:

A reminder that the External Partner Survey is due by January 18, 2019.

The SCA Board and Office Staff are invited to attend:

Programming A-Z: Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 6:30-9:00pm at Scarborough Community Association.

What kind of programming can be offered in your community? What community program successes can be duplicated in other communities? What are the pros and cons of running a program in-house vs. using an external body to offer programming? What are the benefits of offering regional programs?

James announced that 2019 Community Clean-up Registration has begun and SCA should be notified of our designated date in coming weeks.

Item 8: Meeting Called to Close

Maureen Smith requested a Motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion made by Shelley Bartole. Seconded by Dave Bryan. Motion carried.

~ Next Board Meeting - February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm, SCA Community Association Board Room