



Minutes

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, Deb Hall, Rita McMillan

Guests: Guy Beavers (City of Calgary), Jason Copping (MLA, Calgary-Varsity)

Notes taken by: Monique Tambay-Roest

1. Remarks from the Chair Cydney

Called to order by Cydney at 7:33pm

2. Approval of meeting agenda Cydney

Kay moved to approve the May 2020 agenda as presented, Jennifer seconded.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of April 2020 minutes Cydney

Small correction to April 2020 minutes - change Don to Dawn in staff thank-yous.

Kay moved to approve April 2020 minutes as amended, Karen B. seconded.

Motion carried.

4. Financial Reports: April 2020 internal F/S Scott

Deb and Scott are still examining a few different scenarios based on possible COVID-19 closures (closed until the end of June, July, and August). The Federal Wage subsidy shouldn't make a difference in losses (~\$18000 if closed until Aug. 31).

The Preschool reported no activities, there was a minor loss in revenue from West Valley Softball and Nor'West Soccer due to the COVID-19 closure.

Deb applied for CEBA loan as per the Board email vote and the CA has already received the money. Due to the CEBA loan, the SSCA has no need to tap into the casino funds. Scott and Deb applied to AGLC for the SSCA to be able to save up to \$200000 casino funds for the capital project. The CA has \$77, 620.52 in unencumbered cash as of April 30, 2020. The City of Calgary has said that all CAs will remain closed until Aug. 31, but daycares could potentially re-open if the AB Government allows.

Jeremy G moved to approve the April 2020 Financial Statements as presented, Darren seconded.

Motion carried.

NOTE: Because of Covid relief funding available from Federal government, SSCA did not have to lay off staff as was approved in April 2020.

5. Update and conversation with MLA Jason Copping

Jason thanked everyone for their work moving forward during this time, with the Board and publishing the Spirit. The Premier has announced a relaunch strategy to reopen parts of the economy closed down due to pandemic. Campsites, restaurants, bars, etc. will be able to open up at 60% capacity, and daycares, camps and school care are able to open up with strict restrictions. The Government is hoping that Phase 1 can begin on May 14. Once Phase 1 has started, if the province is able to maintain the work that has been done to flatten

the curve, Alberta could hopefully move to Phase 2. The

Government's focus is on a successful reopening of phase 1, it does not mean we can cease physical distancing measures. It will be imperative that citizens continue the same behaviours such as, washing hands, distancing, isolating if they have symptoms and getting tested in order to reduce the spread and minimize the risk of a spike as services reopen. Board members were encouraged to download the new contact tracing app. recently launched by the AB Government. The MLA clarified that the Minister of Education has confirmed that schools will not open until Sept however, some specialized programming may open in summer depending on the progress of phase 2. There is ongoing consultation with school boards regarding how to re-open.

There was a discussion regarding how and when the preschools will be able to re-open. The office staff have received a call from Calgary Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), SOKO and the SSCA have a daycare license. Neither can reopen until they have been contacted by FCSS and provided with direction regarding new guidelines (re. Cleaning, ratios, etc.) MLA Copping thanked the Board for the opportunity to join us, encouraged us to reach out via email

jason.copping@assembly.ab.ca or via Alyson Robb (calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca)

6. Update from Guy Beavers (City of Calgary) Jérémie/ Guy Beavers Jeremie updated re. Off-leash area in BGSS. If there is any possibility of changing the designation within the BGSS from off-leash to on-leash, the CA has to initiate the process and have extensive community engagement. This ongoing discussion is in response to several concerns that have been brought to the attention of the CA about safety issues and negative dog/ human interactions in the BGSS off-leash areas. The CA needs to clarify it's position and the role it is willing to take during this process.

Guy: The City has an off-leash management plan that was approved in 2010 (Jeremie has sent out previously, Monique will re-distribute to the Board for review) which outlines the process of changing a park designation. To initiate the process, the Community Association must approach the City requesting to add or remove an off leash area. Guy will collect the information from the CA and take it to his manager. They will assess the information provided and make a decision as to whether or not to investigate further (begin the public engagement process). The Parks department has an internal engagement team, and they will oversee/ manage the engagement with park users, community members and other stakeholders. If they decide to proceed with the engagement it would probably start in late fall 2020, with the outcome implemented by next summer (2021). Stakeholders would include: neighbouring communities (i.e. Varsity), community members living adjacent to the park, the BGSS Board, groups using the park (including dog walking groups, seniors groups, etc.). The engagement can be online, in-person, via 311, or on-site engagement. If Parks decides to proceed with the engagement, Guy would inform the adjacent communities that the process is underway, they would be informed but not necessarily play a role in the decision making. The SSCA would direct Guy and the engagement team as to who the stakeholders would be (i.e. schools, church, etc.) The Parks department would make no decision until after the engagement. A decision to move forward with the engagement does not indicate support for changing the designation, it indicates that there is enough information from the community to have the discussion. The SSCA does not need to have a position on the request prior to the engagement. The CA can initiate the process from a "we are hearing these concerns, can we move forward with some engagement?" position before making a decision. The position taken by the CA will be taken into consideration in the final decision by Parks. Guy can add temporary signage within the week if the CA requests it, reminding users about proper off-leash etiquette and areas. Parks was planning on having education groups at the BGSS this summer, but Guy is unsure if they will be able to do so now due to pandemic. Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is reviewing pathway, off leash and green space use weekly and making recommendations, based on the progression of the pandemic. Guy will confirm information from CEMA

