

Secord Community League Board Meeting – September 13, 2017

Location: David Thomas King(DTK) School

Call to Order – 7:11pm

Attendees – Candace Smashnuk, Candice Simpson, Tami Dmytruk, Brittney Pechtel, Maxime Belanger, Fiona Dwyer

Absent – Carmen Kristel, Melody Wilson, Alex Miklas, Rob Smashnuk, Shaun Boyle

Guest – Rebecca Henuset(new CRC), Una Bryce(outgoing CRC), Pam, Lyndi Karbonik, Andrew Knack, Christie

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Maxime

Second: Brittney

Approval of Past Minutes - Last minutes was not available so approval was put on hold and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Guest Speakers:

Kendra Chisholm – EPS(Absent)

Lyndi Karbonik (David Thomas King - Principal)

- ❖ Lyndi invited SCL Board to use their staff room for monthly meetings
- ❖ She informed the meeting that there is currently 263 students enrolled at the school, with the largest population being K+1. She also mentioned that construction continues at the school and that there will be a Barbeque on the DTK school grounds.

Rebecca Henuset(new CRC)

- ❖ Looking forward to working with SCL
- ❖ She will send out a report
- ❖ There is a new loaning process now in place
- ❖ City is willing to help with annual planning, budgeting, etc

- ❖ Block Party – City can assist with funding for Block Party, as there is Slush Fund of up to \$125 available for that as long as it is not used for alcoholic beverages.
- ❖ \$2,500 grant has been approved by the city for neighbourhood engagement for the Block Party
- ❖ Golden Age Club will be having an Open House on Saturday Sept 16, 2017 1-4pm
- ❖ N.E.X.T network is more youth focused and will be having a series of events with guest speakers mainly aimed at talking about how to support our youth. Giving them the building blocks to achieve their goals. Venues and dates - TBA
- ❖ Rebecca mentioned groups like YMC A and Kids On Track that working with staekeholders(west)
- ❖ CRC is also working with the Playground committee and will be present at their next meeting
- ❖ Candace asked - If it was possible to get program ideas for the Secord Community?
 - Rebecca will check on rental spaces for DTK
 - Rebecca noted that the Hamptons had Babysitting courses, then had an Open House with the community
- ❖ Tami asked – If SCL and DTK together raising funds for the playground will be an issue?
 - Playground is on park land, both community and school can raise funds however, the decision has to be made as to who will be the holder of the funds.
 - Wording that should be used is “contribution to the development of the playground adjacent to the school.”
 - She was encouraged to keep description very broad
- ❖ Candice asked – asked “Can we hire persons to write the grants on the SCL behalf?
 - Una replied yes but proceed with caution
- ❖ Tami will get a list of things we will be eligible to apply for.

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- ❖ Public Hearing

Executive/Committee Reports

Neighbourhood Watch

- ❖ Thomas was leading the neighbourhood watch but has not been heard from in a while
- ❖ The SCL Board will reach out to him one more time, hence that topic will be moved to the next meeting at that time Candice and Pam will try to find a replacement.

President – Candace

- ❖ Candace asked the Board member to please check and respond to their messages

- ❖ Greenshack was very successful this year, average 13 kids per day
- ❖ Port-A-Potty was also very successful
- ❖ Avatex – re-zoning the area around Winterburn and 98th ave seeking approval from SCL.
A poll will be done to get the community involved in the decision

Treasurer – Candice

- ❖ Not much to report
- ❖ Changing accounting software from Sage to Quickbooks
- ❖ SCL operating grant has been received
- ❖ MLC gave a donation of \$2,000 for the Block Party

Civics Report – Maxime

- ❖ Maxime presented the following facebook questions and concerns:
 - Playground safety
 - Changing the area in front of the playground to a no parking zone
 - Contact 311 first then escalate to Andrew Knack's office
 - Community Mailbox Theft
 - An number mailboxes were broken into in our community
 - Increase of dogs off leash in the Baseball Diamond
 - 311 does not respond to calls after hours
 - Dogs open space implementation plan has been approved
- ❖ Transportation – Secord Boulevard is now fully connected.... there is a loop
- ❖ New roads and alternative entrances
 - 231st will be connected to Secord Road on Oct 15, 2017
 - Webber Greens extension to 92 Ave to be opened by year end
- ❖ Construction by Bell – amidst of concerns about paving in the community, Maxime was told that paving was done to standard
- ❖ The large pond looks like a mud pit - it is supposed to be a wetland but it lacks vegetation around it.
- ❖ Maxime asked the city for drawings of the pond
- ❖ Transit – Maxime made a request to extend the bus route in the community
- ❖ Traffic Lights – asking the city to extend the green lights at the main entrance of our community (should hear back from them in 5 days)
- ❖ Re-zoning from RA7 to RA8 – will traffic assessment be done

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- ❖ He addressed the need to attend the last public hearing for the apartment buildings that will be built in Secord
- ❖ Speed limits will be reduced community wide to either 30 km/h or 40 km/h not only in school areas
- ❖ City may be reducing speed calming policies.... more information to come on that.

Social - Melody Wilson(absent) – Candace (gave brief report)

Block Party

- ❖ Huge Success
- ❖ 74 Membership sold
- ❖ Volunteering could have been better
- ❖ Block party will be advertised more to small businesses in the area
- ❖ Better advertising for food bank next year

Memberships – Brittney

- ❖ 74 New memberships for a total of \$1810
- ❖ Brittney will look into having coffee shops selling memberships
- ❖ Suggested that a SCL Board members directory be added to the SCL Board members facebook page

Playground – Christie

- ❖ Needs assessment for playground was launched at the Block Party
- ❖ Currently has 52 responses but about 300 responses is needed
- ❖ Christie asked the SCL to advertise a lot on facebook
- ❖ Drainage, sidewalks, signage for the playground is the committee's responsibility as well

Adjournment – 9:46pm