

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, April 17, 2018 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Conrad Siegers, Erin Armstrong, Geoff Lilge, Kyla Fisher, Jeremy Fritsche, Jo Nuthack, Judy Nuthack, Ed Boraas, Brian Gibbon (MLA's office), Kerry Heise (Bookkeeper), Lauren Hall (Tool Library), Alan (Minus One) Irene Sather (Minus One), Susan Petrina (Highlands CL/Highlands Facility Renewal Committee), Allan Mayer (Highlands), Daria Luciw (UFest), Christine Teterenko (UFest)

Regrets: Brian Finley, Anna Vesala, Rick McAdie

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 19:05 by Conrad
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. M/S/C Erin/Kyla 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: March 20, 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)~~
 - vi. Minus-One Dance (Irene Sather et al.)
 - 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
(none)
M/S/C Jeremy/Kyla to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept for information all reports included in the Consent Agenda package
4. Presentations and Discussion Points (refer to attached reports)
 - a. UFest Edmonton Ukrainian Festival (Daria Luciw/Christine Teterenko)
 - i. Presentation re. upcoming festival
 - Launching the first ever Ukrainian cultural festival in Edmonton
 - Per-capita, Edmonton has the highest Ukrainian population in Canada
 - 22 multi-day festivals from coast to coast, but never in Edmonton to date
 - Friday May 25 (5pm-11pm) through Sat May 26 (11am-11pm)
 - Website: ufest.ca
 - Entry via Borden Park Road
 - Handout provided, outlining committee structure, map, and schedule
 - "Think folk fest": blankets, tarps, low chairs
 - Ukrainian dance, choir, vendor village (artisans, etc), kids activities (colouring, bracelet-making, etc), food kiosks & trucks
 - Situation re. Northlands has caused delays in confirming plans re parking, but Northlands has been supportive
 - Planning to become an annual event; "hoping" to outgrow Borden Park
 - Festival admission is free

- Minus One has a dance on Saturday night (setup starting at 5pm); we will need to follow up re. Facilities to ensure we are prepared
- b. Highlands Facilities Renewal Committee (Susan Petrina/Allan Mayer)
 - i. Presentation re. Highlands CL new building project
 - Susan and Allan distributed a summary report showing project timelines as well as a site plan
 - They presented a design report describing plans for the hall, community garden, and lawn bowling space
 - Timing aligns well with Neighbourhood Renewal as well as the Highlands School amalgamation/renovation
 - Hoping to coordinate as much as possible with Bellevue re amenities, site features, redevelopment plans
 - Planning a rainwater harvesting system from the roof to the community garden (and possibly the lawn bowling green)
 - New building is larger than current facility: smaller room suitable for most current users (lawn bowling, yoga, bridge), and a larger room with a subpartition allowing for two events when possible
 - Considering offering child care out of the HCL facility, looking to contract with a non-profit (possibly YMCA)
 - Aiming to open in 2021
 - Budget is \$1.7 - 2.25M, reliant on grants (CLIP, CFEP, etc)
 - ii. Request for letter of support
 - HFRC is formally asking for a letter of support from the Bellevue CL that they could include in grant applications, etc.
 - **M/S/C Kyla/Conrad that the Bellevue Community League write a letter of support for Highlands' new Community Centre project**
 - Kyla mentioned that a Highlands School design meeting has just been announced for April 26 @ 7pm
- c. Minus-One Dance (Irene Sather et al.)
 - i. Advertising
 - Earlier/more timely updates for Minus-One events on the sign board would be helpful
 - Asked about inclusion in the community newsletter; hoping to increase awareness in the community
 - Events are open to all ages (Members must be 55+ and single, but anyone else can attend as a guest)
 - Asked about including events on website
 - ii. Renovations
 - Heating and cooling: performers sometimes have to wear coats in the winter, and during the summer airflow is inadequate
 - Only one ceiling fan is working
 - Lights are falling out of order
 - Other questions about facilities (see report)
 - Used to have locked storage under the stage; is it possible to get that again?
 - iii. 2018-19 booking
 - Would like to continue with 2nd & 4th Saturday (none Dec 31 / Jul 27[?])
 - iv. Cleaning scheduling
 - Floor cleaning is being done too close to the event, making it difficult to wax properly, etc.
- d. Edmonton Tool Library
 - i. Borrowing a BBQ
 - Annual General Meeting on May 12 at 11am, BBQ 12pm-3/4pm
 - North Stars has a barbeque they can lend
 - Board invited to attend AGM and join for BBQ (by donation)
 - ii. Any events that would conflict with BBQing in the parking lot?
 - Minus One has a dance that evening, but shouldn't conflict
 - iii. Any BCL concerns/requests re. Event?
 - None raised
 - iv. Insurance

