



SSCA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 7:30 pm

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Jeff Ball, June Bergman, Jérémie Bourqui, Karen Bradshaw, Scott Chomistek, Patrick Crampton, Cydney Elofson, Shannon Jakel, Karen Kimbauer, Margaret Livingston, Lynda Pannanen, Monique Tambay-Roest, Kay Wilford

Office Staff: Sherry Gavlin, Rita McMillan

Guests: Heather Gibbons, Tomi Neilsen, Cst. Dustin Williams

1. Introductions

Cydney

Cydney called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2. Approval of meeting agenda

Cydney

Shannon moved to approve the April 2022 agenda as presented, Karen K. seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of [March 2022 Minutes](#) Board Minutes

Cydney

Monique moved to approve the March 2022 minutes as presented, June seconded. Motion carried.

4. Acknowledgment of Written [Board Reports](#) Submitted

Cydney

- a. EGG (Kay), BGSS (June), Pump Track (Karen B.), Winterspace (Karen B.), NPC (Heather G.), Office (Sherry), Playground (Marny), Neighbourhood Streets (Jérémie), Paws for Parks, and Preschool Covid Policy (Cydney)

- b. Questions arising from Board reports

Cydney

There was a question/ discussion as to whether or not it's possible for the Silver Springs Outdoor Pool to offer additional swim lessons on the weekend to make it easier for children of working parents to join. Rita will speak to the pool staff regarding the option and connect with Shannon offline.

Cydney highlighted the link to volunteer with the BGSS in June's report.

5. Guest Reports

- a. Councillor's Report

Tomi Neilsen

The Youth Employment Centre recently reopened to in-person and drop-in employment support services after two years of virtual meetings due to the pandemic. They are hosting a Youth Hiring Fair at the Big Four Building on April 7, 2022 from 1pm - 4pm.

Tomi followed up on a question raised at the March meeting as to whether or not the City will begin collecting styrofoam with the green bin collection. She shared a memo that was sent in December 2021 by the City explaining that the City does not currently have the infrastructure in place. However, another Ward 1 community has also asked for the City to explore the possibility of styrofoam collection so Tomi will continue to follow up.



Tomi also followed up regarding a discussion in March on the frequency of green bin collection over the winter months (once a month vs. twice a month). Needs assessments are conducted four times a year by the City, and they indicate that current pick up schedules are meeting the needs of Calgarians. Additionally, reducing pick up frequency to once a month could result in odour concerns due to freeze/ thaw cycles due to chinooks, etc.

b. Calgary Police Service

Cst. Dustin Williams

There have been a few break and entry incidents in Silver Springs recently, the recurring theme is that they are crimes of opportunity. Primary residences are being targeted through unlocked doors (car, house, or garage). There were approximately 9 catalytic converter thefts in the last month. CPS has struggled to catch the thieves in the act, Cst. Williams, urged Board and community members to call CPS for all suspicious activity in the vicinity of any vehicles. There was a question raised about cyclist etiquette and requirements at the intersection of Silver Springs Gate and Silver Dale Drive. Monique, Jérémie, Lynda and Margaret will meet onsite with Cst. Williams. Monique will coordinate the meeting via email.

c. NPC Report

Heather Gibbons

Heather highlighted that over the coming months all Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators are moving from Neighbourhood Support to the Office of Partnerships. The reconfiguration will not impact services currently provided to community associations.

The 2021 Organisational Health Assessment Tool, and Service Measures Survey are now open. They both close June 30, and take about 10 minutes to complete. closes June 30.

The Neighbour Day Community Survey is now open and closes on April 11.

d. Playground Report

Marny Paul

The Playground sub-committee would like to plan an engagement session to get feedback from the community in May or June, on what they would like to see for the new playground. Marny will connect with the office to coordinate a date to ensure there is no overlap with other community events. They may need to borrow a tent and a few tables from the CA. The committee would like to set up a table at the BBQ on June 25.

The sub-committee is seeking approval to apply for several grants, including the Calgary Parks Foundation Conceptual Drawing Grant. The SSCA is possibly looking into Conceptual Drawing Grant for the expansion and outdoor space revamp, Rita and Marny will connect after the meeting.

Karen B. moved that the SSCA apply for the City of Calgary Inspiring Neighbourhoods Grant (ING) funding for the Silver Valley Playground for up to \$12,000 towards the total project cost of \$300,000 with remaining funds coming from other funders, Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Karen B. moved that the SSCA playground subcommittee apply for up to \$25000 from the Canada Post grant and up to \$50000 from the Blue Cross Healthy Communities Grant, Jeff seconded. Motion carried.



