

Strathcona Centre Community League Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015

Chair: Jeff Samsonow

Attendees: Simon Thomas, Jeanie McDonnell, Lois Hameister, Barry Wickie, Kelly Fox, John Watson, Chris Kaye, Jeff Samsonow, Colleen Taralson, Amy Wowk, Dustin Meunier, Brenda Reid. Guests: Nancy Rempel, Alice Harkness (Keepers of Mill Creek), Charlene Roche, Kim Simkin, Julie Stormer (City of Edmonton)

Regrets: Grant Moore

1.0 Call to order at 7:05pm.

2.0 Agenda

2.1 Adopted – Jeanie motioned. Seconded. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of November 9, 2015

3.1 Jeanie: Motion to adopt the minutes. Seconded. Carried.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Community Recreation Coordinator - Paul Samboryk

4.1.1 Free Drop-in Skate posters distributed to attendees.

4.1.1.1 City of Edmonton 'Leader in Training' Program Re: Learn to Skate, date set for Dec. 22, 2015.

4.1.2 Update that tree maintenance will begin in January.

4.2 Mill Creek Ravine diversion – Nancy Rempel and Alice Harkness (Keepers of Mill Creek)

4.2.1 Brief history of Mill Creek Ravine presented. Creek was diverted and currently runs underground from Connors' Road to the North Saskatchewan.

4.2.2 LRT Development presents opportunity to bring the creek "back to the surface.

4.2.3 \$250,000 committed to feasibility study.

4.2.4 Volunteers needed for website and grant writing.

4.2.5 Motion by Simon to provide letter of support for project was seconded by Brenda. Motion carried. Motion amended to include \$1000.00 donation.

4.3 City of Edmonton events and festivals (i.e. Ice on Whyte, Pride, Folk Fest and Fringe) - Charlene Roche, Kim Simkin and Julie Stormer

4.3.1 Parking, traffic and other community specific issues.

4.3.1.1 Temporary and long-term parking plan strategies discussed. Long term solution to be discussed further at future meetings with COE reps.

- 4.3.1.2 Community consultation in early stages of planning for festivals is essential. Board requested such consultation in regards to future events.
- 4.3.1.3 Road closures and other land use changes related to festivals are not communicated effectively, correctly or at all.
- 4.3.1.4 “Creep” (i.e. set up and take down bookending the actual closures / land use changes) was discussed and identified as a concern moving forward. Again, community consultation is essential.
- 4.3.1.5 Kelly and John to continue efforts in discussing concerns and strategies with festival organizers.

5.0 Decision Items

5.1 Ice on Whyte 2016 Agreement

- 5.1.1 Full cost of \$7500.00 of rental for grounds, rink and tennis court (no longer require the hall). Total to be charged \$1665.00. Festival to cover all utilities.
- 5.1.2 Addition of a “Clean-Up” Clause discussed.
- 5.1.3 Free passes discussed for residents in ten (10) townhomes directly north of the Community League building. Jeanie will make request of Ice on Whyte.
- 5.1.4 Parking discussed as a concern.
- 5.1.5 Motion to move forward with Ice on Whyte agreement from Jeanie. Seconded by Lois. Motion carried.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Monthly League Finances

- 6.1.1 Signing Authorities
 - 6.1.1.1 Mark has taken himself off, Lois discussed as potential signee. Motion by Colleen. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.
- 6.1.2 Audit conducted by Mark
 - 6.1.2.1 Results at January 2016 meeting.
- 6.1.3 Casino accounts updated

6.2 Civics and Planning – Grant Moore

- 6.2.1 Report emailed by Grant in his absence, questions to be forwarded.

6.3 Buildings and Grounds – Benjamin Tucker

- 6.3.1 Signage for park hours to be installed.
- 6.3.2 Rink lighting
 - 6.3.2.1 Lighting is safety concern.
 - 6.3.2.2 CEPTED assement has been completed. Report forthcoming.
 - 6.3.2.3 Penalty boxes / benches are too enclosed. Various options discussed including motion activated lighting.
- 6.3.3 SCCL renovation meeting in January, 2016.

6.4 Hall Use – Jeanie McDonnell

- 6.4.1 See 5.1.1, hall use no longer needed for Ice on Whyte.
- 6.4.2 Discussion regarding decorations (coat rack, dart board, historical prints / artwork for walls) in lounge to make it more “homey.”
- 6.4.3 Colleen to explore options for coat racks / hooks.
- 6.4.4 Motion for budget of \$1000.00 from Colleen. Seconded by Lois. Motion carried.

6.5 Membership – Jeanie McDonnell and Lois Hameister

- 6.5.1 No new business.

6.6 Social – Jeanie McDonnell

- 6.6.1 Pub night - Friday December 18, 2015.
- 6.6.2 Winterfest - February 14, 2016.

6.7 Communications – VACANT

6.8 Community Garden – Kelly Binnington

- 6.8.1 No new business.

6.9 Soccer – Simon Thomas and Conrad Nobert

- 6.9.1 No new business.

6.10 Green Initiatives – Brenda Reid

- 6.10.1 Discussion regarding scope and definition of role. Overlap with Communications discussed, also a role to play in community engagement.
- 6.10.2 Community Sustainability suggested as new title.
- 6.10.3 Brenda to liaison with various groups including Keepers of the Creek and Shareable Neighbourhoods.

6.11 Community Liaison – Kelly Fox and John Watson

- 6.11.1 Community liaisons will work with Ice on Whyte and continue efforts to expand consultation between the Community League and other festivals including Fringe Festival.

6.12 Programs – Dustin Meunier

- 6.12.1 New board member, discussed options and ideas for new programming.
- 6.12.2 Potential partnership with Edmonton Sport and Social Club (or similar organization) to develop beach volleyball courts.

7.0 Old Business

- 7.1 No business.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL) Representative

- 8.1.1 Colleen has acted as representative and is looking for a volunteer to replace her. Call going out to members of Civics and Planning Committee.

8.2 In Camera Business

8.3 Nominations for Vacant and New Positions

8.3.1 Secretary

8.3.1.1 Kelly nominated Amy Wowk. Seconded by Colleen. Motion carried.

8.3.2 Safety

8.3.2.1 Barry nominated by Colleen. Seconded by Jeanie. Motion carried.

8.3.2.2 Barry to explore options regarding safety concerns and penalty boxes / players' benches.

9.0 Adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00pm

Strathcona Community Hall, 10139 87 Ave