



**Silver Springs Community Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday March 7, 2018 7:00 pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Attendees: Jeremy Gukert, Cydney Elofson, Jeff Van Wyk, Scott Chomistek, Kay Wilford, Jennifer Dotchin, Trish Weigele, Monique Tambay-Roest, Marilyn Turner, Stephanie Reid, Karen Kirnbauer, Murray Scotton,

Absent: Darren Bourget

Office Attendees: Rita McMillan, Sherry Gavlin

Guests: Brigetta Diehl (Preschool), Constable Jason Schneider (CPS),

Meeting Notes by: Jennifer Dotchin, Secretary

President Jeff Van Wyk called the Silver Springs Community Association (SSCA) March 2018 Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1) Remarks from the Chair

President Jeff Van Wyk welcomed everyone to the March 2018 SSCA Board meeting.

2) Introductions

3) Approval of meeting agenda

Moved by Kay Wilford to approve the meeting agenda as amended; Scott Chomistek seconded. Motion carried.

4) Approval of Minutes from previous SSCA Board Meeting (February, 2018)

Moved by Kay Wilford to approve the minutes, Murray Scotton seconded. Motion carried.

5) NPC Report

None to report

6) Guests and other reports

Calgary Police Services

Constable Jason Schneider

Constable Schneider is the Silver Springs resource officer. He has all communities along the LRT corridor. He undertook operation Cold Start this winter. This operation was an education building tool for Silver Springs residents due to the number of stolen cars in the community. The leading number of cars that were stolen it is was found that 90% are idling with the keys in the vehicle. The operation was to check all idling vehicles in four neighbourhood. The Constable found that the number of unlocked idling vehicles was greatest in Silver Springs with 100% of vehicles found with keys in idling vehicles. The Constable wishes to remind residents to lock vehicles, and use your fobs.

Also, the Constable wants to remind residents that Marijuana is still illegal. It is not able to be grown, so if there is no snow on the roof of a home, please call Crime Stoppers.

The Constable will be back in June.

Preschool

Brigetta Diehl presented to the Board. She noted that the preschool is now starting spring fundraiser and selling Spolumbo sausages and a flower fundraiser. The registration for both three and four year old morning classes are now full. In the afternoon, there are 10 spots available for three year olds, 22 spots available for four year olds.

The Preschool will send the information to the office staff for inclusion in the newsletter and online.

7) Office and Building Report

Office Report

- The **casino** requires eleven volunteers for March 20-21.
- **Pickleball:** The City of Calgary redid the pavement and painted the courts. The nets can be used, but only can be used for one court. Stephanie asked how many people use the courts – around 12-18, 3 times a week. Funding from pickleball registration fees could be used to pay for a new box to store the equipment.
- **Engagement night:** The board needs to add to the list of people presenting. Currently there are botanical, edible, outdoor rink area, and pool, this is my neighbourhood. It is on 7-9 on the April 12th.
- **Soccer:** There are too few fields and the City may be changing the cost in a few years.
- **Rentals:** All renters are being evaluated due to rising costs of running the building. We benchmark against other similar facilities.
- **40th Anniversary:** The SSCA is celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2020. It is recommended that we begin planning. We should plan for a June 2020 timeframe.

8) Financial Reports

Scott discussed the internal financial results for March 2018, which were tracking very close. The preschool budget is sitting at a small deficit and there are still some expenditures to go. There may be a deficit of \$18,000. With regards to net assets – it's always positive this time of year due to prepaid spring sports. The cashflow schedule is tracking ok, and we have \$157k for the year.

As a note of discussion, we still have in casino funds from four years to spend. Scott Chomistek, recommends spending it on this year's maintenance, but to reserve 10k for the skating facilities in capital.

Moved by Scott Chomistek seconded by Cydney Elofson to approve the February 2018 internal financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott Chomistek: The Board agrees to transfer \$10,000 from operating fund to internally restricted capital asset fund. Seconded by Jeremy Gukert. Motion carried.

Councillor's Report

Not in attendance.

9) Committee reports

Executive Committee Report – Jeff/Cydney

There were no decisions made at first Executive Committee meeting. The Habitat residences were discussed, and there are still challenges that may occur at the appeal board. Also discussed at the EC meeting was the secondary suites issue.

