



**Strathcona Centre Community League  
Board Meeting Minutes via Zoom  
Monday, May 9, 2022**

**Chairperson:** Nathan Carroll

**Attendees:** Erin Flaherty, Darcy Stevens, Farhana Nurani, Sally Hammell, Maureen Duguay, Cheryl West-Hicks, John de Haan, Donna Fong, Bernie Roessler, Landon Schedler, Daniel Auger, Jason Unger, Gord Lacey, Katie Krause.

**Absent:** Jeanie McDonnell, Scott Wright, Jenn Costigan, Derek Kaplan, Delianne Meenhorst,

1. **Call to order:** 7:06 pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** To adopt agenda with amendment to discuss Dog Park with Jerome Cranston

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Sally Hammell

**Carried.**

3. **Approval of Minutes of the last board meeting**

**Motion:** Minutes of April 11, 2022 were read and accepted

**Moved by:** Bernie Roessler

**Seconded by:** Landon Schedler

**Carried.**

4. **Neighborhood Resource Coordinator** - Erin Flaherty (City of Edmonton)

4.1. Report in board meeting folder: [May 2022 NRC Updates - Google Docs](#)

4.2. Replacement while on leave: Kate Russell

4.3. [Neighbourhood Services Staff Contact May 2022.pdf](#)

4.4. Kicking off Awesome Block Award Campaign - nominate an awesome block in the neighborhood - website link is in report

4.5. If there are any events coming up this summer get the requests in asap - links to application forms in the report

4.6. Summer streets along Saskatchewan Drive - links to info in report

4.7. Cities has gotten recent 311 inquiries about bike lanes getting parked on - please report any parking on bike lanes

5. **Dog Park**, Jerome Cranston (dog park team member) and Sally Hammell

5.1. Sally met with the "dog park" group that would like to have a summertime dog park in the rink. Group has met to address issues raised at last month's board meeting.

5.2. Background: WhatsApp group started in November to coordinate visits between dogs in the neighborhood. Group now at ~50 members. Have been meeting in King Edward school yard, but don't like non-compliance and would prefer to be in rink as part of city's pilot program for off-leash areas.

- 5.3. Items discussed by Jerome:
  - 5.3.1. Infrastructure improvement: Garbage bins, signage, wheelchair access (a ramp)
  - 5.3.2. Maintenance: pick up after dogs. In other community leagues haven't needed to hire a cleaning contractor. Also a concern about needles being left in rink.
  - 5.3.3. Conflict resolution: Members of the coordinating team would help to monitor conflicts and mitigate bad interactions.
  - 5.3.4. Scheduling: Defined end point of September 30th. Group understands that conflicts could occur at end of season. Kenilworth extended dog-park season until rink needed to be flooded for winter.
- 5.4. **Action: Organizing group will submit their response to the SCCL concerns in writing.**
  - 5.4.1. Ensure that there is a plan in place for each of the items that are of concern.
  - 5.4.2. Group should send proposal to Sally. Review will be done by exec.
  - 5.4.3. Will likely need an online motion to board for approval.
  - 5.4.4. 7 day turn-around by city for approval.
- 5.5. Issue raised: Last time there was a dog park in the rink there were some conflicts between organizing group members (not just new people passing by)
- 5.6. Question: Could we set up temporary fencing somewhere nearby (end of Steel park)? Erin response: Pilot project is for community league lands, not city parks. Jerome response: Kenilworth had a second inner gate to ensure that dogs don't run out.
- 5.7. Question: Is rink access restricted to only "group" members? Sally response: Wouldn't be able to police this.
- 5.8. Question: Will there be a usage fee? This could help to fund a cleaning contractor and the insurance.
- 5.9. Comment: There was previously a team that ran the pilot in 2019.  
**Action: Maureen will look for old report.**
- 5.10. Comment: Community membership is required for all other activities in the community. A league membership should be a requisite for participating.
- 5.11. Question: Any other bookings after funball? Answer: no, the rink is free for the summer.

## 6. **Inclusion Discussion: Module 4** - Cheryl West-Hicks

- 6.1. PDF available in board meeting folder:  
[Module4\\_EquityEqualityJustice.pdf](#)
- 6.2. Discussion :
  - 6.2.1. Why is cost a barrier to participation in the Community League?
    - It may be uncertain what the benefit is to buying a membership.
    - Membership fees can create a sense of exclusivity.
    - We aren't hearing that membership fees a problem, but perhaps people don't feel that they can approach us with that concern.
    - Challenge is to identify what the barriers are for people.
    - Could be a lack of awareness about what a community league is.
    - Why do we have to pay an extra fee for registration for other events if we are already a member? E.g. community garden, events etc..
  - 6.2.2. Communication: perhaps some people are not receiving

communications. Why is that?

- Print messaging in the neighbourhood could be helpful.
- Community league sounds like an exclusive club! Or a baseball league :)
- There is some good feedback in the community survey about barriers that people face
- We are service group! We facilitate or organize events that people want to participate in.
- Jerome's comments about dog owners having no problem buying community league memberships is telling - meaning that they don't already have them!

6.2.3. Physical Access Issues (not enough time)

6.2.4. Feeling Unsafe - e.g. not knowing what to do if you see an unhoused neighbour. Why would people feel unsafe around the league?

- Needles around building. Can we get training to deal with sharps properly and sharps container. Call fire department!
- Mental health issues
- Building has dark corners
- Communications has some info about this.

