



Minutes

Present: June Bergman, Darren Bourget, Karen Bradshaw, Scott Chomistek, Cydney Elofson, Karen Kirnbauer, Murray Scotton, Monique Tambay-Roest, Kay Wilford

Guests: Brigitta Diehl, Cst. Dustin Williams

Office Staff: Sherry Gavlin, Rita McMillan

Notes taken by: Monique Tambay-Roest

Meeting called to order by Cydney at 7:34pm

1. Remarks from the Chair

The pop-up party at the skating rink was a success, well-received by the community. Cydney thanked Rita and the volunteers for all of their work.

Habitat for Humanity: Great work done by Karen B. and her team for all of their hard work on the welcome baskets. Cydney also thanked Darcie for her support with the media coverage of the event. Ward Sutherland contacted Cydney to thank the Board for all of their hard work and for reaching out to the residents.

2. Approval of meeting agenda

Murray moved to approve the agenda as presented, Karen B. seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of previous minutes

Darren moved to approve the February 2020 minutes as amended, June seconded. Motion carried.

4. Guest Reports

Councillor's Report: Ralph was unable to attend the meeting. Monique forwarded an email from Ralph with updates regarding the construction for the ring road and the Green Line (see Reports).

NPC Report: Heather was unable to attend. See NPC report.

Calgary Police Services (Cst. Dustin Williams): Catalytic converter thefts is currently a city-wide problem. CPS has detectives investigating, they are working with licensing agencies and metal recyclers (the converters are worth a couple of hundred dollars each for recycling).

The Executive provided an update on the Blockwatch program. The executive feels that there is not an urgent need to join the Blockwatch Facebook group as similar sharing and reporting is happening organically in the two existing Silver Springs Facebook groups. Monique will put together a post (clear language through Dustin), sharing information re. when to call emergency (911) vs. non-emergency responders. March is Fraud Prevention Month, there may be an increase in scam calls from "the CRA" threatening jail time. Jeremie and Jennifer will be asked to coordinate any social media posts regarding fraud prevention.

5. Financial Reports: Feb. 2020 internal F/S

Revenue is tracking well, approx. \$195, 000 vs. \$181,000 budgeted. Scott will email the F/S to Monique for the minutes. The preschool is getting closer to where it should be tracking (still a deficit, largely due to the extended substitute teacher required in late 2019). Capital funds: we have approximately \$145,000 from the 2018 and 2019 casinos, the application to extend the 2016 casino funds is still pending. Scott moved to approve the February 2020 internal financial statements as presented, Kay seconded. Motion carried.

6. Operations Reports

Office report:

The possibility of hosting a pop-up party at the pool this summer was discussed. Freezies, etc. would be made available (weather dependent). To ensure community members who do not use social media, an email to the CA members will be sent out the day of the party. In future, include a blurb in the newsletter encouraging community members to follow the CA on social media and to become members of the CA. The office staff are looking at changes to the data management program they are currently using. Scenic Acres is doing the same, Rita will stay in touch with them and will keep the board posted. An individual living in Citadel (Rick) contacted Rita about the WarmShowers organization, an online forum that matches cyclists with a place to stay while they are on extended bike tours. Rick has offered to provide dinner and breakfast for a group of 26 cyclists enroute from Texas to Alaska as they pass through Calgary on July 10. He is looking for accommodations for the group that includes access to showers. July 10 is a Friday and there are no bookings at the community centre. The cyclists will be able to sleep at the community center (they will be arriving at 6:00pm), and will have access to the pool and pool showers. Darcie will be asked to put together a PSA, and maybe try to get some media coverage for the CA. There was a discussion as to whether or not we need a contingency plan for the coronavirus. The decision was made to go ahead with the plan and see how things are going in June. Rita will notify the insurance company that there will be a group sleeping in the community centre.

Preschool report:

In February, the 4-year olds had their Dad's and Dinos night The 3-year olds have been learning about winter weather. They are learning about space, and the Astrodome has been booked for late March. They are moving onto the Community Helpers unit and will have police officers and firefighters visiting them. The full-day program has been going out skating and made pinecone birdfeeders. The 3-year program next year still has open spaces, not unusual for this time of year. A community member has agreed to let them use their billboards at the soccer fields to advertise. It was suggested that the PSAC reach out to the three community schools about advertising. Brigitta will speak to W.O. Mitchell, and will ask Erin to speak to Silver springs. She will let Cydney know if they need a contact for St. Sylvester.

7. Committee Reports

Executive Committee Update

Meeting length and format:

The Executive is proposing a "hard stop" time of 9:30pm for the Board meetings, but would still like to encourage the Board to remain engaged. Moving forward we would like to focus on discussions and decisions vs. simply reading from a report. If a Director needs motions on specific items, please highlight in the report submitted to Monique prior to the meeting, to be included in the agenda (as well as areas requiring further discussion by the Board). Board reports are to be submitted to Monique by the Friday before the meeting. The reports will be

compiled and distributed to the Board on the weekend. Please read the reports before the meeting. It was suggested that Monique include in the agenda: report submitted, no report submitted, no update. Monique requested to send the reports in Google docs rather than a Word document to ease the compilation process.

