

Bellevue Community League

DRAFT Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors, December 15, 2020 - 7:00pm - UNAPPROVED

In attendance: Sherry Heschuk, Brian Finley, Geof Lilge, Fraser Hayes, Conrad Siegers, Nazio Filice, Jeremy Fritsche, Ed Boraas, Mike Shiplack, Tim Starchuk, Anna Vesala (NRC), Joe Hewko (Member/Eastglen Engagement), Kerry Heise (Bookkeeper)
Regrets: Rick McAdie

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 19:04 by Jeremy Fritsche
2. Approval of agenda
 - M/S/C Conrad / Brian 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: November 17, 2020
 - b. Community stakeholder reports
 - i. ~~Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (Anna Vesala)~~
 - ii. ~~Abundant Community Edmonton (Cory Seibel)~~
 - iii. ~~Edmonton Tool Library (Emma Ingen Housz)~~
 - iv. ~~Northstars Athletic Club (Marvin/Kerry Heise)~~
 - v. ~~Edmonton Toy Library (Kyla Fisher)~~
 - c. Directors & chairs' reports
 - i. ~~President (Rick McAdie)~~
 - ii. ~~Vice President (Jeremy Fritsche)~~
 - iii. Treasurer (Conrad Siegers)
 - iv. Past President (Brian Finley)
 - v. ~~Social Director (Fraser Hayes)~~
 - vi. ~~Program Director (Geof Lilge)~~
 - vii. ~~Membership Director (Laura Finley)~~
 - viii. ~~Civics Director (Tim Starchuk)~~
 - ix. ~~Communications Director (Mike Shiplack)~~
 - x. ~~Community Safety Director (Nazio Filice)~~
 - xi. ~~Sustainability Committee Chair (Sherry Heschuk)~~
 - xii. ~~Casino Committee Chair (Rick McAdie)~~
 - d. Motions included in Consent Agenda, if any
 - i. *(none)*
 - M/S/C Conrad / Brian 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. Eastglen Pool update (Joe Hewko)
 - Working jointly with Scona was an effective strategy
 - Community members are very excited that closure has been avoided
 - This is the most aggressive move the City has taken to date regarding closure
 - An Occupational Therapist who uses Eastglen produced a brief video explaining her experiences with Eastglen and its importance to the community
 - The Mayor had made comments that aging structures like this needed to be replaced; this may be more applicable to Scona, but Eastglen (while not new) is improvable
 - Attendance was also raised as a concern, but it doesn't seem reasonable to compare attendance at Eastglen to attendance elsewhere when there's such a difference in amenities, etc. Simple cost ratios don't tell the whole story.
 - Sherry asked about the long-term plan identified for Eastglen
 - Joe offered to distribute the Journal's article on the hearing
 - Sherry wanted to know if we're going to find ourselves having to push this again soon
 - Joe responded that the City has been moving toward mid-size facilities, including funding for existing facilities; existing funding is in place and should be reliable for the time being

- In a lot of discussions, Eastglen continues to be overshadowed by Oliver and Scona
 - Joe suggested that we should be reorienting the conversation to focus on Eastglen's value as a Health & Fitness facility
- ii. Treasurer (Conrad Siegers)
 - Over the last few weeks, Conrad and others have put together the paperwork for the CLIP grant
 - Brian will be following up with the City to check on status
 - All of the large cheques have been written
- iii. Past President (Brian Finley)
 - Brian's report was attached to the agenda
 - Lots of initiatives are in progress
 - We need to coordinate communication around membership
 - Brian will be meeting regarding historical designation some time in January - let Brian know if you're interested in attending (virtually)
- iv. NRC (Anna Vesala)
 - The tripartite agreement is being renegotiated
 - Councillor Knack asked council what it would look like if commercial activities were allowed at league buildings
 - Upon legal review, the City has realized that commercial use of the properties is not prohibited
 - The City is going to permit commercial use of league property, provided that it's congruent with the goals of community leagues (community oriented, recreation, etc)
 - EFCL is considering holding a meeting in January to discuss the implications with leagues
 - Eventually, the league will need to indicate if it support the commercial use proposal
 - The amending agreement is primarily for those leagues that wish to take advantage of the new provisions immediately; the language will be present in the new Tripartite Agreement that will be in effect from late 2021 to 2031
 - A \$2500 grant has been awarded to the BCL (conditional on public health orders) for the live music series
 - CLIP has been reduced by \$500,000 over 2021/22; this will eliminate the large grant funding stream
 - Other CLIP funding remains and will be accessible in March
 - Provincial funding is available under the new "Civil Society Fund":
<https://www.alberta.ca/civil-society-fund.aspx>
- v. Eastglen advocacy (Mike Shiplack)
 - Mike presented some notes on the recent work re. Eastglen
 - Mike will be posting some information to the website, and distribute thanks/congratulations to the folks who helped out with the campaign
 - Mike asked if there were any holiday messages to distribute
 - Sherry mentioned the ice sculptures in Virginia Park (109 Ave & 73 St) at the Elementary School
- 5. Business arising from the previous meeting's minutes, if any
- 6. Other new business, if any
 - Sherry mentioned that there has been a COVID outbreak at Virginia Park lodge
 - Jeremy thanked Mike and Tim for their hard work on Eastglen advocacy
- 7. Date and time of next meeting
 - The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm
- 8. Adjournment
 - M/S/C Brian/Conrad that the meeting be adjourned
 - Meeting adjourned at 20:04