



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

APPROVED APRIL 3 MINUTES, 2024

Present: Jon Mayhew, Karen Bradshaw, Monique Tambay-Roest, Erika Lazzarotto, Kay Wilford, Lynda Paananen, Margaret Livingston, Darren Maillot, Karen Kirnbauer, June Bergman, Jérémie Bourqui, Lily Oakenfold

Regrets: Patrick Crampton, Marny Paul,

Office Staff: Sara Gauthier, Rita McMillan

PSAC: Miceala Cummings

Guests: Heather Gibbons, Cst. Hong Pham, Kim Tyers Rep. for MP Pat Kelly (virtually), MLA Dr. Luanne Metz (virtually),

Minutes taken by: Karen Kirnbauer

1. **Introductions (2)** **Jeremie**
Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM
Jeremie acknowledged guests who were present this evening.
2. **Land Acknowledgment (2)** **Monique**
The land acknowledgement was read by Monique Tambay-Roest
3. **Approval of meeting agenda (2)** **Jeremie**
Monique Tambay Roest moved to have the April 3, 2024 agenda approved as amended. Seconded by Kay Wilford. Motion carried.

The agenda was amended again to move the rezoning discussion to later in the agenda as Patrick would not be able to attend virtually. Jeremie will lead the discussion.

Monique moved to have the April 3, 2024 agenda approved as amended. Seconded by Darren Maillot. Motion carried.

7. Guest Reports

a. PSAC Report (5)

Miceala Cummings

Update on Julie's retirement Party: Sunday May 5th in the sunset room 1.30-3.30 will be an invite only guests (teachers present and former, SSCA and PSAC board, past Chairs of PSAC board only). 3.30-4.30. Short concert by some current 4's and past pupils who have expressed interest to be part of the celebration, followed by speeches and gift presentation.

The Teachers and PSAC organizing logistics/ party planning.

PSAC will contribute money to travel vouchers as well as create a photo memory book.

Accepting photos and notes to add until April 5th.

SSCA will contribute to the gift as well as the party. Teachers will give a separate gift.

At the end of last term, the 4's had a very successful field trip to Telus Spark. Great feedback from parents and the exhibit was just perfect to compliment the Space learning module.

At the end of April the 3's will be going on their first field trip to the zoo.

All classes are full except 3 spots in the 4 year old afternoon. This is really great for this time of year but also the fact that the 3 year old program is full when we usually have spaces in the afternoon still.

Our secretary has left without notice not giving any specific reason. We are currently looking to fill two roles: Fundraiser and Volunteer Coordinator. We will cover the secretary role with existing board members until a replacement can be found.

Jeremie asked about Julie's replacement? Miceala stated that she is amazing and a great fit to the program.

b. CPS Report

Hung Pham

Cst. Hung Pham announced that he will be our permanent CPS representative.

He reported -1 break and enter, 1 car prowling and 2 vehicle thefts.

Cst. Phan provided us with a Poster to help in theft prevention. We will post it on our bulletin board in the building.

There is a new vehicle theft scam using rabbit ear antenna that captures key fob signals to allow thieves to access and start vehicles. His suggestion is to provide some distance between the front door and the car keys and to store them in a metal box. There was a suggestion to use a steering wheel club. Regarding abandoned vehicles, it was suggested that you call the non urgent line for CPS or 311 with the City of Calgary.

April is speed awareness month. Please watch your speed.

c. NPC Report (5)

Heather Gibbons

Not in her monthly report, Heather wanted us to know that there will be \$18 million dollars over 3 years for playgrounds. This will include 2024, 2025 and 2026. There is no

The letter will be sent out to the board members for review and feedback prior to being sent to the City of Calgary. That letter will also be sent to the SSCA membership prior to the April 15 noon deadline along with it being posted on the SSCA website in order to be fully transparent regarding our actions. This will also give residents another reminder to submit any written concerns by April 15th should they choose to do so.

On April 13, 2024, Patrick moved, via email, that the SSCA Board approve the submission of the letter regarding blanket rezoning, as presented (see below) to City Council on April 15, 2024 on behalf of the Silver Springs Community Association Board of Directors. Seconded by Lily Oakenfold.

On April 14 - Motion carried.

On April 15 - the letter regarding blanket rezoning was submitted to the online submission portal and sent to Councillor Sharp from Patrick Crampton on behalf of the Silver Springs Community Association Board of Directors and confirmation was received from Marley Gillies, Executive Advisor to Councillor Sonya Sharp

2. Blanket aspect of the rezoning

Effective community development is usually done via a rigorous planning process. This involves taking into account specific community elements, such as geographical location, accessibility, proximity to public transit, and community needs, among others. The SSCA has concerns with the blanket approach that de facto ignores the specific needs that a community may have. For example, some of the key needs within our community include aging in place for seniors and the provision of affordable housing options. It is not clear how the City's proposed blanket rezoning will result in development within our community that helps to meet these needs.

3. Infrastructure Support for Increased Density

The SSCA is concerned that the proposed changes will put additional pressure on the existing infrastructure and services within our community, potentially beyond capacity. Parking is a major concern, and there may be impacts on roads, schools, parks, emergency services, and water management. And while not directly within the purview of the City, telecommunications may also be impacted given that Silver Springs does not yet have fibre optic installed. The City does not seem to have taken any steps to assess risks to infrastructure and services and therefore is poorly positioned to address capacity issues or other negative implications that may arise from blanket rezoning, which in many cases, require long lead times to resolve.

Other potential impacts to infrastructure may also be created by covering a significantly higher portion of each lot. These include the loss of mature trees and biodiversity and reduced vegetation and gardening space, all which contribute to the character of the community. Loss of these natural features may also exacerbate risks to stormwater management due to less permeable surfaces. Reduction of urban tree canopy also runs directly counter to the City's climate change goals. These issues are of interest to the SSCA because one of the reasons Silver Springs has been voted Calgary's best community is our stewardship and access to Bowmont Park, natural spaces, community gardens and botanical gardens.

Conclusion

The SSCA respectfully requests that City Council vote against blanket rezoning at this time to a) conduct a proper and thorough engagement with Community Associations and b) ensure that whatever zoning or other changes are put forward consider community specific needs and appropriately mitigate the risks and implications that may arise from such changes.

Yours truly,



Patrick Crampton
President



Jeremie Borqui
Vice President