Policy Committee Update

The Policy committee met in February and has an action plan outlined. Committee members are currently gathering information and will update the Board in April. The Policy Committee will meet again before the April Board meeting.

8. Association Initiatives

Social Media: Darcie was not in attendance, Cydney provided this update: The meeting on Feb. 26 was outstanding. Cydney and Karen B. attended, and the MRU students provided initial reports and received feedback from professionals and Board members.

Membership: CBC was on-site doing interviews during the Habitat for Humanity basket drop off. Karen B. is writing thank you letters for the organizations who donated to the baskets. Karen will contact the CBC to access the clip from the news story to share on social media. The drone footage of the CA space and building should be taken over the summer. The drone footage could be shared on the website, and used for grant submissions, etc.

Communication Strategy: No update

9. Community Initiatives

Seniors Engagement: No update

Seniors Housing: Karen K. is meeting with Garrett Wohlberg and Michael Carnegie tomorrow (Mar. 5). Due to the JUC being involved in the land transfer process, whether the development company is non-profit, or for-profit, the land will need to be sold for land-value.

Community Safety: See Business Arising from Previous Minutes

10. Facilities

Development/ approvals: No update

Facility and Rinks: See update (attached)

Outdoor Pool: Rita attended a meeting, and COSPA has hired a consultant, they are currently re-working their bylaws (Cydney is helping them to do this). Cydney is meeting with them next week to discuss bylaws.

11. Community Spaces

Bowmont: No update

BGSS: See update (attached)

Edible Gardens: See update (attached). There was a suggestion that the EGG explore putting a "green roof" on their new shed. It has been approved by the City, they are exploring their options. **Update:** After the March board meeting, the March 18 Speaker series presentation was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Playgrounds: No update

12. Affiliates

Norwest Soccer: Cydney is meeting with Jim Palmer next week, she will touch base with the office prior to the meeting. **Update:** Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and recommended measures, Cydney and Jim did not meet.

West Valley Softball: See update (attached)

Guides/ Scouts: See update (attached)

Crowchild Twin Arenas: See update (attached)

Crowchild Hockey Association: No update

13. Business arising from previous minutes

Building Safer Communities Blockwatch Facebook: See discussion with Cst. Dustin William

Google Suite (site) access: Darcie was not in attendance, tabled for April

BGSS Off-leash area:

Follow-up to the discussion at the February meeting: Jeremie has been getting information, he has received a few additional community related concerns come into office. The Executive believes this is a considerable challenge, and recommends the Board facilitate community engagement on the issue, and explore the possibility of changing the designation to an on-leash area only. Jérémie has had some contact with Guy Beaver (City of Calgary). Significant engagement with the community will be key to the discussion and future recommendations. Suggests taking on as a major issue. Volunteers at BGSS have been tolerating. Jérémie has drafted a write up for the Silver Springs Spirit, encouraging concerned community members to call 311 and to notify the office with their Service Request number so it can be tracked internally. As part of the community engagement on this issue, the Executive is recommending a survey and a single-issue engagement night. The Board will facilitate the discussion, but the city will make the decision. Cydney has approached Ward Sutherland's office to learn more about next steps. Sherry will send an email to members about the Responsible Pet Ownership open house on Mar. 7, 9-11am in Scenic Acres. Monique will ask Jennifer to promote the City of Calgary "Off-Leash Ambassador" program via social media.

14. New Business

Rocky Ridge YMCA Stampede Breakfast: The Rocky Ridge YMCA Stampede Breakfast (July) is looking for volunteers from Silver Springs Cydney will share the dates with the board members when she receives them.

Votes via email: There were 3 votes via email after the March 4 meeting that needed attention prior to the April 1st meeting.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Cydney moved:

- a) that we pay all teaching staff of preschool through March 31 to allow them time to clean up and organize classes, then lay off staff until further notice, and
- b) that we do not charge registered preschool families for the months or partial months that we are closed between April 1 and June 30.

Monique seconded both motions, both motions carried.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Monique moved:

a) That for the year 2020/2021, the SSCA retain Rita McMillan to provide reasonably necessary snow removal services at the rate of \$50 per hour after regular work hours, and to top up her regular hourly wage to \$50 per hour if snow removal services are performed during regular work hours, if she reasonably determines that use of a machine is required.

b) That the SSCA pay Rita McMillan \$4,350 for snow removal services which were provided from September 29, 2019 until March 15, 2020.

NOTE: If we are closed for any part of the fall/winter of 20/21, "reasonably necessary" would extend to minimal snow removal for receiving mail and deliveries, and City-mandated snow removal.

Cydney seconded both motions, both motions carried on March 24, 2020.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Monique moved:

The SSCA temporarily lay off the following staff as a result of the mandatory closing of the Silver Springs Community Centre by governmental authorities:

Effective April 1, 2020 - Dawn Ellertson

Effective April 8, 2020 - Rita McMillan, Sherry Gavlin, Deb Hall, Bonnie Warren and Allan Warren.

The temporary lay offs will be re-evaluated within 60 days, per the Alberta Employment Standards Code.

Cydney seconded the motion. Motion carried on March 24, 2020.

15. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:30pm

Note: This meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Monique will send out an invitation with the login and phone-in information.

16. Adjourn

Murray adjourned the meeting