- Shannon had brought up joining up under BCL's policy (see last month's minutes)
 - They've renewed their insurance for now (as required), but have some leeway to terminate so are hoping for an update as soon as possible
- e. President (Brian Finley)
- i. AGM date and agenda
 - M/S/C Kyla/Jeremy that the AGM be held on May 22 @ 7pm
 - Ed asked if there were any additions to the standard agenda
 - Jeremy suggested a formal report on what's happening with the hall
 - Ed asked that if anyone had any items for the agenda, that the topics be brought to him in the next few days, so that notice can be distributed as early as possible
 - Erin is willing to help flyer Virginia Park; Jeremy is preparing a flyer and a call for volunteers
 - Erin suggested Jeremy reach out to Highlandia to see if we can work together on flyering, as in past years
 - ii. Ada Boulevard plans
 - Ed provided a summary of the updated report, and will distribute
 - iii. Joint AGLC Funding Project with HCL
 - Work in progress; hopefully more to update next meeting
 - iv. Elections – BOD slate
 - Some gaps to fill in the slate
 - Erin, Ed, Kyla, Jeremy willing to assist with nomination committee work
 - v. Borden Park event listing on website
 - Brian suggests Borden Park events be listed on our website
 - vi. Regular May meeting independent of AGM
 - The directors were in agreement with this sentiment
- f. Vice President (Conrad Siegers)
- i. Brainstorming re. new tenants (e.g. sports clubs)
 - Conrad mention that his kids' karate club is operating out of a community league, and it made him think about what options we might have to attract regular programs/clubs for regular rentals
 - Kerry mentioned that we do have a revenue gap now that the church group is no longer renting
 - Jeremy mentioned that the tripartite agreement complicates things somewhat, but that it's important that we develop those agreements -- a concerted effort to attract non-profits could do a lot to help hall activity, revenue, etc., especially with the renovations
 - Dances, yoga, community theatre, fitness clubs
 - Jeremy suggested investigating sharing a resource with Highlands to help manage/show the facility
 - Conrad suggested raising the question in the next community newsletter
- g. Community Safety Director (Kyla Fisher)
- i. Exhibition lands call for ideas
 - Ed mentioned that Concordia has submitted a proposal, which he may be able to share with the board
- h. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)
- Community League operating grant is due next week
 - Finance committee needs to meet before the next regular meeting; May 8?
 - Jo reminded the directors that budget numbers are still needed
 - Erin asked if grant-backed items should be included; Jo said yes
- i. Social Director (Erin Armstrong)
- i. Highlandia sponsorship
 - Erin asked if Bellevue is willing to donate toward Highlandia again
 - The last few years we've donated \$1000
 - M/S/C Conrad/Judy that the Bellevue CL donate \$1000 in support of Highlandia
 - ii. Update
 - Erin reminded that we need to keep the Community League Day date clear on our calendar
 - We've been approved for a casino Oct/Nov/Dec 2019; more precise details will come closer to that date
 - Casino Yellowhead has been confirmed as our facility

- Erin is organizing a river valley cleanup for Earth Day
- 5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
 - a. Finance committee motion re legal fees
 - i. Motion deferred to May meeting
- 6. Other new business, if any
- 7. Date and time of next meeting
 - The next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2018 at 7pm
- 8. Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 21:06