



Silver Springs Community Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:30 pm

Present: June Bergman, Darren Bourget, Jérémie Bourqui, Karen Bradshaw, Scott Chomistek, Jennifer Dotchin, Cydney Elofson, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Murray Scotton, Monique Tambay-Roest Darcie Todd, Kay Wilford
Office Staff: Sherry Gavlin, Rita McMillan
Guests: Victoria Boehm, Heather MacKay, Brigitta Olsen-Diehl
Notes taken by: Monique Tambay-Roest

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Cydney

The meeting was called to order by Cydney at 7:36pm.

2. Remarks from the Chair

Cydney

3. Approval of meeting agenda

Cydney

Kay moved to approve the June agenda as presented, seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried.

4. Approval of May 2020 Minutes

Cydney

Scott moved to approve the May minutes as presented, Karen B. seconded. Motion carried.

5. Guest Reports

a. Councillor's Report

Ralph Smith

Monique forwarded updates from Ralph to the Board. If there are any questions regarding the information, please email them to Monique and Cydney and they will forward to Ralph. Jenn and Darcie will share the boating advisory information on social media.

b. NPC Report

Heather MacKay

Cydney thanked Heather for her ongoing support and for sharing ongoing information with the SSCA. Heather asked the Board for a motion to apply for the COVID-19 relief fund. Deb will complete the application on behalf of the SSCA. Scott moved that the SSCA apply for the City of Calgary's Covid-19 Relief Fund for Community Associations, Karen B. seconded. Motion carried. City Fire Dept. will continue to run the Birthday Drive-Bys for people turning 100. Seniors Week is June 1 - 7. Heather will forward additional information regarding Neighbour Day (June 20) celebrations and ideas as soon as it becomes available (June 5 or 6).

c. PSAC

Brigitta Olsen-Diehl

The preschool decided not to open for the last three weeks of the school year. PSAC and the preschool staff need to determine how to get ready for opening in the fall. The current provincial COVID-19 legislation mandates a ratio of 2 staff to 8 kids and is not financially viable. PSAC and the preschool are hoping that in the second phase of reopening, the ratio will be closer to 2:15 which is similar to what the preschool currently operates with. They are hoping to have more information by July. When PSAC and the preschool staff are ready to meet to discuss a

plan for re-opening, Brigitta will let Monique know, and Monique will help coordinate. A survey was sent to the preschool parents to get their feedback on reopening.

6. Financial Reports: May 2020 internal F/S

Scott

The presented budget is a fairly conservative estimate, predicting an approximately \$19000 deficit based on Stage 1 reopening (Churches and SOKO can resume operations under strict COVID restrictions). The SSCA experienced some losses from soccer and softball due to the 2020 seasons being cancelled. All restricted funds remain in a positive position. The CA should not need to utilize any capital funds to cover on-going expenses. As of May 31, 2020, the SSCA has \$80, 685.39 in unencumbered cash. Scott moved to approve the May2020 financial statements as presented, Darren seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising from May meeting

7. Social Media

Darcie

a. Google Suites update

Darcie introduced Victoria, the SSCA's new Communications intern. Darcie and Victoria have narrowed down the templates to use on the WordPress site, and Michael is working on them. (WordPress hosts external websites). Victoria is working on copy that will populate the external pages for the new SSCA website, and is meeting with Sherry and Rita on Friday to discuss. Next steps: The office and board emails, as well as the software will move to the Google productivity suite in June. Darcie clarified the difference between the Google Productivity Suite and the internal SSCA G-Site. The Productivity Suite is a bundle of products that are used behind the scenes (similar to MSOffice), and the G-Site is one aspect of the suite, similar to WordPress, but with much less capacity for registrations, etc. WordPress is compatible with Google Suite for taking information (i.e. registrations) from the SSCA website. Michael will provide an update at the next Board mtg. (Sept). The new website will be launched June 30. Victoria and Darcie will contact the Executive to review the new Communications plan. There was a discussion about the new logo and slogan "You belong here". "You belong here" is not the current slogan, but is highly recommended by Darcie and Victoria. A discussion about the proposed new slogan will occur at a later meeting. The new logo should be in place by July 15. There were 8 responses to the survey sent out following the May meeting looking for feedback on the proposed logo. Several members did not receive the survey, Darcie will email the survey to those board members. The role of the CA in sharing information such as safety and infrastructure closures (i.e. Bowmont) was briefly discussed. There will be strict guidelines within the Communications Plan outlining the use of social media and the responsibility of the CA in communicating community information versus reporting crimes or tracking "hot spots" within Silver Springs. Jenn, Cydney, Monique will work with Darcie and Victoria on the Communications plan.

Access to Google Maps through the Google Productivity Suite was discussed, as well as whether or not a widget could be placed on the SSCA website. Ideas for the map included: having members show where they live, having a pop-up "best of" list when hovering over areas of the neighbourhood (i.e. highlighting schools, local businesses, etc.), and having community

members use it to pin-point issues such as traffic concerns. Heather will send Jérémie a link to the City of Calgary website where community maps can be purchased.

