

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, June 20, 2017 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Brian Finley, Ed Boraas, Jo Nuthack, Judy Nuthack, Kyla Fisher, Conrad Siegers, Erin Armstrong, Jeremy Fritsche, Kerry Heise (bookkeeper/Northstars), Susan (member), Tokunbo (Boys & Girls Clubs), Brian Gibbon (MLA's office)

Regrets: Ericka Chemko

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 19:03 with Brian Finley chairing
2. Approval of agenda
 - M/S/C Erin/Ed that the agenda be approved
3. Consent Agenda

Board members are expected to have reviewed the previous meeting's minutes and all attached reports prior to the meeting. The Consent Agenda portion of the agenda will consist of a single motion: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package, and to approve of all motions included in the Consent Agenda package (outlined below).

 - a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: May 9, 2017
 - b. Community stakeholder reports
 - i. ~~Community Recreation Coordinator (Kelly Cameron)~~
 - ii. ~~Abundant Community Edmonton (Cory Seibel)~~
 - iii. ~~Edmonton Tool Library (Rebyn Webb)~~
 - iv. ~~Northlands (Fran Lucas)~~
 - v. ~~DECSA (Beth Roehler)~~
 - vi. ~~Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)~~
 - c. Community League reports
 - i. President (Brian Finley)
 - ii. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)
 - iii. ~~Vice President (Conrad Siegers)~~
 - iv. ~~Communications Director (Jeremy Fritsche)~~
 - v. ~~Facilities Director (Rick McAdie)~~
 - vi. ~~Program Director (Geoff Lilge)~~
 - vii. Social Director (Erin Armstrong)
 - viii. Membership Director (Judy Nuthack)
 - ix. ~~Community Safety Director (Kyla Fisher)~~
 - d. Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
(none)
 - M/S/C to Kyla/Conrad approve the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package
4. Discussion Points, if any (refer to attached reports)
 - a. Boys & Girls Clubs (Tokunbo)
 - Tokunbo discussed a new program called "all in for kids"
 - He's stationed at Eastglen currently, helping with extracurricular activity, and other after-school support programs
 - He's hoping to improve his connection with the League and the community as a whole
 - Tokunbo solicited feedback from the board on what supports may be needed (academic, extracurricular, sports, etc.) for youth in the neighbourhood
 - He's also connected with the local library branch
 - b. Neighbourhood Revitalization Street Lights (Joe Hewko / Jeannette Gysbers)
 - Joe gave an overview of the work of the committee
 - The committee is Joe Hewko, Jeannette Gysbers, and Jeff Nachtigall
 - The committee has delivered a brochure to all homes in Bellevue
 - A recommendation needs to be submitted to the city by July 2
 - The city would then distribute an Expression of Interest in order to formally approve (or reject) the recommendation
 - The EOI is distributed in September and closes November 15
 - Erin asked about trees

