

Woodcroft Community League (WCL) - Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2010 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Linda Thiessen	Arlene Huhn	Ben Molnar
Patricia Grell	Mark Tofsrud	Gail Taylor
Dan Ethier	Una Bryce	

Regrets: Sandra Johanson, Wendy Smith, Patrick Hallonquist

Guest: Brent Kornack Gerry Morse Scott Kendal
Cindy Stewart Carl & Rene Dungar Sue Deck
Other Community Members

1.0 **Call to order** at 7:05 pm

2.0 **Additions/Changes to Agenda –**

Motion: A. Huhn moves to move section 13 & 15 c to front of agenda as we have guests who would like to speak to these points.

Seconded: B. Molnar

Carried: All in favor

3.0 **Approval of Minutes** (January 21, 2010)

P. Grell stated that there are two errors in the minutes, one error is that LEHIGH was not formerly Inland Cement and that the Planetarium is closing, but its future is unknown but will probably not be moved or dismantled.

Motion: G. Taylor moves to approve February 18, 2010 minutes with above changes.

Seconded: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor

13.0 **Rink Update:** G. Morse, rink manager presented his year end report (see attached). Highlights of the year included the small rink that was built this year was found to be used often and it then gave our community always the use of one rink if they were working on the other. The community skates that were organized did very well.

15.0 **C) Rezoning of 115 Avenue:**

B. Kornack, who is a member of our community, reported that there are a number of efforts under way to make communities more viable, for example, looking at whether a community has too many rentals, amount of supportive housing, etc. EFCL, is hosting a meeting next week to decide whether they are going to take an official position regarding these issues. The City of Edmonton is looking at how to find a balance at a meeting in June, 2010. A report gathered from information from both Portland and Calgary showed their low income housing at 21% for Portland and 26% for Calgary as an average for communities. Woodcroft's low income housing is at 57%.

With regards to Social Housing, things such as group homes, the City of Edmonton average is 5%. However, in Edmonton 51% of the communities are over the 5% average. Woodcroft is number 5 on the list with 31% being social housing.

G. Taylor brought an email that shows the list of 25 different companies or organizations that are asked for their opinion on rezoning. The opinion could be on drainage and whether or not the current drainage system is adequate. The companies do not have to provide an opinion, it is up to them.

Discussion took place regarding this issue. It was decided there were a number of different issues we needed to cover with this one issue.

Motion: A. Huhn moves to send a response to the City of Edmonton stating we are not in favor of changing the current RF1 zoning to RF3.

Second: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor

Action: P. Grell will write and send the letter based on the information that B. Kornack provided at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting.

Motion: B. Molnar moves that WCL supports the City of Edmonton in their position of having a minimum of one block between group homes, but we encourage a greater distance.

Second: D. Ethier

Carried: All in favor

Motion: G. Taylor moves to have B. Kornack represent WCL at the EFCL meeting on March 25th, 2010.

Second: A. Huhn

Carried: All in favor.

4.0 St. George Society – nothing at this time.

5.0 Woodcroft Playschool – nothing at this time.

6.0 CRC Report – U. Bryce:

- distributed the Monthly Minders
- informed everyone of the Break Down the Barriers Meeting on March 25, 2010 at her office. This meeting includes representatives from Sherbrooke, Dovercourt, Inglewood, Prince Charles & Westmount. The goal is to have local areas work together and the theme for the meeting is Next Generation. B. Molnar, A. Huhn and D. Ethier agreed to represent the community at the meeting.
- recommended that we have another planning meeting because the last planning meeting was held in 2007 and most of the goals have been achieved. Special meeting date will be April 22nd from 6-9pm, we will bring supper in that evening.
- sliding hill in Coronation is not possible because the area we have suggested, which we thought was a storm water pond or some type of drainage is actually considered “art”.
- playground has been confirmed for spring 2011.

- Operation Grant and Reno Maintenance Grant is due April 1st. P. Hallonquist to fill out Operating Grant and D. Ethier to fill out Reno Maintenance Grant.
- CFEP – Community Facility Grant can also be filled out.
- Big Bin is in Woodcroft on June 5 & 6
- Volunteer Appreciation is April 18th – 24th. U. Bryce thanked all of the Board Members for their hardwork and provided them with a Second Cup free coffee card.
- Capital City Clean Up or Perk up the Park – we decided to do this before the Movie on April 24th with the hope that older kids will come and help out.
- LRT extension is holding meeting if anyone wants to attend
- Community League Day is September 18th

7.0 President's Report: No report this month.

8.0 Treasurer's Report: P. Hallonquist sent report in advance. P. Grell went over it.

Motion: G. Taylor moves to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
 Seconded: D. Ethier
 Carried: All in favor

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 Playground Report – nothing to report at this time.

9.2 Traffic Report – P. Grell presented the map of suggestions which the Traffic Committee has been working on. The map had many suggestions, including narrowing of entrances, closing some entrances off, roundabouts, etc... Discussion took place and some of the community members voiced their concerns about the new speed limit as well as some of the ideas being presented. Some Board Members were also not prepared to vote as to which ideas would be recommended for the traffic committee to work on. It was decided that a meeting would be held for the community as a whole to discuss the Traffic Committee's ideas. The date was not set and will be well advertised throughout the community by way of a flyer.

9.3 Social Committee Report – meeting on March 22, 2010. Next event is Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd.

10.0 Memberships: Nothing to report.

11.0 Neighborhood Watch Report: Safety Fair on May 29th. C. Stewart suggested that we may be able to borrow St. John Ambulance tent.

Motion: B. Molnar moves to allocated \$1300.00 for the rental of a tent if we cannot borrow one from St. John Ambulance.

Second: G. Taylor

Carried: All in favor

United Cycle has a ball play area and a Bicycle Rodeo Kit that we can borrow for the Safety Fair.

12.0 Casino Update: G. Taylor handed out a report summarizing a conversation with our Casino Advisor. See attached report.

14.0 Hall Update – a) Discussion took place at to what the next steps for us would be. The big issue was whether we proceed with the hall repairs before we know we have a matching grant or wait until we have the matching grant. D. Ethier reported that if we didn't start to book some of the contractors then we may not be able to have it done during the summer as the contractors get busy. After more discussion it was decided to go ahead with the furnace and ac replacement but not the electrical. As well, we will still apply for both the reno and maintenance grant from the city and the CFEP from the Provincial Government.

Motion: G. Taylor moves to replace furnace and air conditioner at a maximum of \$17,000.00.

Second: B. Molnar

Carried: All in favor.

b) P. Grell reported that we sold 10 tables for \$100 each and we are in the process of selling 24 chairs on Kijiji.

15.0 P. Grell reported that thanks to D. Ethier's bargaining skills, we have secured \$1500.00 per month in rental fees from LEHIGH and its affiliate – Inland Cement. They will not install their own power as part of the agreement is for them to use ours. They will have approximately half of the storage room to host the monitoring stations.

17.0 Next meeting will be April 15th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

18.0 Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm

Motion: A. Huhn moves to adjourn meeting.

Seconded: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor