

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, March 20, 2018 - 7:15pm - DRAFT Minutes (Unapproved)

In attendance: Brian Finley, Jo Nuthack, Judy Nuthack, Jeremy Fritsche, Erin Armstrong, Ed Boraas, Geoff Lilge, Kyla Fisher, Rick McAdie, Kerry Heise (Bookkeeper), Kevin Gunderman (Northlands), Shannon LeBlanc (Tool Library), Anna Vesala (NRC), Michael Budge (member)

Regrets: Ericka Chemko, Conrad Siegers

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 19:41 by Brian Finley
2. Approval of agenda
 - M/S/C Kyla/Jeremy 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: January 16, 2018
 - b. Community stakeholder reports
 - i. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)
 - ii. ~~Abundant Community Edmonton (Cory Seibel)~~
 - iii. Edmonton Tool Library (Shannon Leblanc)
 - iv. ~~Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)~~
 - v. Bellevue Decorative Street Light Committee (Jeannette Gysbers/Joe Hewko)
 - 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)~~
 - x. ~~Past President (Ericka Chemko)~~
 - d. Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
 - i. President (Brian Finley): Motion on behalf of the Finance Committee that the league provide/pay legal fee costs that were incurred as a result of the 2014-2016 investigation provided we have a document ensuring no further actions will be taken by/against the league in this regard.
 - Motion WITHDRAWN by Brian, to be reintroduced in April

M/S/C Erin/Jeremy to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package
4. Discussion Points, if any (refer to attached reports)
 - a. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)
 - i. Event plans for 2018?
 - ii. Grant opportunities (incl. Block Party Day)
 - iii. Strategic planning, capacity building, and upcoming events
 - Bellevue is considering applying for the CLIP planning grant
 - iv. Summer Day Camps
 - Bellevue is hosting one summer camp this year
 - All school-aged kids will be getting the day camp guide in the next week or so
 - In that past, a low-income version of the guide has been made available by targeted distribution; that program no longer exists
 - Kyla asked how many people are affected by that change
 - Anna responded that there were a significant number of spots at each camp, and it was meeting a demand, and that the league may wish to consider advocating for its return
 - Camp registrations are now open

- 2017 playground assessments have been finalized and shared with the city
 - The only playground in Bellevue that's in substandard condition is at Bellevue School and is leased out and thus not eligible for renewal
 - Neighbourhood Park Development program is available to help with improvements to any public park amenities (not just playgrounds); 3 different levels of funding, VP and Bellevue independently eligible
- v. Eastglen community engagement committee
- 2-3 meetings per year
 - Aim is to support attendance at the pool
 - Master plan has been completed, but is not currently on the website
 - Kyla is interested in attending
 - Brian suggested she do so as a board rep, especially since Brennan has not been attending
- vi. Rec facility master plan
- Rec facility update: Youth center, community league halls, outdoor ice, outdoor fields/courts, very broad
 - Kevin mentioned he was invited to one of the stakeholder groups
 - Castle Downs has done a community needs assessment, but what came back was nowhere near what the community felt their priorities were
 - 20-year plan, including new major multipurpose facilities
 - Active advocacy will be very important
- vii. Borden pool
- Project manager has said they're currently "beta testing", but no clarification as to what that means
- b. Edmonton Tool Library (Shannon Leblanc)
- i. Sharing insurance
- Shannon mentioned that the Tool Library's insurance is up for renewal, and they were curious if there were any opportunities to pursue a policy together
 - Shannon clarified that the insurance would cover tool storage, meetings, etc., and not the liability associated with the use of tools
 - Brian responded that we'd be happy to ask our insurance company about it, if Shannon could provide a copy of their current policy
 - Shannon agreed to that
- ii. Men's shed
- Positive discussion has been had with Men's Shed about coming in on a weekend, and possibly opening the library on a weeknight
 - Tool Library will be pursuing that conversation further
 - Jeremy mentioned that Howard Lawrence was going to look into an info night re Men's Shed, and hopefully more info is forthcoming
- iii. CRC contact
- Shannon was hoping to reach out to our NRC to communicate about upcoming events
- iv. Cleanliness follow-up (from Jan)
- Shannon mentioned that they had had feedback from a number of users around cleanliness, etc
 - Rick followed up to ensure that standards were raised
 - Shannon has noticed an improvement since
- c. Northlands (Kevin Gunderman, Interim President/CEO)
- Kevin introduced himself
 - Kevin mentioned that there have been a lot of discussions at the City re the coliseum, etc
 - K-days is well into planning mode, working with the city and EEDC
 - Century won't be opening their airport racetrack until 2019, and may impact track operations at Northlands in that timeframe
 - The new office in Sherwood Park is up and running
 - They're working with Arts on the Ave, etc
 - Geoff asked if the Northlands Neighbours grant is continuing
 - Kevin responded that it was, unfortunately, eliminated
 - Kevin suggested approaching EEDC to inquire

