



SSCA Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED MAY 2023 MINUTES

Present: Jon Mayhew, Erika Lazzarotto, Cydney Elofson, Kay Wilford, Scott Chomistek, Patrick Crampton, Lynda Paananen, Rita McMillan, Karen Kirnbauer, Margaret Livingston, Karen Bradshaw Jeremie Bourqui

Regrets: Lily Oakenfold, June Bergman, Jeremy Gukert, Monique Tambay-Roest. Marny Paul

Absent: Nadia Friesen

Office Staff: Sara Gauthier, Rita McMillan

Guests: Heather Gibbons, Chelsea Scalzo

Minutes taken by: Karen Kirnbauer

1. Introductions

Patrick

Patrick welcomed everyone to the SSCA May Board Meeting at 7:33 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Erika

Erika read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Remarks from the Chair (2)

Jeremie

As Lily was not available to do the minutes for this meeting, Karen will be taking the minutes and has requested that they be recorded, so that she could ensure accurate transcription. Once the minutes are transcribed the recording will be destroyed (deleted). Permission was asked to those present at the meeting and there were no objections. Recording was initiated.

4. Approval of May 2023 Meeting Agenda

Patrick

Kay moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried

5. Approval of April 2023 Meeting minutes

Patrick

Cydney moved to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

6. Acknowledgement of Written May 2023 Board Reports Submitted: 6 reports

a. NPC Report (Heather), Neighbourhood Streets Project (Jeremie). EGG Report (Kay), Senior Engagement Report (Karen), BGSS Report (June), Office Report (Rita)

b. Questions arising from Board Reports (10)

Questions for the NPC Report will be deferred for the Guest Reports.

Neighbourhood Streets Project Report

Cydney questioned the last paragraph in the the Neighbourhood Street Project Report (Right turn from Silveridge Dr on to Silver Springs Blvd). Clarification was given by Jeremie. Karen Bradshaw asked about traffic calming activity seen in SS this spring and thought that was postponed last year. Jeremie clarified that the wheeling lane extension and the traffic calming activity were postponed from last year but are going forward in 2023. More discussion on this subject will be later in the meeting.

There were no other questions regarding the board reports.

7. Guest Reports

a. NPC Report

Heather Gibbons

Blue Cross Build Together Grant opens May 15 and closes on September 18, 2023.

Eligible projects include: Outdoor gyms, Cycling paths, Construction or replacement of playgrounds, Skateparks and Outdoor rinks, Restorations or additions to existing infrastructure. Both SSCA and the SSRFF groups can apply. As Marny is not a SSCA Board member, Karen Bradshaw will liaison to make Marny aware of any potential grants as communicated through Heather and the NPC report.

Kay Wilford will follow up with Heather about grants that may be suitable and available for the EGG. Cydney reminded the board that, to prevent any conflicts/duplications in grant applications with groups connected to the SSCA, it was (and has been in the past) suggested that the SSCA office (particularly Rita) be consulted and have a conversation about grant applications.

Change in Building Condition Assessment Report Process

The Building Condition Assessment (BCA) process will change to Groups having a 5-week review time frame with a clear start and end date provided. This is a new timeline. **SSCA's next Building Condition Assessment Report is due in 2024.**

Seniors week June 5-11. For more information and schedule of activities agefriendlycalgary@calgary.ca

Free compost (Category A compost and Mulch) is available through the City of Calgary to community gardens, community associations, schools, and other community groups. Please call 311 and request compost for community organizations.

Stay n' Play and Park n' Play

Park n' Play and Stay n' Play will be coming back to Silver Springs and will be at Silver Springs Elementary School-7235 SilverMead Rd. NW, (these programs partner with CBE) for summer 2023. These are free drop-in programs on a first come, first serve basis for more information - [Park n' Play - Silver Springs, Monday, July 31, 2023, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Park n' Play / Stay n' Play \(calgary.ca\)](#). SS has had a good track record for attendance in the past. Sara asked if she could use the City of Calgary website information to promote the program. Heather approved.

Federation of Calgary Communities Workshops

To register and view all online/virtual workshops and sessions visit calgarycommunities.com/our-events/

Government of Alberta – Community Development – Workshops & Trainings

For more information or to register visit: [Government of Alberta - Community Development Unit Events | Eventbrite](#) Email contact is: communitydevelopment@gov.ab.ca or call 310-0000 then dial 780-963-2281.