tomorrow (Thursday) what current guidelines are. The SSCA will not take a position until after the engagement, all communications regarding off-leash areas and usage are to come from the City not the CA. Office staff are receiving concerns and directing community members to 311. Guy can provide the SSCA with stats for calls to 311 for the last 3-4 years to help establish a baseline (have the number of complaints increased, decreased, stayed stable?). This data can be combined with anecdotal information and data for the CA to request that Parks review the off-leash area usage. The Board has requested the 311 data, but would like to wait until after the summer to begin the process. Guy will try to get educational signage and will flag BGSS for the off-leash ambassadors and education. Guy will give his manager a head's up that this discussion is happening. Jérémie will follow up with Guy.

7. EGG Covid-19 Protocol update Kay

EGG members are able to plant and maintain their boxes this summer with the proviso that if a member feels uncomfortable going to the garden, a volunteer from the EGG will help with maintaining their box and the member will not forfeit their right to a garden box. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, EGG has taken the following precautions to reduce the risk to community members using the garden: • AGM was held via Zoom on Saturday (May 2) rather than in-person

- Speakers Series has been postponed this year. Several speakers have indicated they are happy to present once it is safe to do so.
- The garden clean up will happen differently this year. Normally a large group of volunteers works for the day in the garden. This year, the EGG will run 1-hour sessions and limit the number of people in the garden to 4-5.
- The EGG Board has reduced the volunteer requirements from users to ensure safety of volunteers and comfort levels.
- Groups (i.e. school groups, etc.) will not be coming to gardens for tours and programs this year.
- Signage has been posted on the gate outlining safety restrictions for visitors. It was made in consultation with Heather MacKay to notify the public that the gardens are open but to limited number of people at a given time.
- If members or community members are sick, they are not allowed to visit the Gardens. • Strict distancing measures are being observed, members working in their garden boxes are required to wear gloves, use their own equipment and to wash their hands before and after their visit.
- The action plan has been posted on the gate, the EGG website and shared with Heather.

8. Google Suite update Darcie

Two versions of the new proposed logo, developed by the MRU students were presented. The students decided to focus on a "nature" feel, to represent the many natural spaces in Silver Springs. They have proposed a colour palette that represents vibrancy and nature. There was discussion as to why we're changing our logo now vs. trying to promote current logo and branding. The timing is working well because the office has slowed down due to the pandemic. The MRU students researched the history of the current brand and logo, and recommended changing or updating the logo. We have the time and resources (students) that may not always be available. Darcie and the MRU students felt that moving ahead with the new logo is lower risk than moving forward with a new website using the current logo that doesn't necessarily engage with people. Darcie has a feedback form for the new logo, the CA can make one round of free-of-charge changes to the logo. The feedback form is available on the Google Suite. The feedback is not anonymous as it is tied to email. With the new logo, the MRU students will provide the CA with the files and brand standard. There are two different colour schemes that can be used for the logo, based on the palette of the material (i.e. brochures, etc.). Templates with the branding and logo will be available in Google Docs (i.e. letterhead, email, reports, etc.). It was asked if the name of the community could be added to the logo to make it more intuitive. The CA does not

currently have the infrastructure to engage the community in the process of developing the new logo. It was recommended that the CA launch the new logo and can gather input in 2-3 years when we have the required infrastructure. Darcie will clarify with the MRU students as to who will own the logo (the students or the CA). Please have feedback to Darcie within 10 days (she will share the feedback form with the Board). An announcement about the new logo will be in the June Spirit.

The CA is moving to the Google productivity suite in June, and the new website will be launched. Darcie will provide an update on the website, transition and how to reach out to stakeholders at the June board meeting. Darcie brought forward the following ideas for future consideration: • Does the CA want to engage a communications intern?

- Should we have a membership drive with the launching of the new website?
- Does the CA want to develop a Sponsor Engagement Plan to support events? The CA could leverage private donations through philanthropy and branded merchandise.

9. Motions and discussions requiring immediate attention

a. Tire Slashing (Safety Update) Jérémie

There have been about 5 tire slashings in the NW part of SS (including one with windows smashed). Jérémie reached out to Dustin and the issue seems to be very localized, the CPS have seen a big, city-wide increase in vandalism during the pandemic. Dustin suggested home owners put security cameras up. There was a question regarding whether or not the CA should notify the community. It was agreed that as the CA would be simply sharing the information, we should share the information with community members, regarding the increase in vandalism city-wide and how to protect themselves. Jérémie will put together a brief write-up to share with members and to put on the website.

There was also a discussion about hand-written signs on the mountain bike single track path reminding users of path etiquette. Hand-written signs are prohibited by City law and Bylaw Services will remove signs if they see them, as the signs can be taken as a directive, and can be an obstruction. The CA will continue to direct concerned community members to 311.

10. Next Board Meetings Cydney

- a. Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:30pm

11. Adjourn

- a. Murray adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm (narrowly beating out Kay)

12. Roundtable

Submit Spirit submissions to office by May 25