- d. Michael Budge (sp?) (Member)
 - Michael mentioned that the lack of visitors' passes has been a challenge
 - When he asked the city about the issue, the city directed him to bring it up with the league, and that the league could advocate for visitors' passes
 - Michael asked if the league could discuss adding visitors' passes with the City
 - Michael noted that some of the speed zones have been changed (e.g. in and around playgrounds) to lower speeds to 30 km/h in an extended zone
 - Michael said that the current signage is confusing and potentially dangerous
 - Michael suggested speeds should continue at 30km/h all the way to Ada (where there are 30 zones nearby)
- e. President (Brian Finley)
 - i. Northlands confirmed KDays rental
 - Northlands has confirmed their rental for th K-Days period
 - ii. Lights and Blades
 - M/S/C Brian/Rick that the Street Light committee be reimbursed \$225.02 per their submitted receipts
 - Brian suggested that we should proactively reach out to the Virginia Park committee to ask if they have any costs for reimbursement
 - Rick will contact the VP committee
 - iii. No resolution/information at February Bellevue/Virginia Park meeting re Ada Boulevard
 - Nothing further at this time
 - iv. EFCL Area G Nomination - society for Friends of Exhibition Lands
 - Brian intends not to run again as president, and is considering running for EFCL area G
 - v. Bylaw change for AGM – related to Exhibition Lands – Eastwood and Montrose
 - Brian has asked Ed to contact Eastwood/Montrose to investigate redrawing boundaries to include all of the expo lands, where unclaimed by other leagues
 - vi. Joint AGLC Project with HCL
 - A joint (BCL & HCL) gaming project is under consideration
 - Discussions are early and there are no specifics to share yet, but if workable, could be a benefit to both leagues
 - Brian intends to continue discussions unless there were board objects
 - Those present had no objections
 - vii. Elections
 - Elections are ~ 2 months away
 - Ed will draft a form to collect interest from existing directors
 - viii. Borden Park event listing - website
 - ix. Eastglen Pool – will request Presentation for April Meeting
 - x. Seniors group beginning to run programs - New Horizon Grant not approved/Casino was
 - Seniors programming would like an increased presence on the website
 - xi. Abundant community
 - A new rep for Bellevue is “in the works”
 - xii. Follow-up from February historical meeting
 - Erin said that it sounded like they'd be mostly focused on the building exterior
 - Erin asked if that means we'd be spending more on the outside of the building than we had planned to, or divert funds that would have gone to the interior
 - Brian responded that he didn't believe so, and that e.g. they don't have an issue with the painting of the stucco that's been done
 - There would be the potential for additional costs for contractors needing to follow guidelines, etc., but that this would be offset by access to grants etc
 - Rick mentioned that the work is based on standards/guidelines, and as long as the style is matched visually, it's okay
 - Rick asked what the process is from this point forward, as he believes we should pursue status
 - Brian asked if it's the will of the board to pursue historical designation (not as a final decision, but as an understanding of how the directors feel at present)
 - Rick and Geoff spoke in favour of designation
 - Erin mentioned that there seemed to be some up-front costs (e.g. the plan)

- Brian mentioned that we don't need to do the full plan as discussed, and Geoff mentioned that drawings currently exist, so don't need to be redrawn
 - The other directors present agreed that the historical designation seems worth pursuing
 - M/S/C Rick/Erin that the Bellevue Community League proceed with pursuing Historical Designation for the league building
- f. Community Safety Director (Kyla Fisher)
- i. Latest updates from Exhibition Lands ARP Committee
- There have been two stakeholder committee meetings
 - The hall (and parking lot) are within the study area
 - Project charter and terms of reference have been approved
 - Next meeting is mid-April
 - A lot of leagues seem to be taking strong/specific directions on behalf of the league membership
 - Kyla asked that directors/members consider what some of our ideas may be, or avenues for developing further ideas
 - The time horizon is for the next 40 years
 - Further requests to the community for ideas, etc., will be forthcoming from the City
 - Further description of the engagement process, etc., will be forthcoming
 - Lots of interesting stakeholders participating: Concordia, other Leagues, etc
- g. Bellevue Decorative Street Light Committee
- i. Reimbursement request
- Reimbursement approved (see President, above)
- b. Bookkeeper (Kerry Heise)
- Kerry asked how directors would prefer to receive the reports
 - She suggested she could include an executive summary
 - Right now, she submits Revenue & Expenses, as well as a "Cole's Notes" style summary
 - In particular, Kerry would like to draw attention to the "Outstanding" section of the summary sheet
 - Going forward, Kerry will also include a written summary drawing attention to any notable elements of the monthly report
 - Jo mentioned that he is still trying to compile the 2018 budget and requires budget submissions from the directors
 - Kyla asked about the timing (closures, etc.) regarding renovations, etc
5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
6. Other new business, if any
7. Date and time of next meeting
- The next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2018
8. Adjournment
- M/S/C Kyla/Rick that the meeting be adjourned
 - Meeting adjourned at 21:02