

## SCL- Meeting May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present:

- Tami Dmytruk (D @ L- Playground Treasurer/Liaison)
- Nikki Breton (Social/Events)
- Candice Simpson (Treasurer)
- Brittany Pechtel (D@L)
- Maxime Belanger (Civics)
- Roy Bedford (CRC)
- Andrea Kelemen (former membership)
- Candace Smashnuk (president)
- Carmen Kristel (VP)
- Andrew Knack (Councillor- City of Edmonton (COE))
- Fiona Dwyer

Absent:

- Melody W. (D @ L)
- Shawn B. (D@L)
- Alex (D@L)

1. Call to Order- 7:06pm
2. Approval of minutes from AGM (Tami motion, Nikki second)
3. Introductions
  - Amend agenda to add Andrew (early on)- Carmen motion, Candace second
4. Approval of Agenda- Candice motion and Andrea second

### 5. **Roy (CRC)**

CRC update May 2017- connection to any rec. providing body (last gathering was April), contact through League President, next gathering scheduled for Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Free BBQ, providing childcare if they know in advance (register)- contact info on sheet given (event through Eventbrites, contact Roy). This focus is on volunteerism and communication via social media to volunteers.

As of this past Monday, as part of City of Edmonton reorganization, Neighbourhood Services is now where Roy is under (under Community Standards Branch). More changes to come before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Doesn't affect service to leagues, but be aware of transition and possible confusion. For now, just a name change.

Push for block parties- kits available via Roy. Also available online., Great way to get to know neighbours. Can include small area or larger area, lots of benefits (community engagement and safety). Tami took a block party kit w/ Nikki. Can attach block party kits to fb to advertise to

league members and community (but do not advertise grants). Limited number of block available, grants up to \$1000, email Roy for more information. Can also offer games kits and ideas for block parties. Edmonton neighbourhood watch (tied to EPS) has a kit as well. See Enwatch.ca for more information

Strategic Planning progress offered via Roy, lead through (a little time in a couple of meetings), leading to a multiyear strategic plan (operating plan), COE facilitate and leads us through. Roy proposes late summer/early fall. Let Roy know, and he could lead us in this planning process. Adds intentionality to our league's action and structure to us. Free information Rec drop in pamphlets given to league.

## **6. Andrew Knack (Councillor)**

Block parties, don't advertise grants, to shut down street no longer cost \$100 through COE (permit is free- advertise this!).

No new info on 231 street access, send a message in to get update (today), very needed for September (School), can't foresee a situation where at least a temporary access isn't offered prior to school opening. Hopes to do full work ASAP, but if not the COE will take step to open ASAP (prior to school opening).

LRT- First reading for land acquisition (1 year), 2-year process- ideal send project to tender in 2018. Do need province and federal to make commitment (only verbal given right now)- feds give 40% of funding, province fund through Carbon tax funding mostly (funding has been planned, but do need a written commitment form both federal and provincial). Should be in next 4 year capital budget, no reason to stop it (foreseen). Next council might explore grade separation (Example: only above 178<sup>th</sup> street/87<sup>th</sup> Ave, 149<sup>th</sup> St and Stony Plain Rd possibly), designed to run like a streetcar at the speed of an LRT. Would stop at lights, not pre-empt it (outside of rush hour), own dedicated lane, can hold light but not change traffic signals. 2018 council can get cost and traffic assessment to get grade separation (going above is cheaper than going below, 170<sup>th</sup> and WEM already planned to be above).

Rec centre- post shared on fb (update), as of today 1<sup>st</sup> reading to proceed with drawings, then can get started with detail design work. No pushback as council agreed unanimously. Will be biggest rec centre in city, will be in Rosenthal (220<sup>th</sup> street and Webber Green Drive extension). There will be a school (public and separate) in that area- high schools. Catholic school attached to rec centre (to use facilities.) Full-scale high schools. Large pool for competitive swimming and full-scale library. Similar to Clareview setup (see their rec centre). Breaking ground planned for 2019- design is 2-year program with same as build time. Outdoor fitness equipment, 3 ball diamonds, and water/spray area. No dog off leash area, 19 hectares. Open greenspace will be there. Council in Dec 2018, admin will recommend funding built in to our profile (not 100% set in stone, but makes for good chances).