Programs

Seniors – Kay

The CEO from YMCA offered to run some yoga programs in Silver Springs at no cost, it would run from mid-June to September would be in the botanical gardens. Would not conflict of the SSCA. Drop in, no registration, near the oval garden. This was subject to the approval of the Board of Botanical gardens. We would promote it in the spirit, anyone can come. These would occur one day a week in the evening (T/W/TH). This is pending approval from the Calgary Parks Department. .

Preschool

Completed in visitor reports

Facilities

Development/approvals - Jeremy/Murray

None this month.

Outdoor rinks – Jeremy

It was recognized that this was our longest season - March 12. We upgraded our lock on the shed, and upgraded it to a commercial lock. The sweepers are getting old and must think about replacing them in the next year which is estimated at around \$4000.

Rita presented preliminary designs for the new rink area beside the SSCA building. The designs incorporate a large garage, fire pits, adult exercise machine and a pleasure rinks. Seating was recognized as a challenge and a need to the area. These designs will be added to the engagement night and June BBQ to create a dialogue as to what residents would like to see in the area.

Action: *Add rink area designs to the engagement night and June BBQ.*

Outdoor pool – Cydney

The cities Q&A are getting ready. The contractors are finishing the patching of cracks in new pool. They will be acid washing it in March/April then painting. The decision has been made by the City of Calgary to contract out the operations for the pool this year therefore the SSCA will not be responsible for staffing or lessons. The City of Calgary is currently aiming for a July 1 open date. The City of Calgary will be coming to the Engagement night.

Community Spaces

Bowmont – Monique
Nothing to report

BGSS – Marilyn
Nothing to report

Edible Garden – Kay

There were nine people who gave up their boxes, however there were 16 on waiting list. There will be four boxes will be remediated from tree roots. On March 21st the Edible Garden will be hosting their first speakers series "Ready, set, Grow!"

Playgrounds – Darren
Regrets.

Affiliates

Norwest Soccer – Murray
Registration is underway, however, presently numbers are down.

West Valley Softball – Murray
Currently U10 is full. Other groups are getting there.

Crowchild Twin Arenas – Jeff

Nothing to report right now as there is a meeting in two weeks.

Crowchild Hockey Association – Darren
Regrets.

Guides/Scouts – Murray

The Scouts were shovelling walks and pathways around community association. They also went to the University of Calgary climbing area. There is a bottle drop this weekend for the Beavers.

Community Initiatives

Seniors housing – Karen

The school boards will receive an update on the land transfer. Michael Connolly has agreed to look at the education committee. Email sent to Councilor Sutherland Feb. 26/18 asking for an update on the Francophone School land transfer. Email reply received March 5/18 stating -

The Franco-Sud will receive the reply from Alberta government. We will ask them again this week and let you know. The request also asked for Provincial MLA Michael Connolly to look into the progress of the land transfer.

Safety/transportation – Monique
Nothing to report.

Social and events – Trish

The casino urgently needs more volunteers; they will use sign up genius to track this. There will have paperwork and signage for becoming a member. In May/June we should consider sending out a survey for what people thought of the activities.

A suggestion was made that the memberships could be used as a selling point, bring a friend, or family on board to encourage more membership sales. Questions were raised about making the memberships relevant throughout the lifespan, as most parents with young children have a family membership, but what can the Association do when the kids are done activities.

Cydney recommended doing a pop up event throughout the summer all brought to you by your community association.

Communications

Website and Social Media – Stephanie

It has been a challenging transition, however Stephanie now has access to Facebook and Twitter. There are still gaps in social media dissemination as there is little knowledge of what the SSCA undertakes. There is quite a bit of engagement on the two new forums.

10) New Business.

*Cydney proposed a motion: "Start the SSCA Board meetings at 7:30pm instead of 7:00pm."
Jennifer Dotchin: seconded it. Jeremy opposed and Murray abstained. Motion carried.*

11)Next Board Meeting: **Wednesday April 4, 2018 7:30pm**

12)Adjourn

Murray Scotton motioned to adjourn the meeting.

13)Roundtable