



Richmond Knob Hill Community Association
Board Meeting – November 9, 2010
Minutes

Attendance: Liz Lunney, Lloyd Bumstead, Ron Neff, Brian Brandon, Doug Roberts, Allison Jacoby, Jerome Brenner

Guests: Greg Miller, Jon Lutzen-Askew

Regrets: Sarah Parry, Bonnie Weldon, Carole Poirier

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Agenda accepted.
2. Moved (Lloyd/Brian) to approve minutes from Oct12 and Oct30 meetings. Passed.
3. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a. Capital Conservation Grant Application – pending decision by City. Ron confirmed all information received.
 - b. Bylaws - Jerome reported verbal acceptance received. Awaiting written confirmation.
 - c. CFEP - Jerome reported verbal acceptance received. Awaiting written confirmation.
 - d. Skate Shack Updates
- Followup to Titan Wall presentation – Doug has gone back with questions from Board discussion and request for references. Matt emailed a response that Doug in turn forwarded to the Board. References include - Habitat for humanity, Daniel Pierce, Springbank. Titan Wall also provided testing reports on building materials. Tested very well for 'off gasing' and fire resistance. References provided for Plan Smart as well.
- Doug attended a Titan Wall building project and presentation in Edmonton on the weekend. It was an inner city residential home at 60-70% completion. Professor Tang from UoC presented. Addressed worker safety concerns - rated on par with ordinary lumber in terms of risk to workers etc. Witnessed a fire demonstration. Active building projects worldwide.
- Brian commented on Habitat for Humanity reference letter. Interesting that they were looking for product that did not use 'wood' and that this product is considered an environmentally friendly alternative.
- Titan Wall/Plan Smart provided a construction timeline. Starts at the end of this month and goes until mid May. Will have to see if this also fits with the city timeline.
- Doug moved that we proceed to engineered drawings at an estimated cost of 10K subject to receipt of satisfactory references. Brian seconded. All in favour, motion passed.
- Lloyd reported that based on an initial price quote a bare bones tractor is 16K and goes up from there. 30K would get a very good tractor, attachments (mower, shovel, brush) included. Awaiting additional quotes from Tractor Land, John Deere, and a 3rd vendor. Will want to confirm size of the tractor and attachments so we are sure garage area sufficiently large to accommodate.

4. Board Reports

a. CNS Report – Ron

1. John Mar committed to leading the traffic discussion in his Ward (specifically as development impacts Killarney/Glengarry, Shaganappi, RKH, Bank View and areas of South Calgary). Liz confirmed we have an established Traffic Committee and therefore do not need to hold a community Traffic Forum at this stage. Awaiting accepted terms of reference from John. Community consultation to come at the next phase of discussion.
2. Ron provided an update on discussions with Planning. Doug reported that a number of files under appeal with SDAB. Expect to attend Dec. 6 Council meeting to address proposed permitted use semi detached rules. Retention and/or replacement of the existing tree canopy our primary concern. Kim Hartley (Planning Dept) working with Bob vanwegen (FCC) to schedule a joint meeting with City Parks, Planning, CAs and possibly a developer representative on this issue. Edmonton Land Use Bylaw recently updated. May want to borrow landscaping language from Edmonton.
3. Board Planning meeting confirmed for Nov. 16, 6:00 pm at CNS office. Dinner will be provided. Preliminary information to be circulated in advance. In working with Liz and Brian, Ron identified community engagement as a priority.

b. Treasurer – Bonnie provided updated monthly financial reports. Noted that Neighbourwoods invoice expected shortly.

c. Membership – Jerome provided additional memberships from PlayGroup.

d. Playgroup/events

– Jerome, on behalf of Carole, submitted a final financial report for the - Children's Halloween Party. Final cost \$339.59. Cheque received for balance of initial \$500 advance (\$235.00). Local business donations key to reducing the overall cost. Party attendance: 48 adults, 54 kids of which 21 families were/are members, 4 families from Killarney (sold one Killarney membership), 4 families from South Calgary and 3 families from Bankview.

-Ron reported a resident from Bankview was looking for information on children's soccer programs. We expect to start advertising Tim Bits Soccer starting in Feb and will include neighbouring communities as we did last year.

- Liz reminded everyone that Feb. 21/22 are our Casino dates. Still recruiting volunteers.

e. Rink – Lloyd confirmed the lights are on until 9:00. This is consistent with our agreement with back alley residents and also discourages late night partying in the area. Xmas lights will be set to go off at the same time. Rink Patrol meeting set for Nov23rd. Hope to recruit some new volunteers. Last season for the 'old way' with flooding etc. Ringette coach wants to use the rink for extra hours. Have had similar requests from girl's hockey. Might be busier than usual, with the cost of ice we may get more interest.

- Some discussion of snow removal in parking lot. Noted that Killarney/South Calgary/Rutland have similar issues. Jerome recommended the Board also investigate a lawn service next season to cover the area that is the responsibility of the CA and not City Parks. Also existing lawnmowers on their last legs. Ron made note of discussion. This is a possible agenda item for SW Presidents Meeting planned for later this year.

- f. Habitation Markers – Ron was asking Brian if there was any help needed. Brian anticipated we could use some help from parks in the spring when the 4th marker is installed. Brian to follow up with Ron. Ruth has begun working on the restorations although Brian has not yet visited all of the sites personally. Jerome thinks things have been cleaned up. Ruth was going to do all overall bird count. Analin (Benjamin Moore) donated all the stain to do this project. Brian will do a note for the newsletter thanking Analin and asking people to help out with the fencing. Ruth's email has changed; Brian will get Liz her new address.
- g. Development – Doug reported that the influx of development permits is slowing as we go into late fall. Recent development appeals have focused on tree protection and replacement. Infill Guidelines require a minimum of 2 trees in the front and 2 in the back on a 50 foot lot. City Planning representatives have communicated trees are not material to their decision making.

Brian noted that until he started to get involved with the community, did not really notice that the tree canopy has been going down. Noticed that on 20th street (west side and 28 or 29 Ave.) snow fence had been installed around two trees. Doug confirmed that those are public trees and receive City protection.

Lloyd approached by a developer who offered to pay him to take out a tree on his lot to improve the view for a neighbouring development.

Liz noted there was a net loss of trees in the community due to development activity despite the success of Neighbourhoods. Also noted NeighbourWoods dependent upon volunteer support. Would be more efficient to see something integrated into development process.

- h. Jerome – Expecting official response to CFEP grant application in the mail. Nothing received to date.

Jerome and Carole have both decided to resign from the Board effective tonight. Carole will continue to oversee the playgroup organization. They have decided to focus more on their family; they will remain as members, etc. Jerome returned keys. Has advised the Board to stay together, communicate, etc. There is a lot of promise in this community. Expressed some concern with the direction of the Board/Community Association in recent years.

- i. President – Nothing new to add.

Other

- Nov30 is deadline for next submission for January's newsletter. Rink (Lloyd) and Habitant (Brian) to both submit content for it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm