



**Strathcona Centre Community League
Board Meeting Minutes - In Person
Monday, March 13, 2023**

Chairperson: Nathan Carroll

Attendees: Katie Krause , Scott Wright, John de Haan , Sally Hammell , Amy Gainer, Gord Lacey, Donna Fong , Lindsay Vander Hoek, Jeanie McDonnell, Jacquie Devlin , Maureen Duguay, Farhana Nurani,

Absent: Darcy Stevens, Jason Unger, Lauren Muusse, Landon Schedler, Bernie Roessler , Emily Graca,

1. **Discussion & Treats**
 - 1.1. [HGRC talk](#)
2. **Call to order:** 7:19pm
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the [Agenda 2023-03-13](#) agenda as presented.

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded by: Jacquie Devlin

Carried

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

Motion: [Board Minutes 2023-02-13](#) were read and accepted.

Moved by: Amy Gainer

Seconded by: Sally Hammell

Carried

5. **Neighborhood Resource Coordinator** - Lindsay Vander Hoek (City of Edmonton)

- 5.1. [NRC Strathcona Update](#)
- 5.2. Rollie Mills online information session March 15th 6:30pm
- 5.3. Funding: nothing new - but sent a couple of grant ideas to Amy
- 5.4. Alberta Culture days - grant is due on Friday
- 5.5. CLIP grant upcoming
- 5.6. Jacquie was contacted by Belgravia about starting a community garden - Lindsay recommends that they contact their NRC rep (Jacquie will send her an email and Lindsay will connect them)
- 5.7. EFCL workshops are always useful - Nathan appreciated connecting with a mentor board president

6. Reports

6.1. Treasurer's Report - John de Haan

- 6.1.1. A little over-budget for February, but we are currently \$15k ahead of budget - we're in a really good position

Motion: To approve Treasurer Report As Presented

Moved by: John de Haan

Seconded: Jeanie McDonnell

Carried

6.2. Building & Grounds - Landon Schedler

6.3. Hall Use and Rentals - Scott Wright

- 6.3.1. March is slow - will see a revenue drop
- 6.3.2. Are staying open because the rink is open - so costs are a little high for the month
- 6.3.3. Academy mechanical gave a quote on decommissioning some of the downstairs bathrooms to use as storage. About \$600
- 6.3.4. The real cost will be to take a wall down, if there are pipes to remove.

6.4. Hall Use - Jeanie McDonnell

- 6.4.1. Hall Use Details Strathcona Nursery School (SNS) is hoping to rent the lounge for 1-2 years. Still have to sign the agreement.
 - 6.4.1.1. They need storage. Will decommission the upstairs lounge right-hand bathroom to use as storage.
 - 6.4.1.2. Jeanie feels like this is a better use of the space.
 - 6.4.1.3. The small tables will be put away in attic storage.

Motion: To approve up to \$750 to decommission the upstairs right-hand bathroom for use as a storage room

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded: Gord Lacey

Carried

6.5. Garden - Jacquie Devlin

- 6.5.1. March 15th is last day to let the group know if they want to garden again this year
- 6.5.2. Three people on wait list from last year
- 6.5.3. Five half plots available for new gardeners
- 6.5.4. Nine people who had half plots wanted upgrades, but there is only one full plot available
- 6.5.5. Seedy Sunday event will be at the community league on April 23rd from 1-3pm - topics: extending the season, seed saving, growing flowers for cutting
- 6.5.6. Would like to do an event about local food (a talk, not a market) - to let people know about the options.
 - 6.5.6.1. Topics: Why local food? Why do we need better food distribution systems?
 - 6.5.6.2. Talked to Mark who is renting the hall downstairs for local produce distribution. Also spoke to Meadowcreek Farms.

- 6.5.6.3. They are interested.
 - 6.5.6.3. Information session would be for end of April/beginning of May
 - 6.5.7. Information on how to have an event?
 - 6.5.7.1. Sally says to follow the “How to have an event” from the website
 - 6.5.7.2. Donna will publish information in the upcoming print newsletter
 - 6.5.8. Donna mentioned that the needs assessment shows that the community would like gardening information
- 6.6. [Wellness & Safety](#) - Gord Lacey
 - 6.6.1. Boyle street made a presentation to OSACC - nothing to report
- 6.7. [Memberships](#) - Bernie Roessler
- 6.8. [Social](#) - Farhana Nurani
 - 6.8.1. Family Day BBQ held on Feb 20th - thanks to the volunteers and Scott
 - 6.8.2. Pub Night turn out on Feb 17th was well attended - about 50 people
 - 6.8.3. Family Skate on March 10th was busy
 - 6.8.4. Proposed events:
 - 6.8.4.1. Fall BBQ - possible theme: Battle of the air bands
 - 6.8.4.2. Some community members would like another Trivia event to practice for the real event - to use old questions
 - o The trouble is that Scott and Gordon don't keep the questions
 - 6.8.4.3. Board game night - but this is coming up
 - 6.8.4.4. Rock band / Dance Dance Revolution competition - in conjunction with pubnight
 - 6.8.4.5. Gin tasting
 - 6.8.4.6. Spring Market / Community Garage Sale - there has been a request to hold one by a community member
- 6.9. Vice President - Sally Hammell
 - 6.9.1. [HGRC Report](#)
 - 6.9.1.1. Gathering quotes for the March 29th deadline for the CLIP grant
 - 6.9.1.2. The more quotes, the more options for grant matching
 - 6.9.1.3. Nothing is finalized based on the quotes - there is lots of room for changing the designs