8. Silver Springs Community Scavenger Hunt update/ feedback Karen B.

Several individuals did test-runs on the first Community scavenger hunt (BGSS) and provided Karen with feedback. Monique had very positive feedback for Karen. It has been posted on the SSCA website and was shared in the June SS Spirit. Karen is working on the next maps and looking for volunteers to test. Karen will be reaching out to the principals at the three local schools to discuss sharing the scavenger hunts with the students. June and Karen will work together to have a print out at the BGSS to inform park visitors about the BGSS scavenger hunt and have a print or digital version available.

9. Motions and discussions requiring immediate attention

a. Resurfacing of SS Blvd

Jérémie

Silver Springs Blvd is being resurfaced this summer, and the sidewalks are going to be fixed as well. As a result of work started by the Board prior to 2018, the City was aware of the community's concerns regarding speeding on the Blvd. The City is looking at some options for traffic calming and possibly bike lanes in the community, and is looking for feedback and community engagement. Jérémie, Monique and Cydney are meeting with members of the Roads department (City of Calgary), and Ralph Smith (Ward Sutherland's office) on Thursday June 4, to learn more about their plans. Board members with strong thoughts on what needs fixing on Blvd or how to fix them, were asked to email Jérémie, Monique and Cydney before the meeting. There was a discussion on the necessity of mitigating the risk of drivers using side roads (i.e. Silver Ridge Drive) to avoid the playground zone along the Blvd., in front of St. Sylvester school. Many individuals in the community currently use Silver Ridge Dr. as an alternative to the Blvd., and there is concern that a potential lane reduction on the Blvd will increase this. If the bike lanes are put in place, what can be done to mitigate the risk of increased traffic on side roads that were not designed for it? The Blvd is under-utilized and the design is not conducive to a speed limit of 50km/ hr, both factors contribute to the ongoing issues of speeding on the Blvd.

b. Safety Update

Jérémie

There have been 17 additional tire slashing incidents in the community since the initial 5 in late March/ early April. There is an active investigation, if anyone has any information, Calgary Police Services have asked that they contact the CPS. There was recently a home invasion on Silver Brook Drive, Monique reached out to Dustin, but as it is an active investigation, there is no additional information that can be shared at this time.

c. Crowchild Hockey Association Budget Vote

Darren

Hockey Calgary is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, and is exploring a phased- in return-to-play. Some registrations may be delayed due to the pandemic. Darren provided an update on the Hockey Calgary boundary changes. Crowchild Hockey will remain intact with the 3 current associations (Silver Springs, Scenic Acres and Varsity), but it's involvement with Westwood in North West hockey may be dissolved and CHA amalgamated with Bowness. Hockey Calgary would like to meet with the communities to discuss the boundary changes.

Staffing update: Administrator Fiona MacDiarmid has resigned, CHA has hired a new Administrator, Matthew Hunter. Darren will introduce Matthew to Sherry and Rita once he has met with him. The SSCA has been asked to vote on the CHA budget. CHA increased their fees for the 2021-22 season to reflect a potential drop in registration numbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Darren moved that the SSCA approve the 2021 CHA budget as presented, Jérémié seconded. Motion carried.

d. Neighbour Day

Karen B.

i. See email

Karen B. was asked to plan and promote a virtual Neighbour Day event for June 20, in lieu of the annual Silver Springs Family BBQ, using information and guidelines shared by the City. Karen agreed to work with Sherry and Rita to coordinate, and Monique will share the information with the Board when it is available. Heather will share the information from the City as soon as it becomes available (June 4 or 5). A big thank you to Karen for taking the project on with very little time!

10. Next Board Meeting

Cydney

a. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 7:30pm

11. Adjourn Murray adjourned at 8:52, Darren and Jenn seconded. Motion carried.

Note: There were two votes via email following the June meeting.

12. Pool opening

Per email discussion on June 22, 2020: Scott and Deb have looked at the numbers for opening the pool for 2020 (tentatively July 13). Even with reduced capacity and reduced fees, the CA stands to come out ahead if we open the pool for a condensed season (we have a grant that covers \$57000 of the lifeguard wages). Community demand is high, as the office has been inundated with phone calls and emails asking if the pool will reopen. Rita spoke to Toole Peet this morning about our insurance, and as long as we are in compliance with Covid-19 policies and procedures and continue to follow best practices while operating the pool, our policy will remain unchanged.

Rita is meeting with COSPA tonight, we would like to be able to tell Rita the Board's decision prior to the meeting.

On June 22, 2020, Monique moved that the SSCA open the outdoor pool in July for the remainder of the 2020 season.

Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried

13. June 2020 internal F/S

Per email discussion on July 10, 2020: Please see attached June financials for your review, and note that there is a motion and a vote required if you could please respond.

Some highlights:

Tab 1- Column J shows breakeven to August 31, 2020 budgeted. With the pool opening we should have a profit in excess of that, which could be a range of \$20-\$30K - best to keep things conservative and not count our chickens before they've hatched.

Tab 5 - Unencumbered cash at \$81K at the end of June. Accessible cash can rise up to \$238K if needed.

Tab 4 - Net capital funds from casino remaining of \$136,765.

The results attached include COVID relief from the Province and City totalling \$21K.

We continue to be in a healthy financial position. Many thanks for the staff for this, and thanks to Deb for staying on top of this.

Scott moved to approve the June 30th, 2020 internal SSCA financials as presented. Monique seconded, motion carried.