Overpasses- most roads are city roads (responsibility)- exceptions: interchange 215<sup>th</sup> and Whitemud (provincial), some upgrades at Stony Plain road is COE. Winterburn Road is COE

responsibility- Needs to be widened. 2019-2022 is next budget, so ask next Ward 1 Councillor and representatives to inform of our needs. Bus stops are also an issue. Challenge is a lot of areas of our city needs road widening. Widening of 215 Street may be warranted especially with the construction of the new Rec Centre.

Traffic speeds- Reports June 7<sup>th</sup>, engaged with public about residential speeds. Slower speeds on residential roads have been a push for a long time (6 communities area at 40km= reduction of collisions, but not adopted city-wide). Speed changes require 2/3rds of entire community to sign off on it (that's a lot of volunteer hours to get those signatures), if speed limits aren't consistent in neighbouring communities it doesn't work, people likely won't reduce speeds as posted. Results will come next week of report. Big debate will be if it's 40km or 30km in residential area (90% chance of survival if hit at 30km) and if city-wide (ideally). When larger engagement is started please be part of the discussion with Andrew and the city. Curb extensions and narrowing of roads can help, one solution that's better might be slower speeds. Decision in next 8-10 months on this, if province supports we might not have to post speed at every single entrance to residential area.

Stony Plain Road eastbound ramp onto 215 Street: left turn is difficult due to heavy traffic), Andrew believes there is a light plan, no details yet. Andrew will follow up and report next meeting.

215 street is city, grass along is city is not cut, residents have called 311. Also signs down from windstorm (residents also called 311), obstruction of sidewalk/road and make our community look poorly (Hopewell is to who to contact regarding show home signs). Andrew will make a note about city signs- call 311 but if not working call Andrew (especially if bylaw related call 311- this can help bylaw skip warning and take immediate action). Creating a file with 311 is important, but if repeat offender then warnings can be skipped.

Dog off-leash concern: animal control can respond (report homeowner), can report same time of day and place animal control so animal enforcement can tailor enforcement to certain time often. Bylaw called from resident regarding off-leash in ball diamond- safety issue.

AndrewKnack.com for more information, also on social media. Hold quarterly town hall meetings (6:30-9pm), now fb live broadcast- can ask questions online.

## **7. Executive Report- President's Report-**

AGM good turn out, many positions filled.

Andrea gave details of her previous position- members help describe other.

Brittany will take on membership director (Motion-Candace Smashnuk, Andrea seconds, all in favour), Fiona will consider position- Communication Director (to meet with Jenaya) to help understand the position and will update everyone next meeting if she will accept position.

From Roy: regarding voting etc. Custom of practice will allow no seconder, right from motion to vote that's sufficient (for now will follow what we've done in previous meetings).

Outstanding position: secretary, communication and membership director.

Tami- would like to stagger days that meetings are on so others can make meetings if working or commitments on a certain day. All in favour. Lindy (new principal of school) has said that we can use school for community league meetings, and Parent Advisor Council (PAC) can start this Thursday (meet the teacher night).

#### **8. Treasurer's Report**

copies of income sheet, balance sheet given- we still have money in bank.

In applying for AGLC grant we realized that we did not get operating grant last year. Unsure why. We need account number and email on application to check status of it (Candice will email to Candace), Roy is unsure of this and feels that if we didn't get it, it's because we didn't apply for it (we sent on April 4<sup>th</sup> for 2016). Need to look at past president emails to ensure it was sent in (treasurer sent in prior to AGM and was gone after AGM). Mailing address was wrong, Roy will look into this as well. 9500\$ grant. This year's grant was submitted, but documentation was late and is currently incomplete (so application didn't include 2 documents at time of submission that we don't have- missing AGM meeting (now submitted), missing proof of filing (Alberta Corporate proof of filing- Angela applied for 2 months ago and it hasn't arrived in the mail- can get from registry offices maybe???)). Roy feels it's odd we didn't get it if we applied, doesn't take long (thinks it takes 2 months for at least notification). Candace to follow up with proof of Corporate Filing, Candice- email AGM minutes to grant office this week (grant was emailed in April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 submitted by Candice).

#### **9. Civics**

New director (Maxime Belanger) has touched base via email with previous director (Shaun Boyle).

Maxime needs to have Civics email access and be part of distribution list.

Crosswalk lines at Secord Boulevard near playground were painted recently, following requests from the League and residents.