Motion: To allocate \$250,000 to support the grant application and development of a detailed proposal and plans for moving the rink, making a new gathering space on the south lawn, and doing a full renovation of the main floor : [Motion](#)

Moved by: Sally Hammell

Seconded: Amy Gainer

Amendments:

- John de Haan : increase the allocation to \$275,000, because the SNS will add income to the community league

and we are running a budget surplus.

Discussion:

The more money that the league can put in, the more can be matched (up to \$400,000 for the CLIP grant). We do have \$400,000 in reserve, but we don't want to use it all up.

There is also an accessibility grant that we can refer to. (\$100k)

Carried

6.10. [Communications](#) - Sally Hammell

- 6.10.1. Communications team will meet tomorrow to discuss plans for the upcoming months
- 6.10.2. Can't post directly to the Facebook Group
- 6.10.3. Epcor ran a contest where we had put out five posts about safety around storm drains - won a skating party for next year (food, DJ, prizes) and also \$5000 - thanks Sally for posting and winning the contest!

6.11. [Diversity & Inclusion](#) - Amy Gainer Lauren Muusse

- 6.11.1. Mostly planning and organizing
- 6.11.2. Started the subcommittee - 4 members
- 6.11.3. Social media post went out
- 6.11.4. Lauren applied for their first grant - a parks grant

Motion: To form a subcommittee for the Diversity & Inclusion team: [Motion to strike subcommittee](#)

Moved by: Amy Gainer

Seconded: Donna Fong

Question:

- Jeanie: do we need to do a terms of reference for sub-committee? The answer: no, this is not an ad-hoc committee. This is a standing subcommittee.

- Is this a motion to allocate funds? No - it is just a window into planning. The \$5k amount mentioned in the motion is just an idea of a budget and will be removed from the documentation. They are hoping to get grants. But we will also include the required amount in the upcoming community league budget.

Amendment: Remove mention of funds required.

Carried

6.12. [Programs](#) - Donna Fong

- 6.12.1. Thanks to John for setting up registration pages for new programs!
- 6.12.2. Games meet up on Saturday March 18th at 1pm
- 6.12.3. Playgroup will just be run on Fridays from 9am-11am unless there is interest in a Wednesday meeting as well
- 6.12.4. There was some interest in urban poll walking from a community member - Donna has contacted a former instructor about doing a free course.
- 6.12.5. Green shack survey was filled out for afternoons in the summer

- 6.12.6. Newsletter deadline is March 31st
- 6.12.7. For June/July - Green team and Diversity team will have events
- 6.12.8. For August - check in with Farhana for the fall BBQ

6.13. Civics & Planning - Maureen Duguay Emily Graca

6.13.1. Civics and Planning Committee met with Situate developers about 8305 99 St. Proposing to go for a 6 storey building - probably without retail. It would contain multi-unit housing, lodging houses and supportive housing. This will probably go forward without commercial space on the floor (economic climate makes this difficult to justify).

6.13.1.1. John doesn't think that we shouldn't cave so easily and that we need commercial in our neighbourhood

6.13.1.2. If ceiling height is too low (for example) then there will never be commercial space

6.13.1.3. We could write a letter to the city that says that we don't support the application

6.13.1.4. Farhana says that having commercial space that is purchasable is hard to find in the area. She would like to have space that she could purchase. This site is located next to transit, is on a major corridor.

6.13.2. Attended meeting with Andrew McClellan - senior planner with city - had some advice regarding how to accurately communicate information to the community.

6.13.3. Public Realms Strategy public engagement feedback (Nathan)

6.13.3.1. Classic displays of proposals for Whyte Ave and Gateway, with postit notes

6.13.3.2. Various plans aren't wildly different

6.13.3.3. No overwhelming one-sided response to the plans

6.13.3.4. What we heard report will be put together in the next few months

6.13.3.5. Maureen asked whether this event was sufficient for our community to provide our community's perspective? Should we push for another event, hosted by the community for the community?

- o Lindsay said that the city planners do welcome feedback from the community - it will inform the design

- o The more that we host, the more the community will care and notice

6.14. Green Initiatives - Darcy Stevens Jason Unger

6.14.1. They'd like have an event for the Mill Creek Cleanup - with other community leagues - targeting late April/ early May

7. Adjournment:

Moved by: Jeanie McDonnell

Seconded by: Farhana Nurani

Carried

● **Next Meetings** (in person and zoom option available)

- April Board Meeting: Monday April 17th 2023, 6:45pm
- May Board Meeting: Monday May 8th 2023, 6:45pm
- June Board Meeting: Monday June 5th, 2023, 6:45pm

Date: April 17th 2023

Katie Krause
Secretary