6. Executive Committee Updates

a. Neighbourhood Streets Project

Monique/ Jérémie

Jérémie thanked the Board for their feedback on the proposed traffic calming measures. Monique, Cydney, and Jérémie met with the Neighborhood Streets team and shared the feedback. Work on the traffic calming is slated to begin at the end of the summer. There were a few questions raised regarding some of the decisions made, Jérémie has requested that Jen Malzer share the document outlining the reasoning for each decision and he will share it with the Board once he has received it.

i. Special/ additional meeting

The Wheeling Lane pilot project will be wrapping up in the next two months. The Board needs to make a decision whether or not we support the City installing permanent wheeling facilities, the final decision will be made by the City, but the SSCA's support (or lack of) will be taken into consideration. The Executive would like to hold a separate meeting in May to discuss the pilot project and the Board's stance. Monique will send out a Google Form to select the meeting date.

Before the special Board meeting, Jérémie would like to gather more information from wheeling lane users and the residents directly impacted by the lanes. If you have any feedback regarding the wheeling lanes, please let Jérémie and Monique know. Patrick, Karen K., Cydney, and Shannon offered to assist with surveys.

Cydney thanked Jérémie and Monique for their work and time spent on the project.

b. Emails & board reports

Monique

Monique reminded everyone to please check their emails regularly, and to submit their board reports no later than the Monday before the Board meeting to allow time for everyone to review before the meeting.

c. Preschool policy update

Cydney

Cydney reached out to the preschool staff last week to get their feedback regarding our current Covid policies, the overarching consensus is the need to balance protecting a vulnerable population that cannot be vaccinated with minimising the impact restrictions have had on the preschool experience. As of April 4, 2022, masking for preschool staff is optional, and volunteers (1 per class) are permitted to enter the classroom(unmasked), however, the staff will continue to adhere to a very strict sickness policy and test twice a week. The policy will be re-evaluated on April 15.

d. Parks for Paws

Cydney

Monique, Margaret, and Cydney are meeting with a community member on Thursday evening and will provide an update in May.



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7. Financial Reports

Scott

a. March 2022 internal F/S

SSCA continues to be in a strong financial position. Revenue from Sept. 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 was \$160,556.76, expenses for the same period \$191,972.46, leaving the SSCA with a deficit of \$31,415.70. The preschool continues to sit in a surplus position of \$21,168.00. Unrestricted funds as of March 31, 2022 were \$26,355.28.

Scott moved to approve the March 2022 SSCA internal financial statements as presented, Monique seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising from March 2022 meeting

Cydney shared that the Executive is still determining how to transition to in-person meetings in a way that respects everyone's comfort levels with the ongoing pandemic. The office will be ordering an OwlPro before the May meeting to allow us the option of a hybrid format (in-person and virtual).

New Business

8. Pump Track

Karen B.

a. Silent auction fundraising

Rita and Karen B. are coordinating the Pump Track Grand Opening and the Hello Summer community BBQ on June 25, 2022. Karen B. would like to use the donation letter written to solicit pump track build donations to collect items for a silent auction to raise funds for ongoing pump track maintenance. If any Board members have leads on potential items please let Karen B. know. Shannon will connect offline with Karen B. to support with setting up the silent auction and ensuring AGLC rules are adhered to.

b. Donation solicitation

Karen B. moved that the SSCA support Karen B. and the Pump Track team in their efforts to solicit donations for a silent auction for the purpose of raising funds for the pump track. Monique seconded. Motion carried.

The Executive will approve the wording of the donation solicitation letter prior to use.

9. Winterspace

Karen B.

The Winterspace committee has a survey to put out to help determine if there is an appetite for a greenhouse in Silver Springs and what it could look like. They will also have a booth set up at the BBQ to engage residents, in addition to hosting an open house in the fall of 2022. After the engagement sessions, the Winterspace committee would like to apply for funding to cover the costs associated with conducting a feasibility study. The committee will have the survey ready for the May edition of the Silver Springs Spirit.



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10. Retirement Announcement

Cydney highlighted a note in the office report that Sherry is retiring at the end of June after 12 years with the SSCA. We are happy for Sherry, but she will be missed! A big thank you to Sherry from the Board and Cydney for all of her hard work.

11. Next Board Meeting

Cydney

- a. Board Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7:30pm (May the Fourth - Star Wars paraphernalia encouraged!)

12. Adjourn

Kay adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm.