

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board of Directors, August 21, 2018 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Brian Finley, Geof Lilge, Jeremy Fritsche, Conrad Siegers, Ed Boraas, Brian Gibbon (MLA's office), Brett Finnie (Member), Joe Hewko (Bellevue Street Lights), Kerry Heise (Bookkeeper)

Regrets: Fraser Hayes, Rick McAdie

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order by Brian Finley at 19:03
2. Approval of agenda
 - M/S/C Conrad/Geof 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: June 19
 - 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)~~
 - c. Directors' reports
 - i. ~~President (Rick McAdie)~~
 - ii. ~~Past President (Brian Finley)~~
 - iii. ~~Treasurer (Conrad Siegers)~~
 - iv. Social Director (Fraser Hayes)
 - v. ~~Program Director (Geoff Lilge)~~
 - vi. ~~Membership Director (Sally Scott)~~
 - vii. ~~Civics Director (Kyla Fisher)~~
 - viii. ~~Communications Director (Jeremy Fritsche)~~
 - d. Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
 - M/S/C Jeremy/Conrad 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. Bellevue Street Lights Committee (Joe Hewko)
 - Two parts: Street Lights and Blades
 - Joe distributed designs for the street blades (90cm x ~20cm), incorporating historical street names and a community graphic
 - John Fraser, owner of river lot 28, was involved in education and athletic pursuits, including dogsledding (HBC folks round trip to Alberta Beach!); the graphic represents this part of the community's history
 - Joe discussed some of the discrepancies between the present conventional boundaries and the historical boundaries of Bellevue
 - Brian asked about ownership of the graphic; Joe responded that Ken North designed the graphic
 - Joe gave a brief history of the decorative lights process
 - Joe discussion the post-top luminaires that were offered to Highlands
 - The Virginia Park and Bellevue committees wrote to the city that it seemed inequitable to offer post-top luminaires to Highlands but not to Bellevue/VP
 - Subsequently, Building Great Neighbourhoods met with the League and the committees
 - BGN insisted on keeping the configuration virtually equivalent to the originally proposed design, but mentioned that they'd look into the possibility of renaissance tops on the approved poles
 - The committees approached a branch manager at the City, as well as Councillor Caterina, to no avail

- In light of the Mayor's recent expressions of dissatisfaction with the actions of city administration, Joe drafted and sent a letter to the Mayor's office
 - Joe is investigating the manufacturer's recommendations for spacing of the post-top options
 - Joe distributed a report, electronically, summarizing the situation and documenting communications and actions taken
 - Brian asked if there's been any response to the questions raised at the June 27 meeting (renaissance tops, VP pole upgrades, etc)
 - Joe responded that there has not been any response to date
 - Brian asked if the league has been sent a copy of Joe's letter to the Mayor
 - Joe responded that the letter was sent to the Mayor only and has not been distributed to anyone else
 - Joe mentioned that Jeannette suggested the league may wish to follow up with Building Great Neighbourhoods to request an update
 - Brian agreed, and will be sending a letter in the coming days
- b. President (Brian Finley, for Rick McAdie)
- i. Report
 - Brian expressed the intent to hire someone to oversee the renovation process as well as to manage the hall
 - Brian and Rick will be meeting with him monthly to go over the project status & other duties
 - This should allow us to support additional rentals and to improve management of the facility
 - Conrad asked if priorities have been determined for the renovations
 - Brian responded that some work has been done to prioritize things, but that the first priority will be some of the long-standing minor issues that we have been aware of for quite some time
 - In Oct/Nov we will be having another visit from the Historical Designation folks to review next steps and make some decisions about direction
 - Kitchen design is underway
 - ii. Tool Library insurance
 - Brian has requested contact from someone at the Tool Library to clarify exactly what they'd like
 - iii. Northlands Neighbours
 - With the closure of Rexall and the redevelopment of the expo lands, some stakeholders have regrouped as the Area G Collaborative
 - Brian will be meeting with EEDC re. the expo grounds this Thursday
 - The new sound reduction system will be in place for the labour day event; if it works well, we will request that a similar system be used for k-days, etc
- c. Treasurer
- i. Discussion of report
 - Conrad distributed a report electronically
 - The books are in good shape for June/July
 - All invoices have been paid
 - Kerry gave an update on the YTD state of the budget
 - Community League Operating Grant has just been received, and will be incorporated into the August statement
 - Payment has not yet been received from Northlands
 - Brian is in contact with a prospective renter, and they will be touring the facility in coming weeks
 - Kerry and Conrad distributed the printed Revenue & Expense report
 - M/S/C Jeremy/Conrad to accept the report of the treasurer
 - Geof mentioned that the Highlandia expenses were not reflected in the report; these have not yet been invoiced by Highlands
 - ii. Hall renovation
 - Conrad asked about the planning process
 - Brian explained that most of the work is being managed/coordinated by the Building Committee (Brian, Melanie, Jim, Rick, and one other)
- d. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)

- Anna distributed a printed report
 - In particular, Anna highlighted information around Parkland Event Licenses (available for park events at no charge via Anna)
 - She also distributed an invitation for residents to “pitch your project” for \$500 in seed funding for events, projects, block parties, etc
5. Business arising from the previous meeting’s minutes, if any
6. Other new business, if any
- a. Civics Director vacancy
- Kyla has sent a letter resigning from the board due to conflicts with her new position
 - Her letter has been accepted with regret
 - Brett introduced himself and discussed his personal history in the community
 - Brett was excited to move to Bellevue, and began renovating his house immediately upon moving in, with the intent of remaining in the community for a long time
 - Brett had previously raised some issues around traffic on 68th street, and subsequently met with Jeremy and Ed to get introduced to the civics role
 - Brett is interested in helping to bring solutions to civics-related issues
 - Brett is a Project Manager for Beamcraft Timber Framing
 - M/S/C Brian/Conrad that Brett be appointed as Civics Director for the remainder of the term
 - Brian will arrange a meeting with himself, Brett, and Kyla to ensure a smooth transition
- b. Pub Night & Community League Day
- Brian asked if we are continuing to coordinate pub nights with Highlands
 - Geof has coordinated a team of volunteers to host pub nights
 - He has proposed to the team that we hold pub nights monthly, on a separate night from Highlands
 - This would allow us to avoid conflicts with Highlands, while not missing out if a Highlands night falls through
 - Starting September, Pub Nights will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month (Sept will be on Sat the 15th)
 - Community League Day is being held on September 15
 - Fraser will be unavailable to coordinate CL day
 - Brian asked if we were interested in doing an outdoor movie again
 - Jeremy offered to ask Erin if she’s willing to make contact with the inflatable screen folks
 - Jeremy suggested that, alternatively, that we could have an indoor movie to enhance weatherproofing and family-friendliness, and to increase access to pub night for the adults
- c. Black Box Hospitality Group
- Black Box will be occupying a sizeable portion of Gibbard Block
 - Jeremy invited Black Box to present on their plans to the BCL board
7. Date and time of next meeting
- The next scheduled meeting is September 18 at 7pm
8. Adjournment
- M/S/C Conrad/Ed to adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 20:32