

# BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: May 16, 2017

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Rob Powell

PRESENT: Garrick Ma, Jill Gurela, Mary Jean Chapelsky (CRC), Rob Powell, Gil Rueck.

ABSENT: Thomas Varghese, Kim Lucid, Carlos Bautista

OTHER ATTENDEES : Freya Fu, Danita MacDonald, Corice Dux, Alana Clark, Jonathan Spence

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Rob Powell Called the Meeting to Order at 7:40PM and Quorum was established

### **CALLAGHAN PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE – Annie and Ann**

Callaghan Playground Committee members were present to ask a few questions and provide an update on their fundraising.

- They were denied their \$125K CFIB grant but are reapplying
- They require our most recent financial statements to include with their grant application
- Veronica will ask Dax Dalal, and Michelle Lapierre to do our year-end audit so the financials can be finalized and provided to the playground committee – URGENT as they need by beginning of June to submit. *Garrick will follow up with Veronica*
- Can we cut them a cheque from our casino fund for \$105,000 (\$100K from our initial funding promised to them and \$5k for providing volunteers at our most recent casino). They need to have that money in their City of Edmonton account for the grant application.
- Also need to adjust the books to show that they were provided with \$500 in administration funding for their first year from the BCCL. Just a line item in the books.
- They have been approved for the City of Edmonton MTTP grant. Rob Powell will need to go downtown to the city offices to sign.
- Assuming that they receive all grants they are planning for playground construction for spring 2018.
- Upcoming fundraisers include: Golf Tournament, BBQ, Santa Photos, Fitness Day, Cora.
- They received several other small grants from Alberta Recycling, and Canada Post
- Not sure if they will have enough volunteers to sell glow sticks on Canada Day

## **BLACKBURNE PLAYGROUND**

- A representative from the Blackburne Playground Committee was present to announce that they are starting to put together a fundraising group to replace the playground in Blackburne. It was built in 1995 and some items that are broken cannot be fixed.
- Some of the items cannot be replaced by the manufacturers
- They were promised \$11,000 in 2011 from casino funds
- They are meeting with MJ and their HOA on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Rob asked if the infrastructure will have to be replaced. MJ said someone will have to look at it.
- MJ said that playgrounds are inspected every 90 days in off season and every 30 days during the high season.
- The committee is just getting started and will keep us advised as they proceed

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Upon a motion duly made to approve the agenda by Jill Gurela, seconded by Garrick Mas and unanimously carried the agenda is approved with the following additions:*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Upon a motion duly made to approve the minutes by Gil Rueck, seconded by Garrick Ma and unanimously carried.*

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Rob still needs to submit the Bylaw changes
- Website has been updated with the new 20% off Rec Centre membership benefits
- Rob did a Flat Sheet about the Benefits of the Community League and posted it at Sobey's and Superstore
- Garrick spoke to ALGC about using casino funds for the community hall; they said it should be ok.
- At the AGM we approved \$19,000 to upgrade the kitchen facilities at the Allard School to accommodate our future community hall which will be attached. Gil will follow up on this.
- The builder of the school will be paving the parking lot at the rink for us; no charge
- Park sign is being upgraded to a changeable sign.
- Board Members – Carlos Bautista will be stepping down as Treasurer; Veronica Dutchak our previous Treasurer has stated that she could step into the role again starting later in June.

## **REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

### **FUNDRAISING / PAST PRESIDENT (Garrick Ma)**

- Garrick met with our MLA, Thomas Dang and got an update on 127<sup>th</sup> Street closure. 127<sup>th</sup> Street will remain open until the 135<sup>th</sup> Street interchange is open. The Provincial Government has recently announced the building of a new hospital in Heritage Valley. This should make the road interchange a priority.
- The Park & Ride will be located on the North corner of Ellerslie and 127<sup>th</sup>.

- 127<sup>th</sup> will be repaved
- The need for a High School is a high priority. A possible location is west of the Superstore. A High School in our area is the provinces 2<sup>nd</sup> highest priority for High Schools (first is in Grande Prairie).
- The High School could be part of the Heritage Valley Town Centre
- Hoping for a school announcement before the end of the year
- The Nature Book presentation at Roberta MacAdams went well; lots of dignitaries there. The books are a big hit.

#### CIVIC (Gil Rueck)

#### CRC (Mary-Jean Chapelsky)

- MJ emailed her report
- MJ may have found a way for us to get a License for the Rink (not Tripartite). This license will allow us to build basketball nets. Basically it is an amended snowbank rink license.
- Rob will review the details and send it back to MJ.
- The license is renewed annually.

#### PRESIDENT (Rob Powell)

- There is a shattered backboard on one of the basketball nets, need to find a cheap way to fix it.
- Website has been updated
- Rob reached out to the candidate for Ward 10 City Council
- Suggested we have a community forum for the Ward
- Roberta MacAdams School is planning on putting on a community garden, spearheaded by Ms. Clifford.
- Ms. Clifford asked Rob if we could find some community members that would volunteer to water and maintain the garden during the summer months.
- Rob showed a drawing of the proposed plan. The garden would have sitting areas, and could be a nice feature to the community.
- Maybe we need to sign a Memorandum of Partnership with the school?
- Rob will put Ms. Clifford in touch with a compost expert
- Rob put together a list of outstanding tasks or items we have discussed over the last year that are not complete. He assigned each to a board member, some with higher priorities. We should work on getting these items addressed or removed if not going forward.

#### **NOMINATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The following nominations were put forward for new board members

#### **Freya Fu- Director at Large**

*Nominated by Jill Gurela and seconded by Garrick Ma. Nomination carried unanimously*

#### **Corice Dux- Communications**

*Nominated by Garrick Ma and seconded by Gil Rueck. Nomination carried unanimously*

**Jonathan Spence– Facilities**

*Nominated by Gil Rueck and seconded by Garrick Ma. Nomination carried unanimously*

**Veronica Dutchak – Treasurer**

*Nominated by Gil Rueck and seconded by Garrick Ma. Nomination carried unanimously*

**Danita MacDonald – Sports**

*Nominated by Gil Rueck and seconded by Garrick Ma. Nomination carried unanimously*

**Alana Clark – Programs**

*Nominated by Gil Rueck and seconded by Jill Gurela. Nomination carried unanimously*

All nominations are subject to police checks. Kim will process the police checks.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- Community League Day: We decided on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as our Community League Day. Most likely the same as last year with a festival and movie night in the park.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 20, 2017 at 7:30pm** at Johnny Bright

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon a motion duly made by Jill Gurela, seconded by Garrick Ma, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.*