- Related: Community league survey: [Needs Assessment 2020](#)

## 7. **Reports**

### 7.1. **Monthly League Finances – John de Haan**

7.1.1. [Treasurers Report 2022-05-09.pdf](#)

7.1.2. Moving from red to blue over last few months!

7.1.3. Will likely be on budget by year end (but a deficit)

7.1.4. **Motion to approve treasurer's report as presented**

**Moved by:** John de Haan

**Seconded by:** Maureen Duguay

Discussion: none

**Carried**

### 7.2. **Diversity & Inclusion – Cheryl West-Hicks**

7.2.1. [Diversity and Inclusion Report 2022-05-09.pdf](#)

7.2.2. Book club coming up in June

7.2.3. Start to play very successful

### 7.3. **Soccer - Cheryl West-Hicks Jenn Costigan**

7.3.1. [Soccer Report 2022-05-09.pdf](#)

7.3.2. 76 players registered

7.3.3. Funball will go ahead - 32 kids

### 7.4. **Social - Farhana Nurani**

7.4.1. [Social Report - May 9, 2022.pdf](#)

7.4.2. May 27th - Scotch tasting

7.4.3. Will be circulating a survey about what community league members would be interested in

### 7.5. **Programs - Donna Fong**

7.5.1. [Programs and Newsletter Report 2022-05-09.pdf](#)

7.5.2. Successful paint night (18 participants)

7.5.3. Yoga, Kids art programs underway

- 7.5.4. Possible restarting of playgroup - if there is a volunteer - let's post about this!
- 7.5.5. May 27th deadline for June/July newsletter
- 7.6. **Green Initiatives** - Darcy Stevens Jason Unger
  - 7.6.1. [Green Report\\_May9 2022.docx](#)
  - 7.6.2. Hoping to have announcement out soon about Mill Creek Ravine cleanup
  - 7.6.3. July 9th : Big bin event
  - 7.6.4. Solar rebate - needs some public engagement to complete
  - 7.6.5. Time for June 5th bike tuneup to be determined
  - 7.6.6. **Darcy wants to present an Electricity 101 at next board meeting**
- 7.7. **Community Garden** - Daniel Auger
  - 7.7.1. [Garden Report May 9, 2022.docx](#)
  - 7.7.2. Garden season is underway and the spring meeting happened on April 24th
- 7.8. **Civics & Planning** - Derek Kaplan Maureen Duguay
  - 7.8.1. Several files of interest in [CIVICS AND PLANNING - Meetings - Google Drive](#)
  - 7.8.2. Gondola project: Maureen Duguay is the representative. Nothing new to report. No meetings.
  - 7.8.3. Rollie Miles Athletics Field: Queen Alex community has worked hard on two projects: park redevelopment and recreation center. Rec center is on the books for after the park renewal.
- 7.9. **Communication** - Sally Hammell
  - 7.9.1. [Communication 2022-05-09.gdoc](#)
  - 7.9.2. Communication committee met
  - 7.9.3. New volunteer to take over communication chair?
  - 7.9.4. Would like to do a monthly Spotlight on different aspects of the board - may start with Garden.
  - 7.9.5. Make sure that everyone who wants to be on subscriber list is put on list - and hopefully will join board
- 7.10. **Community Wellness & Safety** - Gord Lacey
  - 7.10.1. [Wellness & Safety 2022-05-09.gdoc](#)
  - 7.10.2. A few concerns with contractors parking on bike lanes and erosion under sidewalk at 83 Ave building site
  - 7.10.3. New EPS Sargeant for Old Strathcona: Quentin Miller
  - 7.10.4. Edmonton Railway Society wants community involvement at their new stop on Whyte Ave
- 7.11. **Buildings & Grounds** - Landon Schedler
  - 7.11.1. [Buildings & Grounds 2022-05-9.gdoc](#)
  - 7.11.2. Light poles - 2 had wires stripped! How to stop other poles from getting stripped? Better bolting or locking to prevent this?
  - 7.11.3. Looking to do some planning for hall renewals (with summer student)
- 7.12. **Hall - Rentals** - Scott Wright
- 7.13. **Membership** - Bernie Roessler
  - 7.13.1. [Membership Report 2022-05-09.gdoc](#)
  - 7.13.2. Gord brought up whether we could welcome new community members with a direct mailout about the community league
  - 7.13.3. Kenilworth gives a free membership and welcome to new community members
- 7.14. **Hall Use & Rink** - Jeanie McDonnell
  - 7.14.1. [Hall Use Report 2022-05-09.docx](#)
  - 7.14.2. [Hall Use details 2022-05-09.xlsx](#)

8. **Old Business**

8.1. None

9. **New Business**

9.1. **Canada Summer Jobs program updates** - Nathan Carroll

9.2. **2022 budget** - John de Haan

9.2.1. We will approve the budget at next month's meeting. Will send out a draft before next meeting.

10. **Monthly Check-Ins**

10.1. **CI Planning Schedule** - Nathan Carroll

10.1.1. [Administration/Community League Planning Document/CL planning schedule 2021-22.xlsx](#)

10.1.2. Each board member should take a look monthly at this schedule. Living document so contact Jeanie if you have updates for it

10.2. **Grant Update** - Nathan Carroll

10.2.1. [05.05.2022 Grant Opportunities Update.docx - Google Docs](#)

10.2.2. Tara has generated a new update. Not too different from last month's. Important to take a look at new grant opportunities.

10.2.3. Items under Green, Community relations etc...

11. **Adjournment:** 8:51 PM

**Moved by:** Bernie Roessler

**Seconded by:** Landon Schedler

**Carried:**

● **Next Meeting** Monday, June 13, 2022, 7 pm, Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81536434188?pwd=Sm1PYlJXMuZEcFdGNTRzVkdFVTduZz09>

● Zoom Meeting ID: 815 3643 4188 Zoom Passcode: 941765

Note: break over the summer months!

**Date: June 13th 2022**

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**Katie Krause**  
**Secretary**