Particular interest was shown in the Cybersecurity for Non techie board members (online and free)

Patrick thanked Heather for her report.

b. PSAC Report

Chelsea Scalzo

Spring Fundraiser, today is the last day for orders.

The 3 yr old classes had a very successful field trip to the zoo. African animals were part of their recent learning program.

Beach day for the 4 yr old classes was held last week. Very fun.

All classes are prepping for our upcoming Mother's Day Tea parties next week.

Rachael and Chelsea met with all current board members to review their roles, document changes and update monthly schedules to ensure everyone is ready for the handover in June. There are 3 returning members and 8 new members, all excited to be on the board. They feel they are in good shape for the upcoming year. Jeremie will be the SSCA Board contact lead and will liaise with Rachael and PSAC.

Chelsea will be leaving PSAC this year.

Patrick thanked Chelsea for her report.

8. Executive Committee Updates

Patrick is still working on the Standing Subcommittee presentation. He will hopefully have this completed for the June board meeting for review over the summer.

Any emails addressed to the SS president will automatically go to both Patrick and Jeremie.

Any emails addressed to the SS secretary will automatically go to both Lily and Karen.

Lynda Paananen received the April financial report from Deb this afternoon and did not have time to review it before this meeting. She will either send out a separate email on this or defer it to the June board meeting.

Business Arising from April Meeting

Patrick

New Business

In 2020 the City of Calgary engaged the SSCA board and residents for traffic calming, traffic issues and suggestions for changes. The board had the opportunity to make suggestions for traffic calming and Jeremie and Monique provided the city with suggestions. The final say would be under the jurisdiction of the City of Calgary. This was not and never has been a decision of the SSCA board.

There have been past and recent emails from SS residents assuming that the SSCA was responsible for these traffic calming decisions. We want to ensure that, as a board, we are listening to residents' concerns, but again, it is the City of Calgary who makes these decisions. We acknowledge that all residents are entitled to their opinion on the traffic calming measures. The wheeling lanes continue to be a pilot project.

Heather Gibbons commented that an Engagement report was put on line regarding this subject. It is called "What we've Heard", but there was no survey or voting done through the City of Calgary on traffic calming measures or the wheeling lanes. They receive comments and these comments are compiled in this report.

The SSCA board had a stand alone meeting with a very lengthy and robust discussion on categorizing and prioritizing specific traffic areas and intersections, the wheeling lanes, traffic calming issues and concerns. Board members voted on various concerns including the extension of the wheeling lanes to Nose Hill Drive. Votes were not unanimous. The board spent a lot of time and effort on this subject. The board's recommendations were communicated to the City of Calgary, but again, the final decision was with the City of Calgary. What the SSCA board was unanimous on was that **Resident Safety was first and foremost!**

Some volunteer board members took the opportunity, when the wheeling lanes first opened, to casually chat with people using the wheeling lanes. The responses were, for the vast majority, favorable. Many people were seen walking in the wheeling lanes over the 2022-2023 winter due to the Silver Springs Blvd sidewalks having freeze-thaw conditions.

This, at times, was a contentious subject and will probably continue to be so with the future construction starting this spring.

Jeremie has volunteered to continue to handle and respond to all communications, with concerns about traffic calming measures and the wheeling lanes as he has a strong history with these projects. It was suggested that a standard/personal response to any emails addressed to the SSCA board be done, with an email link to Peter Yee, who is in charge of these projects.

Telus is in the process of doing work along NoseHill Drive between Silver Springs Rd and Silver Springs Blvd. Did Telus engage the residents of SS about the work they are doing in our neighborhood? Is the SSCA office getting enquiries about the work being done? Rita stated that there have been no enquiries.

Patrick has volunteered to investigate the Telus construction and potentially add it to the SSCA website link to keep residents informed. Heather also suggested that Patrick connect with the Councillor's office as telecommunications companies will be reporting to city council on projects in their particular wards, that they are doing (work was done in Scenic Acres last year).

Karen B asked if the monthly CPS report could be published in the Electronic Spirit. This was done previously in the paper version of the Spirit, but many times the information was not current, related to timeline submissions. Now with the Electronic Spirit the CPS report would be more up to date and informative. We will ask permission from Constable Dustin Williams if his monthly reports could be published in the Electronic Spirit. Constable Williams was not able to attend the May board meeting and no report was submitted for this month.

10. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m to accommodate a SSCA board year end social.

11. Adjournment by Kay at 8:48.

12. Roundtable (in house)