Traffic lights phases were modified at Secord Boulevard and 215 Street (back in 2016) to improve access and exit of neighbourhood during morning and evening rush hour. Maxime will continue to monitor traffic issues in and out of the neighbourhood.

Crosswalk across 215 Street to Save On Foods area is a concern (Tami). A sign indicates that crossing the road at this location is not allowed. We were previously told that the sidewalk connecting to 215 Street is meant to be used as an emergency escape route. The City is currently reviewing the need for crosswalks Citywide. Maxime mentioned that there is no sidewalk on the west side of 215 Street. However, there is a sidewalk along Rosenthal. Maxime will look into this.

There are concerns with people using the baseball diamonds area (northeast Secord) as an off-leash dog park, as well as other open spaces in the neighbourhood. Some people seem to be driving here to let their dogs run. Residents are seeing this as a safety concern (some dogs are

not well behaved, issue for kids), and it is against bylaw. Calls have been placed to the City to report this concern. The City will increase patrol in the area. City won't put up signs saying "no off-leash area" as there are concerns with pet owners taking down the signs. Other board members also mentioned that some dog owners don't pick up after their dog. We need to provide friendly reminder to residents about picking up after pets and off-leash area.

#### **10. Social**

Wasn't impressed with Raycomm (signs for garage sale, designer changed colours)- 400\$ total (not 600\$ as approved by league), signs to storage (Nikki and Candace to have keys and entry code to storage). Feedback positive from garage sale. Second day was a bit slower as it was cold, but it was well received.

Summer Block Party- want to continue. Need to get on it (liquor license- needs to be obtained at least 3 months in advance of party, need a blocked off area with ropes- security could be an issue, even with tent walls). There were issues last year with minors trying to get into the tent area, was stressful for the organisers. Can't have minors in area serving alcohol, need foods served etc... Explore AGLC options. Won't get 2500\$ from COE again (can only be used once), so community involvement is very important (maybe businesses sponsor tents and certain items (ie. food, bouncy castle etc...)). Similar to last year- ideas. Concerns about volunteers, so large scale event might not be possible, might need to be smaller. Set up and take down are/were an issue. Advertising- door hangers may get people out to the event. Sponsors from local businesses would be ideal.

Roy- Melody has offered to use mailer to promote event in Rosenthal. Can use a business/mailer to help promote. Start looking for sponsors early and approach scientifically. Ask for planners from the community/subcommittee is a good thing to do now.

Proposed specifics for Block Party: More family orientated (maybe no alcohol). **September 9<sup>th</sup>** proposed date (Golden Ager's site was discussed, but some believe it may be too far). Save On Foods will be approached to help with food (Candace to chat with manager). Sub committee- Candice, Nikki, Candace, Fiona (Nikki will put out message for sub-committee volunteers).

#### **11. Communications**

No director currently, no report given.

#### **12. Membership**

Nothing to report.

#### **13. Playground**

Melody absent, Tami will speak about application at end of meeting.

#### **14. Old Business**

Make a guideline/policy to advise sponsorship, with exclusivity explained. Being opened to sponsorship and donation. Donations will not be exclusive. Donations accepted but not given exclusivity per say, more discussion to come.

15. **New Business-** Motions given (Candace)

- Greenshack funding 100\$ (Candice motion, second Andrea), approved by all present.
- Good Faith Commitment to City of Edmonton (COE) -Tami Dymtruk motion to earmark future deposit for Secord Park Playground Planning. Candice second. All present in favour. (\*5000\$ held in trust by COE to start application for Playground (Roy explains: city asks for deposit to show they're serious about a project, like "good faith money", recommend approval but no need to cut a cheque yet. Process is waiting for playground committee to complete a strategic outline, COE will help, this is the first step- submit to Sustainable Development, which will give go ahead to start working on a project on city property (then \$5000 needed at that point)).

\*Meeting for Playground in June (fb poll out currently via Melody)

\*Motion to authorize AGLC application for Playground funding made by Tami Dymtruk

\* Fundraising Committee part of Playground committee, not a separate committee (Roy suggest, all agree). 600,000\$, ½ in grants, need other ½. 2 years established prior to applying for a casino license, hope to alternate with PAC (from school). PAC can do school wide fundraisers.

- Position not be filled is secretary and communications and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Tree relocation (in front of community sign)- civics to follow up.

16. Adjourned: 9:11pm Next meeting: Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Candace Smashnuk's House.