



Silver Springs
Community Association

SSCA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:30 PM

APPROVED Minutes January 3, 2024

Present: Karen Kirnbauer, Patrick Crampton, Jeremie Bourqui, Kay Wilford, Cydney Elofson, Lily Oakenfold, June Bergman, Erika Lazzarotto, Margaret Livingstone

Regrets: Jon Mayhew, Scott Chomistek, Monique Tambay-Roest, Jeremy Guckert, Karen Bradshaw

Virtually: Lynda Paananen

Guests: Heather Gibbons, Constable Hung Pham

Office Staff: Rita McMillan, Sara Gauthier

PSAC: Miceala Cummings

Minutes taken by: Karen Kirnbauer

1. **Introductions (2)** **Patrick**
Meeting called to order at 7:40.
2. **Land Acknowledgment (2)**
Erika read the land acknowledgement. **Erika**
3. **Approval of meeting agenda (2)**
Jeremy requested the playground report be removed. Done.
Rita asked that we take a moment of silence to remember former Alderman Dale Hodges, who was our alderman for Ward 1 for 30 years. A sympathy card was passed around the table that will be sent to his wife Yvonne. Done.

Kay Wilford moved to approve the revised agenda as presented. Seconded by June Bergman. Motion passed Patrick

4. Approval of December 2023 meeting minutes (2)

Lily moved to approve the December 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Cydney. Motion passed. Patrick

5. Acknowledgment of January 2024 Board Reports Submitted

a. NPC (Heather), Senior Engagement (Karen K.), BGSS- 5 yr strategic plan, BGSS-1 yr business plan, January BGSS report (June), Office (Sara), Patrick

b. Questions arising from Board Reports (10) Patrick

June asked at what level of consultation the SSCA board would like to be involved, regarding the BGSS's strategic plan? The 1 yr and 5 yr plan will go to the City at the end of Feb. June will continue to keep us abreast of the results of that meeting. Karen Kirnbauer and Kay Wilford have volunteered to be SSCA board representatives and meet with the BGSS when and if it was felt to be useful. The discussion ended with a consensus that the SSCA board felt there was value in a collaboration with the BGSS board at a more formative stage.

Jeremie had a question about paid advertisements in the monthly Electronic Spirit. Sara informed us that local businesses pay \$25-\$40/month to advertise in the Spirit.

It was also communicated that there has been an increase of memberships and community interest that are felt to be related to the brochure sent out through Canada Post related to the building expansion. There was some discussion of some board members who did not receive it. This may have been related to some residents who advertise a "no flyers or no junk mail" sign on their mailboxes, but this was not the reason in all cases. Some felt it was the discretion of the postal carrier on what was felt to be a "flyer or junk".

6. Guest Reports

a. NPC Report (5)

There are 30+ grants and deadlines in Heather's report. Patrick had a question if there were some grants that required matching grant money with community funds. Heather stated that this is variable from 30-50%, and it can be matched in different ways (for example, other grant money). Rita and Heather often review the various grants, with Heather knowing what the needs of SS are, and decide what to apply for. There is a SS resident with grant experience who has offered to dissect the various grants and help with grant applications. We will be blitzing to apply for as many grants as we can.

The Community clean program will open January 15 and close February 15, 2024. We have been unsuccessful the last 2 years with our applications related to dates that we have submitted. Changes to the applications have been made this year to help with the process. The program has been extended from the end of April to the end of September to allow for more communities to participate. Because of the bike lanes on Silver Springs Blvd (where

cars would often be backed up and waiting for drop off), we have consulted with other areas in the community where it might be easier to access and less of a traffic issue.

Heather Gibbons

b. PSAC Report (5)

All Christmas concerts went really well. The children sang their hearts out and were so proud of themselves. There were many parents and grandparents who attended.

Our Christmas "Adopt a Family" charity collection was also a huge success. We helped 5 families in need.

The All day class will begin their Winter skating program in January. The 3's have Winter as their learning theme so we hope to get them outside for some winter activities in the snow kitchen and sledding hill (fingers crossed we get some snow!!)

Open House is on the 11th Jan and registrations for 2024/25 will be coming up throughout January.

THE PSAC will be preparing for the 2nd Preschool Dance Party (2nd Feb). This year the theme is a Neon Party

Miceala

d. CPS Report

1. 2 reports of residential break and enter, 1 report of a shop break and enter, 1 auto theft, 1 car prowling and 1 assault

2. Drivers will no longer have to report to the police accidents where the damage to the vehicle is under \$5000. If it is over \$5000 or there is personal injury, you will need a police report.

3. Road rage is increasing and along with that is the increase of violence. Constable Pham's suggestion was to not engage with other vehicles and drive to a public space or police station.

The board asked that any information, brochures etc. that he felt could be helpful to the residents of SS about crime prevention be forwarded to either Jon Mayhew or myself and we will have the office staff put them in the Electronic Spirit. Agreed.

He will forward the "cold start" information for submission to the Electronic Spirit.

Hung Pham

Constable Pham and Miceala left the meeting at 8:20

7. **New Business** Patrick

January 29- Email Motion put forward by Patrick Crampton to approve a one-time bid up to \$5000 for boards from the Special Olympics for our junior rink, plus the cost of transportation of the board to an off-site location for temporary (no cost) storage. Seconded by Lynda Paananen.

January 30- Email vote. Motion carried.

8. **Executive Committee Updates (15)** Patrick

No new updates

9. **Review of Financials**

The finance committee last met and reviewed the Dec financials. Year to date is better than anticipation related to general operations and higher numbers that are registered for the dance programs. In the last 2 years dance program numbers were lower and the recent programs have shown more interest and a greater number of registrants. These numbers may also be related to the shifting demographics in our community.

Room and hall rentals are also creeping up slightly. Single bookings during December, related to Christmas events, were up.

We received our casino funds in November.

The quarterly report (Sept-Nov) will be summarized and a motion will be made at the February board meeting.

Lynda

10. **Nominating Committee Report (10)**

Nominations closed Dec. 27 and there was a bit of a flurry of candidates on that day. There were 2 candidates that expressed interest in joining the board and we feel would be an excellent fit, given what our needs are.

2 other candidates who have also shown an interest were interviewed and felt to have skills and background that could be an asset as a committee member. This would give them a sense of how the board functions and would give them a better idea as to whether becoming a board member in the next election is a good fit for them. Many board members started in this capacity.

Motion- Cydney made a motion that the number of directors that will constitute the board be up to 15. Patrick seconded the motion. All board members were in favor.

Cydney

11. **Business arising from the December Board Meeting** **Patrick**
The Silver Valley Rink Committee submitted a receipt for \$367 for the outdoor rink liner.

Next Board Meeting February 7, 2024, 7:30 pm

12. **Adjournment by Kay Wilford at 8:38 PM.**

