

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: May 20, 2014

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School – Library

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Garrick Ma

PRESENT: Garrick Ma, Michelle Lapierre, Veronica Dutchak (via phone), Gil Rueck, Rob Powell, Donna Johnson, Pam Armitage, Greg Wong, Sonny Lee, Jill Gurela

ABSENT: -

GUESTS : Kim Lucid, Andrea Hesse, MJ Chapelsky and Erin Flaherty, City of Edmonton, CRCs, and Matt Jeneroux, MLA

MINUTES: Michelle Lapierre

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Garrick Ma, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Gil Rueck, and unanimously carried the agenda is approved.

NEW SECRETARY – BOARD VOTE

Upon a Motion duly made by Donna Johnson, seconded by Sonny Lee, and unanimously carried, the Board elects Kim Lucid to be Secretary.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – BOARD VOTE

Upon a Motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Jill Gurela, and unanimously carried, the Board elects Andrea Hesse to be Membership Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a Motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Pam Armitage, and unanimously carried, meeting minutes from April 15, 2014 are approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Update on SWAC (G. Ma)

Mr. Ma shared highlights from his recent SWAC (Southwest Area Council) meeting. SWAC fundraises and then distributes funds to Leagues and organizations in this area. They recently donated to the Southwest Edmonton Farmers' Market which is raising funds to continue operations and is starting a program called "Sprouts" to encourage healthy eating with children. Southwest Edmonton Seniors Association is another southwest organization seeking recreation space. On June 3rd the Seniors Pancake Breakfast will be held at Blue Quill Community Hall. There is currently a pilot placing officers in area schools to enforce traffic safety. Nathan Ip, Public School Trustee, gave an update that the new Ambleside school and Blackmud Creek school will be starting construction this summer. Chapelle or Allard are the next sites in discussion. On June 16th EPSD has a Year End Trustee Presentation. Access to childcare continues to be a hot topic in our area. There is a new daycare in the Fountain Tire building called Kids and Company.

BCCL community hall / Allard school update (G. Ma)

The Board discussed the potential for a BCCL community hall on the Allard school site. The land the school will sit on is Municipal Reserve land, which has criteria as to how it can be used. It restricts any leasing out of that land, which would restrict a community hall that is built on it from renting out its space. Discussions continue with Alberta Infrastructure, the City of Edmonton, EPSB, the area developer, and others as to possible solutions.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Sports – Mr. Lee

The community swim has seen a significant increase since changing the location and time. This can be advertised in the summer to gain some more memberships. The hired Soccer Coordinator has been doing the bulk of the work for soccer and the season has gone well.

CRC Update

Ms. Chapelsky provided an update and introduced her replacement, Erin Flaherty. The operating grant request is due June 30th. There is a bike program being held at the Allard Rink starting on May 31st. The summer Green Shack posters were emailed out. The League has paid for a porta potty on site at Blackmud Creek Park and it is available for their use. Allard has been selected as a site for the Pop Up Play program. This will be a three times a week on a trial basis on a green space in Allard. The City is no longer running babysitting courses recognizing that it is readily available through other organizations at a lower cost. They are also moving away from having City Park Leaders attend community events. They plan to help build capacity within the community by trying to incorporate local staff through 2015. The Board also provided preferred location for a new Allard Sign.

Facilities – Mr. Powell

The porta potty has been rented and is in place in Southbrook. There has been interest in renting the rink this summer. Mr. Powell is renting it using the same rink rental agreement. Once the land is turned over to the City, as long as gatherings are under 50 people, there is no need for a permit. Groups will require event insurance. Chalk drawing was discussed as a future idea to incorporate into an event or programming. Mr. Powell has determined that there are 5 walk way lights tied in to the wrong panel. The Board discussed if the cost of power for those 5 lights justifies the cost of correcting this error. We will again attempt to contact MLC Group using another contact. The Allard clean-up event that was organized by an Allard Resident had very low turnout. Mr. Powell will bring a quote from Martin Deerline for seasonal maintenance on the rink equipment for Board review next meeting.

Communications – Ms. Gurela

The Board discussed moving from personalized emails to BCCL position emails. Ms. Gurela will determine the cost of additional addresses through our website provider for the next meeting. We agreed with creating personal bios and including one in each Community Views.

Civics – Mr. Rueck

Upon a motion duly made by Gil Rueck, seconded by Sonny Lee, the Board supports and endorses the development of partnerships with EPSB, City of Edmonton, and Alberta Infrastructure for the development of the Allard school site. We will get community member support after a financial analysis has been completed.

Programs – Ms. Armitage

We discussed initial plans for Community League Day on Saturday, September 20th from 1-4pm. The format will be similar to last year's with more refreshments. Ms. Dutchak will be the Programs point of contact on that day. We will pursue sponsorship or contributions from area banks and other businesses. The Halloween event has been booked at Johnny Bright for 1-5pm on October 25th with the actual event running from 2-4pm. The only cost to use the facility is janitorial services. Ms. Armitage will connect with Heritage Point to coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS**RFP Ad for Proposals (G. Rueck)**

Parked until next meeting.

Thank you / volunteer appreciation (R. Powell)

The Board agreed that a standard item for outgoing Directors would be ideal. We would also like something standard to give to soccer coaches such as water bottles for thermoses. Whistles are another idea for future years. Mr. Wong will look into the costs for these items. We may pair the Director gift with a gift card to align to previous gifts. Our outgoing Directors are Sarah Jensen, Karol Pape, Lisa Hughson, Matthew Burbridge, and Lindsay Hilton. We have a rink volunteer, Harry Buhler to acknowledge as well.

Next Capital Project – Callaghan Playground? (M. Lapierre)

Parked until next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 at 7:30pm Johnny Bright.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Donna Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.