

# Bellevue Community League

*DRAFT Minutes - Annual General Meeting, May 17, 2022 - 7:00pm - Unapproved*

1. Call to order
  - Meeting called to order at 19:10 by Rick McAdie
2. Approval of agenda
  - M/S/C Bethany/Brian that the agenda be approved
3. Approval of minutes from 2021 Annual General Meeting
  - M/S/C Sherry/Brian that the minutes be approved
4. Greetings from Councillor Ashley Salvador
  - Councillor Salvador brought greetings on behalf of herself and city council
  - Coun. Salvador reiterated her openness to feedback and questions
  - Rick McAdie expressed appreciation for Coun. Salvador's advocacy and contributions to the community
5. Presentations
  - a. Explore Edmonton (Arlindo Gomes)
    - Mr. Gomes attended on behalf of Explore Edmonton, the operator of the Expo Centre
    - Explore Edmonton is also taking on K-Days and the International Farm Fair starting this year
    - Greg Brandenburg asked about the current status of the Northlands organization and their present relationship with Explore Edmonton
    - Mr. Gomes explained that Northlands has wound up, and the remaining staff have joined Explore Edmonton
    - Christine Brown asked about security provisions, as she felt that things felt differently than when being operated by Northlands
    - Greg Brandenburg asked if Explore Edmonton operated out of the former Northlands offices
    - Mr. Gomes responded that Expo Centre staff do operate out of that space, but that Explore Edmonton's head office is in the World Trade Centre downtown
  - b. Information on Exhibition Lands redevelopment (Lovey Grewal)
    - Mr. Grewal works with the City of Edmonton Real Estate Land Development office
    - The plan for the exhibition lands was approved by the previous city council
    - Mr. Grewal and his team are responsible for implementation
    - They will be working with a large consulting firm in order to deliver the community in a net zero fashion
    - Capital budgets are being prepared for the next four-year cycle

- Proposal is to continue planning and begin formal construction, including road & utility as well as the demolition of the coliseum
- Demolition could begin as early as next summer
- Christine Brown asked if there are any anticipated concerns around soil contamination
- Mr. Grewal responded that they can't be sure until they actually start digging; there have been some issues found up near the barns, though they will be remediable
- Greg Brandenburg asked about the relationship between the "education anchor" and Concordia University of Edmonton
- Mr. Grewal has had numerous conversations with Concordia during the process, but Concordia has no special formal relationship to the space
- Greg Brandenburg noted that Griesbach achieved a lot of success, but Blatchford has seen some challenges
- Mr. Grewal responded that the greenfield approach taken in Blatchford did slow things down somewhat, but that it's notable that the site went from being an operating airport to having residents living in it in seven years
- Greg Brandenburg asked how we can be assured of good mixed use in the exhibition lands
- Mr. Grewal responded that the redevelopment plan is a statutory document, so it cannot be amended except through formal process; each parcel's sale agreement will impose conditions on developers with respect to council's expectations
- [Member right of Jeremy ... Donna?] asked about whether child care has been a consideration in the planning so far
- Mr. Grewal responded that he's not aware of that specific issue, but that it could be developed inside the retail areas

#### 6. President's report for the 2021-22 year

- Rick McAdie thanked the board for their work over the past year
- Rick noted a few key areas: work with Concordia through their Town & Gown committee, Borden Park activities and events including K-Days, the signing of the Tripartite Agreement, the upcoming 2022-23 casino, and the Save Goldbar Park initiative
- Rick noted the Concordia relationship in particular, and how it serves as an example of Rick's goal to develop key relationships in the neighbourhood, and serves as a model for future collaboration with other groups in the neighbourhood (e.g. the golf course)

#### 7. Review of financial statements and auditors' report

- Conrad thanked Kerry Heise for her work as bookkeeper and to Rick and Brian for their administrative support

- Conrad acknowledged Brian Gratrix and Fraser Hayes for their work in auditing the books, and Ken North for being willing to act as backup auditor
- Conrad observed that income is beginning to pick up steam again as the worst of Covid seems to be behind us at this point
- Two years ago, at the start of Covid, Conrad was concerned about the league's finances, but as of today he is feeling very confident in our position
- Sherry Heschuk asked if there were any remaining casino funds; Kerry and Conrad explained that the funds were spent in the two years following the casino
- Conrad explained a number of grants that the league was awarded in the past year
- Greg asked how our finances compared to 2019 and what is expected in future
- Conrad noted that 2019 included substantial casino funding, and future funds depend on a few key activities such as K-Days
- M/S/C Laura/Jeremy to accept the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report

#### 8. Appointment of auditors

- Bethany McMillan volunteered to act as backup auditor
- M/S/C Conrad/Laura to appoint Brian Gratrix and Ken North as member auditors, and Bethany McMillan as backup auditor

#### 9. Elections

- Brian presented the slate of nominations for the upcoming election:
  - a. President: Rick McAdie
  - b. Vice President: (vacant)
  - c. Secretary: Ed Boraas
  - d. Treasurer: Conrad Siegers
  - e. Past President: Brian Finley
  - f. Communications: (vacant)
  - g. Civics Director: (vacant)
  - h. Membership Director: Laura Finley
  - i. Facilities Director: Brian Finley
  - j. Programs Director: Geof Lilge
  - k. Social Director: Fraser Hayes
  - l. Community Safety Director: (vacant)
  - m. Sustainability Chair: Sherry Heschuk
- M/S/C Brian/Laura that the slate of nominees be elected
- The nominees above are elected

#### 10. Adjournment

- M/S/C Conrad/Ed that the meeting be adjourned
- Meeting adjourned at 20:13

