

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: Sept 16, 2014

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School – Library

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Garrick Ma

PRESENT: Veronica Dutchak (by phone), Rob Powell, Kim Lucid, Jill Gurela, Andrea Hesse, Pam Armitage, Sonny Lee, Greg Wong

ABSENT: Michelle Lapierre, Donna Johnson, Gil Rueck

GUESTS : Erin Flaherty, CRC, Chad Willsey

MINUTES: Kim Lucid

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Garrick Ma, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Rob Powell, seconded by Andrea Hesse and unanimously carried the agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Jill Gurela, seconded by Pam Armitage and unanimously carried, meeting minutes from June 17, 2014 are approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

RFP Update (G.Ma)

Deferred to next meeting.

Gil and Garrick had a meeting with Stantec and MLC about going forward with community centre proposal. Need to slow down with the RFP until we decide what we are doing with property and it's

properly zoned. Proposing partnership with like minded, not for profit companies that would use the facility and help capitalize the projects there.

Volunteer gifts (G. Wong)

At this point the pricing is now out of date, need to decide what the budget is and then we can decide what to purchase.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

BCCL Hall Update (G. Ma)

- 1) Continuing to look at the Allard site, in discussion with MLC. The problem is zoning, vision was to look at being able to lease space to offset costs (daycare, tawkwondo, etc.) MR zoning prevents us doing that, need to look at zoning it differently but not sure if we can get the percentage changed. Developer is checking if all the land on the site has been registered, if not we may be able to rezone some of it. Waiting for MRC to tell us what percentage of land has been registered.
- 2) Having discussions with Heritage Point about the River Church (Victory Christian Centre), which has been purchased by a developer. The developer is willing to sell the building and 3 acres of land to us, Heritage point and River Church. Met about financial obligations to make that work. The challenges are the developer would like to sell for approx. \$6.5,000,000, we would purchase about 5% which would mean they need approx. 20 partners in total. The City has proposed 3 concepts, 1) full reno 2)upgrade or 3)just additional kitchen space and meeting room. We have been asked as a community if we are interested in purchasing it, we need to find out if this is something our community would be interested in as well. Do we go after our own community centre or go with this option?
 V. Dutchak said that she thinks the community will want whatever option meets our needs best. 30% of the community selected fitness as their top priority, they want sports areas not arts centres. We should build something ourselves that fits our needs.
 It is a lot of money but it would provide private ownership at the allard site if they are willing to give us the land to build on.
 E. Flaherty has heard a new community hall would be approx. \$2 million.
 Not sure what heritage point is thinking, Garrick is meeting with the president next week to discuss. Developer wants everyone to purchase and to put \$4 million of upgrades in immediately.
 V. Dutchak said her company built a 36,000 sq ft builing in Nisku and it cost \$5 million.
 V. Dutchak was going to look into the cost to maintain a community centre.
 V. Dutchak would like to go with the Allard option. G. Ma agreed he would prefer to have sole ownership than to share with 20 other companies.
 Being part owner we are part liable and not even using it 95% of the time (V. Dutchak).

CRC Update (E. Flaherty)

- Pop up play program in Allard, pretty low numbers. Feedback was mostly children under 6.
- Blackburn greenshack had lower numbers than other greenshacks
- Blackmud creek had 8-9 kids per hour
- Mentoring role at events will only be offered to the end of this year
- Blackburn playground has been recommended for conservation work, possibly next year. There is some interest in upgrading the playground by the homeowners association, so they need to find out whether they are going to go forward with that.

- Monsignor fee otterson at the last update construction had been halted due to zoning. It has been relocated to city parkland and distributed to the residents. Residents have complained that it is too close to their property lines. Construction will now be next year after plans have been redrawn.
- June meeting we talked about developing a walking map. Walkable Edmonton program covers 7000 printed maps, online .pdf. Need to set up a subcommittee to decide what we would like to show case in our community. Can take up to 12 months before you are at production. Only expense to community would be hosting the workshop or communicating that the map is coming out. Talk to G. Rueck about taking this on.

Facilities (M. Powell)

- Swept out the rink and now it is draining better.
- Rented out the rink first time for a birthday party, their insurance was almost as much as the rental. Need to revisit this. Rental fee was \$50/hour.
- Snow blower and sweeper have been sent for maintenance.
- MLC to move firepit to the side the rink.
- Rink attendants to be hired a job posting will be in the next community news.

Communications (J. Gurela)

- Need to set up the emails to go to A. Hesse and A. Hesse needs to manage the paypal.
- If they pay online could we have the membership number generated and have a paper card emailed that you could print yourself, with family name printed?
- G. Ma will ask Heritage point what type of card they use
- Community views will add the rink job posting
- G. Ma will be the next board member featured in the community news. G. Ma needs to provide a bio by Sept 22.
- Email community for 2 more volunteers for the community league day

Financials (M. Dutchak)

- Soccer revenue \$20,350, expenses \$15,304, the soccer program netted \$5000. Revenue was \$3300 more than budget
- More than enough room to renew Maryse's contract
- Revenue for the league was \$44,870
- Received notice from the city for \$17,988
- Hoping to drum up memberships at community league day.
- Insurance bill (expected anytime now), membership supplies bill coming in and we still have a cushion for legal fees. Running quite well with expenses.
- Donated \$1000 to city for the summer green shack.
- Varient is the signage, received grants years ago so it wasn't in the budget, the expenses finally came in now that the project is complete.
- Overbudget on the allard rink, HPCL is going to reimburse us 50% up to \$5000 (haven't received payment yet but it has been invoiced)
- Storage-continued rental for the soccer equipment
- \$1000 allocated for volunteers (still to be used)
- Net income \$1700 (still lots of revenue from community league day). The league is set to break even.
- Pam needs to pick up the cheque for the special events rentals tomorrow.
- We have \$135,000 from Alberta gaming that we need to start spending or apply for an extension.

