

# **ST. ANDREWS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



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

## **Board Meeting Minutes –November 24 2014 Meeting held at the SAHCA Community Centre**

Present: Jacques Gendron, Lea Meadows, Sylvia Siemens, Liz Murray, Allan Simon, Michael Fuchs, Guy McLaughlan, Al Rasmussen

Regrets: Brenda Annala, Gwen Schaeffer, Kevin Noakes, Ken Zdunich, Julia Stadnyk

Guests: STARS representatives: Jeff Morris Base Director, Mike Janke Aviation Manager, Lisa Falkowsky Corporate Services.

Before the formal meeting, there was a presentation and conversation with the STARS representatives regarding community concerns of increased noise level and frequency of STARS over-flights of the neighbourhood. Main points provided by STARS included:

- STARS was not a stakeholder in the design of the McCaig Tower and the heliport.
- The new helicopter is louder, heavier and has 5 blades. This contributes to both noise and vibration.
- Aviation and patient safety will dictate the appropriate flight path and altitude.
- Wherever possible pilots are expected to avoid directly overflying SAH and fly over McMahan stadium or up 29th street.
- 630 STARS calls for Foothills in 2013 and that was a 10% increase over 2012. Calls are expected to continue to rise at a similar rate.
- Foothills and the Children's are the only trauma centres in Southern Alberta.
- The 14 pilots and 6 pool pilots have all been advised to be sensitive to overflying SAH. STARS wants to do its best by the residents of SAH.
- Idling on the heliport is a result of waiting for the shutdown procedures to be completed (2 minutes) or waiting for a doctor or team (e.g. NICU) to get ready and on board.
- Every noise complaint registered with YYC is investigated. STARS takes seriously neighbourhood concerns.
- Will explore with Foothills what they might be able to do to reduce noise from the helipad (e.g. baffling).

Observations and comments by SAH representatives included:

- Beyond noise, the vibrations (windows and doors rattling) that result from an overflight are problematic.
- When the new Cancer Centre (SW corner of 16 avenue and 29 street) opens the preferred flight path from McMahan will be affected. This will even more be the case when Stadium towers are built. This will drive more flights over SAH.
- The sound level and frequency of overflights has improved the last 6-8 weeks.
- Asked if Foothills could be invited to explore ways of baffling the heliport.
- Having the helicopter idling on the heliport is particularly loud and can go on for some time periodically.

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**Meeting called to order** 1945. Quorum achieved.

Minutes were approved as circulated. Lea thanked Jacques for completing the minutes in her absence at the October 2014 meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Ken Zdunich

No treasurer's report as Ken is away.

## **Hall Related Matters**

Allan Simon

He has been paying for a cellphone number for Hall Rentals. He would like to discontinue this as there are very few calls and he is trying to encourage use of email. The hall is very busy; we aren't missing out on rentals. Liz will provide Allan with the code to the voicemail on the hall telephone to check periodically for messages.

**MOTION: The cell phone number for hall rentals to be discontinued and the email address for hall rentals be used in the newsletter and Website.**

**Moved: Liz Murray**

**Seconded: Jacques Gendron**

**Passed.**

**ACTION:** Lea to advise Gwen of the needed change for the website.  
Liz to provide Allan with the voicemail code for the hall telephone.

## **VP Planning Non-Residential**

Liz Murray

Please refer to the report for details. In addition:

**Foothills Medical Centre:**

Liz contacted every resident she could reach on 29<sup>th</sup> Street regarding an opportunity to review plans for the parking garage and surface lot. There was nothing negative expressed by the residents attending the review and they were appreciative of SAH requests for no truck traffic on 29<sup>th</sup> and diversion to the interchange on the escarpment.

**Western Securities (WS)**

Jacques Gendron

Jacques has been in communication with Tim Kitchen Community Association President for Hillhurst-Sunnyside and with his help has contacted Scott Lockwood of DBA in hopes of a meeting to help address SAH's concerns.

## **Newsletter**

Sylvia Siemens

Has two new carriers for the vacant route.

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## **Maintenance**

Michael Fuchs

Fire extinguishers have been certified for another year. The shed is expected to be delivered on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>. A new front door will be installed as no locksmith will install the new lock system in the existing door.

## **VP Planning Residential**

Liz Murray on behalf of Julia Stadnyk

Nothing has come in since the last report. There was a relaxation on an existing deck with SAH submitting no concerns.

## **SAH Insurance**

Liz Murray

Liz will send a reminder for the insurance which expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

## **Miscellaneous**

Jacques Gendron

Foundations for the Future has purchased a school property in Montgomery and is planning a 1000 student high school.

Rundle Academy will remain in the SAH community school until at least June 2016. They are fundraising to build their own elementary school.

Lea Meadows

SAH has lost a long-time resident. Cec Kirkpatrick has lived in SAH on 11<sup>th</sup> avenue for many years. She died on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 2020