- Jeannette mentioned that tree protection is covered in the handbook, and the city appears to be willing to take care not to disturb the trees
 - Joe said that the sidewalks may ultimately be slightly higher to accommodate roots, etc
 - Brian discussed some of the specific measures that the city has taken in the past to protect existing trees
 - Jeannette reported on the survey: over 75 responses have been received, with over 90% of the responses in the affirmative
 - Some respondents were apparently unaware of the sidewalks/etc in the broader revitalization project
 - Susan mentioned that there doesn't seem to be enough lights in her area of Virginia Park, and was advised to communicate the issue to the city to hopefully be addressed concurrently
 - Brian asked what next steps were
 - Joe explained that the recommendation to the city can be made by the committee or the league, and is willing to leave that decision to the league
 - Board members expressed that a 90% affirmative rate with so many respondents is strong evidence of interest
 - Jeannette explained that the committee's plan is to send a reminder mid-August before the EOI arrives, reminding owners of the process, and (following successful examples in other communities) then going door to door to encourage responses
 - Kyla mentioned that the municipal election may complicate door-to-door work
 - Joe is seeking clarification regarding non-residential properties
 - Kyla suggested coordination with Abundant Community Edmonton connectors
 - Jeannette asked if the League would be willing to post information on the BCL website/Facebook page/newsletter
 - Joe asked if the board would consider reimbursing the print costs for the brochures that were distributed, as well as the (simpler) reminder handout in the fall, for a total of approximately \$300
 - M/S/C Brian/Conrad that the Community League refer the recommendation of the Bellevue Decorative Street Light Committee to the City to proceed with the distribution of the Expression of Interest as laid out in the "Building Great Neighbourhoods" handbook
 - M/S Brian/Jo that the Bellevue Decorative Street Light Committee be reimbursed for printing costs up to \$300
 - the directors felt that the League would be unable to reimburse the committee for print expenses, as the League felt its role should be limited to facilitation of communication, and the motion was defeated
 - Joe wanted to ensure that the Expression of Interest forms be submitted to the community contact rather than be returned to the City, which is the procedure followed in some other communities, and an option offered by the City
- c. President (Brian Finley)
- i. Community League Day & Centennial celebrations
 - There was some discussion of moving the community league day to coordinate with the centennial celebrations
 - In light of past discussions, it was felt that the league should stick to its plan to hold Community League Day celebrations on the official Community League Day date
 - ii. ~~EFCL velodrome contest~~
 - iii. ~~2017-18 membership~~
 - iv. Kinnaird suspension bridge
 - A member sent a communication about a potential bridge being established to the Kinnaird area
 - Details are in the consent bundle
 - v. Northlands contract
 - Northlands will be renting around K-Days again, similar to last year
 - M/S/C Brian/Kyla to approve Northlands' rental of the facilities from July 22-31, 2017 as presented
- d. Social Director (Erin Armstrong)
- i. Casino eligibility issues (see correspondence, page 11 of agenda bundle)

- Erin received communication from the AGLC indicating that the significant social activities taken on by the board make it difficult to meet the AGLC's criteria
 - Erin will be sitting down with the contact in Highlands to discuss the programs they have to support their casino
 - ii. Pub nights
 - Now that Highlandia is concluded, Pub Night planning is resuming
 - iii. Front Yards in Bloom
 - Sally Scott (member) has volunteered to spearhead Bellevue's Front Yards in Bloom program
 - iv. Highlandia
 - Erin was heavily involved in the planning committee's activities
 - Memberships were sold 32 adults & 18 children
 - Highlandia was a major success, and the Bellevue T-shirts were well received
- e. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)
 - Jo circulated directors' contact information for verification
 - Jo phoned the CRA to discuss the GST report, and has sent a letter to the CRA on that topic
 - The financial documents have been moved to the filing cabinet in the league office
 - M/S/C Jo/Erin that Ericka Chemko be removed as signing authority on the League's bank accounts, and that Conrad Siegers and Brian Finley be added.
 - Jo and Kerry communicated that any requests for cheques be made by Friday, so that cheques can be signed & made available by Monday
 - M/S/C Jo/Brian that Erin Armstrong be retained as a signing authority
- f. Administrative and Facility Assistant (Mohammad Ansari)
 - i. Board policies (see presentation, pages 12-13 of agenda bundle)
 - Discussion around this item will be postponed until the next meeting
 - Directors are strongly encouraged to review the presentation in detail
- 5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
- 6. Other new business, if any
 - a. Grants
 - Kyla spoke about some grants available for projects celebrating Edmonton's heritage (through the Heritage Council)
 - There's a grant upcoming with a June 30 deadline, which Kyla can provide details on
 - There was discussion of, e.g., a music video for the Bellevue song
 - Coordination with Abundant Community Edmonton may be valuable
 - b. Building committee
 - Brian is assembling a building committee
 - Anyone interested should come to the hall for discussion next week Tuesday at 7pm
- 7. Date and time of next meeting
 - Next scheduled meeting is July 18 at 7pm
- 8. Adjournment
 - M/S/C Ed/Brian
 - Meeting adjourned at 20:47