- Need to decide whether we are going ahead with the sign. Need to hear from MLC whether we can tack something onto their existing wall. (Defer to when G. Rueck is here)
- First casino was in 2011, still have \$50,000 from that casino and we received another \$80,000 in 2013 and haven't touched it. Awarded another casino on March 4 & 5, 2015. Have an extension for 2011, need one for 2013.
- V. Dutchak M. Lapierre and G. Ma discussed proceeding with the Callaghan park development with the casino money. Initial casino money was requested for soccer, spray park, and ice rink (southbrook ice rink was donated). Sent them a letter to change what we were going to allocate the funds to may need to request to use them for the Callaghan playground.

Memberships (A. Hesse)

- Approx 68 memberships sold in the last couple of weeks

Sports Program (G. Wong/S. Lee)

- Maryse has agreed to continue in the soccer coordinator position.
- Possible new soccer system coming out in the spring from swemsa.
- This year Maryse bought tim horton's cards for the coaches
- We have enough in the budget to cover the soccer program gifts for volunteers, approx. 36 coach/assistant coach for next year. V. Dutchak threw out the idea of a camping chair for the coach or a cooler
- Whistle will probably be included in the coach's bags next year

Programs (P. Armitage)

Community League Day

- Rented the same machines from special events that we rented last year. Also having a balloon artist and 2 bouncy castles.
- City of Edmonton volunteer coming out with 2 of our volunteers to do games etc.
- Sponsorship...shoppers drug mart donated 3000 bottles of water and hand sanitizer, TD donated some coolers and water, Edmonton federation of community leagues donated some prizes, cups, plates etc.
- 4 volunteers (Garrick's wife, rob, michelle and veronica) need at least 2 more as well as someone doing memberships
- Expense report complete, need to give to Garrick
- Generators arranged, bringing some extension cords in case
- City needs to come mark where the castles are supposed to go this Thursday
- Need the cash box and a float for the membership table
- Need to have a hand washing station, A. Hesse will bring a water jug
- Stamp peoples hands when they got cotton candy (need to grab one)
- Picnic tables and garbage cans on site from the city

Halloween Party

- Met with HPCL to discuss roles and who is doing what, meeting again at the end of September
- There are bins of stuff in storage for crafts etc.that A. Armitage needs to check out
- Venue is in gym at Johnny Bright Oct 25 from 1-4pm
- Will be looking for city staff, need to have a mentor volunteer (have 2 already)
- Budget for cost sharing with HPCL, do we split 50/50? V. Dutchak said yes.
- Could discuss increasing the price, last year was \$10/family, discounted if you are a member

Facilities (R. Powell)

- Basketball nets, best price from Canadian Arena products, 4 nets \$9800. Once it has been FAC'd we could apply for other funds
- Installation of security bar, quote from Frontier Mechanical. Came up with design \$650 + tax for fabrication and installation. Locksmith company that Gil suggested couldn't source something because the door was too wide. G. Ma and V. Dutchak agree to go ahead with the installation.
- Play quest gave a quote for the upcoming season, 1st month building up ice for hockey rink and snow bank rink is the same. Fees for extra snow removal the same. Monthly fee increased \$100 to \$3000 from \$2900. Need to ask HPCL if they are interested in committing to paying 50% of costs. Need to wait to sign contract until we see if HPCL is still going to be involved

NEW BUSINESS**Callaghan Playground (G. Ma)**

- Have discussed starting to move forward on the Callaghan playground. It is in city holdings now so we can go ahead with getting the funding.
- The plans that E. Flaherty sent out are just preliminary and can be tweaked with what the community wants. There are 2 other smaller sites that are also in our holding now.
- Allard site is 5+ years out
- Approx 3 years to get playground built
- Callaghan would be eligible for the extensive project NPDP grant for \$250,000. Need to set up a committee, need to have the concept in place before applying for the grant.

Upon a motion duly made by Andrea Hesse, seconded by Kim Lucid, and unanimously carried the Board supports and endorses exploring the Callaghan playground development and allocating outstanding casino funds to development

Soccer Coordinator Contract/Resignation of Sonny Lee

Upon a motion duly made by Sonny Lee, seconded by Kim Lucid and unanimously carried the board supports and endorses extending the soccer administrator contract for another year, at \$20/hr up to a maximum of \$5000 , if more is required can be approved at a later date.

Upon a motion duly made by Sonny Lee, seconded by Greg Wong and unanimously carried the Board supports and endorses the resignation of Sonny Lee and supports Chad Willsey to take over the position of co-sports director for the remainder of the year.

Facilities (R. Powell)

- Glass display deferred, crowd sourcing deferred

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Oct 21, 2014 at 7:30pm at Johnny Bright.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Sonny Lee, seconded by Greg Wong, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.