

# Bellevue Community League

*DRAFT Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors, February 9, 2016 - 7:00pm*

*Approved March 15, 2016*

In Attendance: Brian Finley, Erin Armstrong, Jo Nuthack, Judy Nuthack, Geoff Lilge, Cindy Lilge, Kyla Fisher, David Cournoyer, Ericka Chemko, Janice Fleming-Weeks(?), Jeff Nachtigall, Darryl Szafranski, Marvin Heise, Brian Gibbon

Regrets: Ed Boraas, Shannon Murray

1. Call to order
  - The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.
2. Approval of agenda
  - No additions to the agenda. Kyla moved to approve agenda, Erin seconded. None opposed to the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
  - Minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting- Ericka approved minutes, Geoff Lilge seconded.
4. Community stakeholder reports
  - a. Community Recreation Coordinator (Shannon Murray)
    - Shannon was not able to attend. She sent out an email about a Community meeting for Borden Park to take place on February 24th.
  - b. Northlands (Darryl Szafranski)
    - Darryl provided an update on the Northlands 2020 Vision, and invited members to attend a community meeting on February on Tuesday, February 16th. Tim Reid will be presenting on the development plan.
    - The plan is not just about changes to Rexall. There will be some minor tweaks at Expo centre, and some possible changes at Northlands park as well. A consultation process is in development to obtain feedback from all Edmontonians.
    - In March (tentatively the 16<sup>th</sup>) they will gather the Northlands neighbours group to provide feedback/ comments from the community leagues. This will hopefully result in some sharing about where the plan is good and where it needs to be tweaked. Later in March they will have an open house to view the plans and provide additional feedback and voice opinions.
    - Northlands neighbours grants documents will be emailed to us. It's similar to previous years- \$25,000 which is accessible to the 8 community leagues. The applications are due by the end of March. Plans will be approved within 30 days.
    - A Farmers Market is part of the long term plan for Northlands. They are developing an agricultural trade show venue place where farmers markets could be hosted, potentially open in 2017. The agricultural team is very strong right now, so wouldn't doubt that by 2017/ 2018 there would be a farmers market running on a regular basis.
  - c. DECSA (Beth Roehler)
    - DECSA did not attend and no report was submitted.

- d. Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)
  - The tournament is full in Jasper. They are getting all of the medals and trophies ready to go. ATB is the new sponsor for provincials.
  - Hockey Edmonton is supposed to be getting 2 sheets of ice from Rexall and from the agricom next year.

**Action:** Northstars will let us know their registration dates so we can have a membership person in attendance.

- e. Abundant Communities Initiative (Elizabeth Metcalfe)
  - Unfortunately Elizabeth has to pull out from Abundant Communities due to illness.
  - They did a presentation at EFCL Leagues Alive Conference.
- f. Brian Mason's Constituency Office (Brian Gibbon)
  - Brian Gibbon has started working at Brian Mason's constituency office doing outreach for him.
  - Brian will share his contact information with the board.

## 5. Directors' reports

- a. President (Brian Finley)
  - The Christian group's contract has been re-worked.
  - There was a community meeting about events taking place in Borden Park on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Another one is scheduled on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm.
  - The only people who had been invited to attend that meeting were the people who complained. Bottom line, Sonic Boom is coming back. Discussion about where, how, etc. They did not do a good job of promoting the meeting. The city will be doing a full scale mail out for the next meeting.
  - Porkapalooza is at Clarke Field and will be much bigger. They will be bringing in bands.
  - The water heater has been replaced, and we have added our own internet here.
  - Maintenance- someone will go and do the kids area downstairs. Some work may need to be done around how the roof, brightening the space, adding foam stuff on the floor. This will all be done in the next month.
  - Leagues Alive Conference- there were 102 people in attendance and it was an excellent event. Will be push for people to attend next year.
  - EFCL is having their general meeting on Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. Brian will be attending.
  - Precise Parklink are the new Concordia parking controllers. We will be working with them to determine what we can do going forward and will bring Shannon into it at that point.
  - Eastglen pool- There will be a meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss community swims. The City sent out a survey. The meeting will be taking place from 5:30-7:30pm at Commonwealth.

