

# **ST. ANDREWS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



**2504 13 Ave. N.W., Calgary, AB. T2N 1L8**

## **Board Meeting Minutes –September 23 2014 Meeting held at the SAHCA Community Centre**

Present: Brenda Annala, Jacques Gendron, Lea Meadows, Gwen Schaeffer, Sylvia Siemens, Liz Murray, Kevin Noakes, Ken Zdunich, Meredith Simon, Julia Stadnyk

Regrets: Jeff Schaefer

**Meeting called to order** at 19:00. Quorum present.

Minutes were approved as circulated. Lea to ensure that Gwen has an electronic copy of approved minutes for posting to the Website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ken Zdunich

Bank balance at August month end was \$7,109.68. Paid out in August: \$3,800.00. Received in August: \$1,640.00 (hall rentals and tennis.)

### **Membership Drive**

Gwen Schaeffer

A Wednesday Art Group member was concerned about how few are SAH residents. Art Group members are required to purchase a \$25.00 SAH membership. The Art Group has been allowed free use of the Hall for years. They have always taken good care of the Hall. Agreed that the Hall coordinators would advise the group of the normal Hall rental rate which is currently waived and that this will be reviewed annually. (BF'd to 2015 August) Should the Art Group wish to use the Hall for an Art Show where work may be sold, the Art Group will need to pay rent for that occasion. Brenda noted that CA's cannot permit commercial sales in their Halls; discretion can be used with groups such as this which are primarily hobby artists.

Membership drive volunteer party will be led by Gwen and Jeff.

**MOTION:** that expenses associated with the membership drive volunteer part will be paid by the Community Association.

Moved: Liz Murray

Seconded: Ken Zdunich

Passed.

### **Hallowe'en Celebration**

Gwen Schaeffer

Gwen and Jeff will host the Hallowe'en party on October 31<sup>st</sup>; there will be treats for children and movies offered. Anyone (not just children) can attend.

**MOTION:** that up to \$200 may be spent in support of this party. Gwen or Jeff may submit their invoices for payment.

Moved: Liz Murray

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Seconded: Jacques Gendron  
Passed.

## **Hall Related Matters**

Meredith Simon

Question raised regarding when will the keyless entry system become a reality. As Michael was not present to advise, Meredith was asked to tell renters that the status quo will be maintained until they hear otherwise from her.

Meredith noted that tables used for the community barbeque were returned late and two tables are sufficiently damaged that they are not really useable anymore. There was some difficulty in the first attempts to return the tables as there were people using the hall and they could not be disturbed. Subsequent renter who needed tables didn't have them; they were not charged rent for that time as compensation for the inconvenience. Meredith recommended that Hall tables be lent out with caution and with specific conditions on timely return and responsibilities for damage.

## **VP Planning Non-Residential**

Liz Murray

Please refer to the attached report for details. In addition:

### **Foothills Medical Centre:**

Will start working on the surface lot once the DP has gone through; they expect the DP process to take 6 months. That surface lot will be built on what is now green space. The construction will take 3 months.

### **Western Securities (WS)**

Jacques Gendron

WS wants to incorporate the City reserve land between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Keg, Wendy's, etc. into their build. The City wishes to sell that land to WS. Through a Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) request, University Heights discovered that there is historical and recent City documentation which does not support such a sale. The land is necessary on all four corners of the 29<sup>th</sup> street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection to support an effective interchange given the current and future traffic there. With University Heights' representative(s), Jacques met with David Swann to express concerns over the apparent failure of The City to look holistically at what is happening with 16<sup>th</sup> avenue (TransCanada Highway.) Further meetings with other politicians, civic and provincial, are planned. Jacques will be meeting with Councillor Farrell on September 24<sup>th</sup> and later with MLA Donna Kennedy-Glans and with Councillor Ward.

### **City Development Permit Processes**

Liz Murray & Jacques Gendron

Liz will be attending a Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> to look at ways to influence and encourage The City to reverse its new process on development permits. She will not be able to attend the Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with Councillor Farrell.

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## **Sports**

Kevin Noakes

Tennis lessons wrapped up the end of August. The DINO tennis society has paid by cheque and that has gone to Ken. The City's fees for soccer fields are going up. Brenda will check into this and get back to the Board.

## **Residential Planning**

Julia Stadnyk

Julia noted that it has been a quiet summer with only 2 contextual development permits which were automatically granted by The City. She will forward on the details of those approvals to the Board members by email.

## **Newsletter**

Sylvia Siemens

The 1300 block of 29<sup>th</sup> street has not been getting their newsletters. Sylvia will take this up with those responsible for delivery to this area.

## **Community Recreation Coordinator**

Please refer to the attached report for details. In addition:

Business Planning

This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Board orientation

This has been sent out to the Board's membership as has been done in the past. Lea will meet with Brenda after this meeting with her questions.

## **Secretary's Report**

Lea Meadows

See attached report of research into strategies for getting a review of a City Administration decision and influencing changes by Council and/or the Administration. In addition:

Should the Community Association Board wish to advocate for reviews of decisions by The City Administration, the "Rules of Administrative Fairness" provide an excellent framework to do so and provide weight to such advocacy. As well, there may be value in requesting from The City Clerk's office reports on the voting patterns in Ward 7 by neighbourhood in the last civic election.

## **Community Association Response to Snowstorm and major tree damage.**

Jacques Gendron cleaned up the bulk of the fallen branches from the trees in front of the Hall and Tennis Courts. Some work remains. Liz will keep an eye on The City's progress in cleaning up the debris on land which is The City's responsibility (e.g. the trees to the west of the skating rink area.) If it looks like The City can't get to it before the snow falls again, Liz will send out an email to the community to call for a community clean-up day. The idea of organising a list of interested residents who need arborist support was discussed but as no one can take on the job of coordinating such a list, the idea was

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dropped. Liz has been asking people while doing the membership drive if they need help and providing information regarding the "Seniors' help line."

Meeting adjourned 20:22

Next Meeting –October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre