

# BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MEETINGS

DATE: March 20, 2018  
LOCATION: Johnny Bright School Library  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
CHAIR: Rob Powell

BLACKBURNE PLAYGROUND REPRESENTATIVES:  
Christine Maslanko, Daylyn Dixon

ALL IN ATTENDANCE: Attached.

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

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**The reason for this meeting is to approve funding for the Blackburne Playground Re-Development.**

### CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Rob Powell Called the Meeting to Order at 7:38 PM and Quorum was established

### NEW BUSINESS

- In 2011 Blackmud Creek Community League committed to provide \$10,000 to the Blackburne Playground Re-Development. This was money that residents/volunteers of Blackburne Playground Re-Development earned by providing volunteers for a casino.
- The Blackburne Playground Re-Development Committee thought they would receive the money at that time (in 2011) however they did not have an established playground committee therefore we held the funds for them.

**MOTION Duly made by Jonathan Spence and seconded by Diana Powell to approve \$10,000 in previously promised funds from our Casino Account to the Blackburne Playground Re-Development Group. Motion unanimously carried.**

- Christine Maslanko from the Blackburne Playground Re-Development Committee sent Rob Powell, the President of the Blackmud Creek Community League a letter yesterday with a request for extra funding. The request was for Blackmud Creek Community League to provide another \$40,000 in initial funding for the Blackburne Playground Re-Development Group. This number is based on the fact that Blackburne Playground is 40% of the size of Callaghan Park and Blackmud Creek Community League provided \$100,000 in initial funds to the Callaghan Park Development.

- Rob Powell replied to this request that Blackmud Creek Community League cannot commit this extra funding at this time as we have many other projects that are going to take priority. These priorities include a playground in Cavanaugh, as well as we have committed to \$5,000 for Dr. Lila Fahlman playground expansion. Other priorities include the Rink shack, and permanent basketball nets at Allard Rink.
- Rob Powell stated that this does not mean Blackmud Creek Community League will not provide more funding to the Blackburne Playground Re-development committee at a later date.
- Diana Powell said we need to do more forward budget projections beyond this year. Rob Powell explained the issues with the operating costs; and that the rink costs \$26,000 per year to run.
- Blackburne HOA President suggested that we set a precedent by providing Callaghan Playground Committee with \$100,000
- Christine Maslanko asked basically that Blackburne Playground Re-Development Group be kept in mind in the forward looking budgets.
- Rob Powell explained about a course he attended regarding Sustainable Communities.
- Part of the background on the \$100,000 is that AGLC told us we needed to get the money out of our casino account as we hadn't spent any in a long time.
- Grant Ainsley was the Chairman on the original playground committee 25 years ago and he stated that Blackburne community hasn't really asked the Community League for much over the years. The original playground was built with mainly donations and city grants.
- Grant Ainsley explained that basically the whole playground will need to be replaced.
- Rob Powell also discussed about our plans for a Community Hall attached to Dr. Lila Fahlman School.
- Diana Powell asked about the timeline for the redevelopment. Christine Maslanko stated they hope to start in 2020. They want to apply for the grant and require a Promissory note
- Rob Powell asked about providing half funding now and half later.
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC from the City of Edmonton) explained that once they finish their concept plan they have to provide a deposit of \$10,000 of project costs to the city.
- Christine Maslanko said that with these funds of \$10,000 they can move onto their next step
- Christine Maslanko stated that their playground is already smaller. They are concerned that the existing playground may start to have pieces removed due to safety.
- Rob Powell asked how much they need to fundraise; Christine Maslanko said \$125K and then with matching grants they can raise \$500K.
- Christine Maslanko said with \$500K they can have a little better equipment. The concern is also that they anticipate issues in the infrastructure
- Rob Powell said that we would agree to consider their request and try to fit it into our overall budgets/plans
- Christine Maslanko also asked about \$500 administration costs for the first year (as was provided to Callaghan).
  - **A MOTION was Duly made by Christine Maslanko For Blackmud Creek Community League to provide a one-time payment to the Blackburne Playground Re-Development Committee of \$500 for administration costs. Motion was Seconded by Jonathan Spence. Motion unanimously carried.**

- Discussion how to pay these administration costs. It was decided the easiest would be expense reimbursement.
- Diana Powell will do an initial cheque of \$5000 to the City of Edmonton with the project number on it. Blackburne Playground Re-Development Committee will ask Blackmud Creek Community League for the other \$5000 when required to move forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:06*