**Action:** Let Erin know if you're interested in attending the Eastglen Pool Meeting.

- b. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)
  - Jo presented the financial reports. He moved they be accepted, Cindy seconded. No opposed.
  - Pub night- Jo will have a proper calculation at the next meeting for Pub Night expenses and profits.

**Action:** Board members are to give Jo receipts for all out of pocket expenses.

- c. Vice-president (Erin Armstrong)

- Eastglen Pool group- the next meeting is Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. She will bring a report from that meeting.
- Farmers Market- Not much to go on there yet.

ii. Strategic planning follow-up

- Erin is looking for an age friendly innovation fund from the City. We will need to look elsewhere for seniors program funding.

d. Communications Director (Jeff Nachtigall)

- Need to do something about the sign out front. We have lost some letters due to the wind. The strips don't hold when putting the letters in and out.
- Highlands/ Bellevue newsletter PDF- Barb put it together so please take a look at it. From Barb's point of view, the PDF will be how it is delivered from now on. The PDF is printable. Highlands CL was handling the payment of the printing. The ads paid for the printing costs. There have been volunteer issues for the layout and the ads. It is resurrectable should the printed version be favourable.
- A question was raised about the potential requirement for a permit to host the sign out front. The yearly permit cost would be \$363. When it was applied for at the church, there was a notice on it that it is an offence to have one out without a permit.

**ACTION:** Jeff will ask Shannon about it. Jo will send out an email regarding the sign issues experienced at the church.

e. Facilities Director (Geoff Lilge)

- Had 35 people attend the Superbowl party.
- A music event was held on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Have had a few neighbours rent the lounge for parties.
- The pipe band said the rental fee was too much. Not a lot of inquiries for renting the hall.
- Regarding the strat planning- some work needs to be done to prep for hall renovation.

f. Civics Director (Dave Cournoyer)

i. Planning & Development

- Sent out an email this morning he received from Bev Zubot at the EFCL requesting CL feedback on various issues. Typically the requests are made on a short turnaround time. Requested feedback from the Board regarding how we can respond to these types of requests. Examples of the types of requests include feedback on experiences with problem properties in the neighbourhoods, they want Leagues to take photos of rooftop and garage patios, and a question about moving corner row housings.
- It was decided that the best way to provide community feedback would be to send those emails to Jeff, who will put it out on the website or the facebook and collect feedback that way.
- The board felt that taking pictures and the other pieces about problem properties might make neighbours vigilantes. It is good to be engaged, but we need to be thoughtful in what we're asking or perceived as asking people what to do.
- Where possible, such requests should be linked back to the EFCL website.

g. Social Director (Cindy Lilge)

i. Friday Night Besties update

- The Friday Night Youth group is going really well. It seems to be the same group of kids, most of whom are in grade 7. Activities have included mission impossible, a cooking class at the ACT, skiing, etc.
- The name remains the Besties.
- Need more parent volunteers for the program. It's always the same parents. Dan comes up with great activities for the kids. Have about \$180 to spend on food. Culina is providing food as well for the 20-25 kids every Friday night.
- Also looking for- younger people from the neighbourhood to act as youth leaders. 5 or 6 youth leaders aged 18- 29 would be great.

**Action:** Send recommendations for youth leaders Cindy's way!

H. Programs Director (Ericka Chemko)

- Programs- nothing to report.
- Suggests starting a strat plan committee.

**Action:** Ericka will send an email to the group to gauge interest in this committee.

I. Membership Director (Kyla Fisher)

**Action:** Kyla to get a list of members together for the Friday Night Besties in order to make sure all the kids participating are part of families that are members.

6. Business arising from the minutes
7. New business
  - a. Affordable housing (Kyla Fisher)

**Action:** Kyla to send out the Affordable Housing one pager to the group to promote future discussion on creating a welcoming place in our neighbourhood.

8. Date and time of next meeting
  - The Finance Committee will be meeting before the next meeting from 7-7:30pm
  - The regular meeting will begin at 7:30pm on March 15th.
9. Adjournment
  - Ericka moved to adjourn the meeting. ? seconded.