



WESTPARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES

Monday, March 5, 2018

In attendance

Yvonne Nicoll Ken Meier Christie Zapisocky Bill Orchin Danny Tomalty
Jo-Ann Curtis Stephen Merredew Bonnie Meier Dean Pasiuk Lorraine Sproxtton
Roy Williams Debbie Singer Lori Cartwright Rob Levie Brian Barritt
Marlene Kallstrom-Barritt Wes Stickel Erin Knight

1. Call to Order

Yvonne Nicoll called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Christie Zapisocky motioned to approve, Ken Meier second.

3. Reading and Approval of March 6, 2017 minutes

Read by Christie Zapisocky. Motioned to approve by Bill Orchin, Debbie Singer second.

4. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Ken Meier

Bank Accounts \$13,178.77

Term Deposit \$13,564.38

Equipment and Furniture \$4,274.79

Cash on hand \$292.32

Our general account is used for activities throughout the year including Green Deer and Winterfest as well as bills for the skate shack (Shaw).

The Casino account funds are used to pay concession staff and our community gardens as well as the walking tour brochure and videos that are available on-line. AGLC allows us to run a bingo every few years and our funds right now are close to depleted. There may be another bingo scheduled late 2019.

Ken suggested that we should decide what to use the term deposit funds for.

Our assets are approximately \$4300 in value and we have no outstanding liabilities.

We received approximately \$6000 in income during 2017 and dispersed over \$1500 last year, mostly back into the community.

5. Year in Review

Activity Centre Operations – presented by Bill Orchin

The activity centre employs 2 people throughout the winter months which allows us to keep the shack open providing a warm and safe place for skaters. It's booked often for parties throughout the year. The Pickle Ball group no longer practices here however as they needed a larger location, but we are trying to keep it a "hub for the community". The City of Red Deer has confirmed that it will not maintain the ice after this past weekend.

Community Gardens – presented by Danny Tomalty

15 boxes were built last year and we are planning another expansion onto the church property which will include 8 more boxes, funding to be provided by the WPCA.

The boxes measure 6 feet x 12 feet and are available to rent for \$25 / box / summer.

Community Events – presented by Yvonne Nicoll

Green Deer event in the spring, providing a dumpster and paper shredding, hot dogs and a bouncy house. A penny carnival was hosted by the Waskasoo Bible Fellowship and held at the West Park Presbyterian Church.

Membership Drive with door to door canvassing. Our association membership provides discounts to several local participating businesses and costs only \$10 / year / family or \$5 / year / seniors. It helps support the WPCA, allows the shack to continue to be open and helps with community events.

Fall BBQ with a bouncy house and free BBQ. It was a successful event to support the store hill development

Winterfest with carriage rides provided by Heritage Ranch. We also purchased a portable fire pit this year which was set up for the event.

6. Nominations and Elections

President – Bonnie Meier nominated Yvonne Nicoll. Christie Zapisocky second. Motion carried.

Vice President – still open

Treasurer – Jo-Ann Curtis nominated Ken Meier, Debbie Singer second. Motion carried.

Secretary – still open

- Directors
- Wes Stickel will continue with his 2nd term.
 - Marlene Kallstrom-Barritt volunteered. Jo-Ann nominated, Danny Tomalty second. Motion carried.
 - Jo-Ann Curtis was nominated by Ken Meier, Bonnie Meier second. Motion carried.
 - Danny Tomalty was nominated by Bill Orchin to continue as an Associate Director, Christie Zapisocky second. Motion carried.

Bill Orchin has agreed to continue as the contact person for the skate shack. Christie Zapisocky has agreed to continue as administrator for the Facebook page.

7. Presentations

Dean Pasiuk as representative for the West Park Middle School redevelopment

- Dean provided an update on the current status of the project. Construction is currently on time, with 2 of the 4 concrete blocks finished being poured.
- Demolition of the current school is scheduled to be in 2019.
- They are expecting to open the doors to students at the new school in the fall of 2019.
- There were some community concerns about what will be left available for college parking and how that will affect residents in the immediate area.

West Park Garden redevelopment – presented by Danny Tomalty

The WPCA has submitted a Project Request form to the City outlining how it would like to see the "*Store Hill*" lot developed.

Proposed features for West Park Gardens Community Garden Expansion (phase 2 planned for this spring); central, Paved Trail; Periphery Trails; Trees; Gazebo; Park Benches; Community Fruit Trees; Picnic Tables; Natural Amphitheatre; Frisbee Golf; Small Playground; possibly Birdhouses and Bat houses; Little Free Library (installed 2017)

The City of Red Deer has budgeted a total of \$70,000 to go toward the project which will be undertaken by the City in 2019, pending additional funding collected by the community association. The proposed, simplified budget is as follows:

City of Red Deer funds – **\$70000**

RD Community Recreation Enhancement grant – **\$4000**

Tree Canada CN EcoConnexions grant (available again in 2019) – **\$25000**

Healthy Communities (Blue Cross) grant – **\$50000**

Recreation and Physical Activity Project (Alberta) grant – **\$25000**

Community Facility Enhancement Program – CFEP (Alberta) – **\$125000**

*Note: as a separate project, the WPCA is planning to fund a community garden expansion (\$5000), and is hoping to work with West Park Middle School to build birdhouses/bat houses.

Total: \$299,000 (additional fundraising will take place in case any grants are not approved (see below))

Additional fundraising would be done in case any grants are not received. The WPCA has discussed the idea of putting up some sort of donor plaque wall at West Park Gardens, recognizing local businesses who contributed to the project as well as West Park residents who made donations. These plaques could be on a free-standing wall, or on a wall that is part of a larger structure; the wall could have a specific shape (e.g. WEST PARK); the plaques could even be used to pave a footpath.

The WPCA plans to apply for the grants in early spring. Further details will be planned with the City of Red Deer as funds are secured and more information is collected.

Red Deer Home Team – Royal Lepage

Rob Levie and Lori Cartwright expressed their interest to be more involved directly with our community. They offered volunteer hours for upcoming casinos, providing hot chocolate for events, do a fundraiser BBQ. They would also be willing to provide us with information about local real estate for our Facebook page. They are open to suggestions, but are simply looking for ways to give back.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Yvonne Nicoll.