

FINAL
SCA Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2011

HOUSEKEEPING

Present:

Andy Kneubuhler, President
Gail Shandro, Past President
Joseph Zamuda, Treasurer
Maureen Smith, Secretary
Maureen Fothergill, Programming Director
Les Ferris, Director
Roy Kuhnlein, Director

Also attending:

Carolyn Jurek, Administration
John Merriman, The City of Calgary, Community Recreation Coordinator, Neighbourhood Services
Numidia Beneke, Christie Playground

Additions to Agenda

Theft and security issues concerning the SCA Community Centre

Minutes

Roy Kuhnlein made a motion to approve the February 23, 2011 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Les Ferris. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

John Merriman, The City of Calgary, Community Recreation Coordinator, Neighbourhood Services

John Merriman, from The City of Calgary, attended the Board meeting and introduced himself as the SCA's new City liaison. A general discussion was held including the following topics:

- The lease agreement between The City of Calgary and the SCA,
- The License of Occupation between The City of Calgary, the CBE and the SCA
- SCA Insurance coverage,
- The Grant Process - City and Provincial,
- Life Cycle and Contingency funds,
- Community Public Use Policies,
- Park & Play Program and Agreement,

- Requirement to Report to City Council, including last audited Financial Statements, in June 2011,

John Merriman also advised the Board of various Information Sessions and Workshops that were coming up that might be helpful to the Board.

Numidia Beneke, Christie Playground

Numidia Beneke approached the Board with regard to obtaining Board financial support for the improvement/replacement of the Christie Park Playground. The Board suggested that before she begins fundraising for this project that she contact the Christie Residents' Association and ensure that she had the support of Christie Residents. The Board also suggested that she rally a Committee of at least 6 people before she proceeds. As well, the Board gave her an overview of the decision-making process the Board uses when allocating funding and indicated that since there was such a small amount of children that may use the park that she is trying to replace, we may not be able to help her fund it directly.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President's Report

Reminder that the SCA AGM has been set for May 4, 2011.

The Stampede Breakfast has been set for Saturday, June 18, 2011. Maureen Smith volunteered to be the coordinator on the day of the event as Carolyn Jurek would be away on vacation.

A discussion was held regarding recognition of volunteer groups. It was agreed that the SCA would hold volunteer appreciation events throughout the year that would include all SCA volunteers, rather than recognizing groups individually. This will allow for a co-mingling of the SCA volunteer groups and further the spirit of community involvement. The next volunteer appreciation event will follow the upcoming AGM – Andy has volunteered to write a letter to volunteers inviting them to the AGM and/or the social event following. It was proposed that perhaps the Board will host a BBQ volunteer event in September and another coinciding with a Community Spaghetti Dinner evening.

Andy provided an update on the City's proposal regarding Secondary Suites – presently it appears that the City will abide by the standards and procedures in place.

A discussion was held regarding the renewal of SCA Rental Agreements in lieu of the upcoming renewal of the SCA's lease with The City of Calgary.

CFEP and CIP Grants have been filed that would allow the SCA to continue with ice rink and interior renovations and also provide the funds to hire a Building Maintenance Superintendent.

It was agreed that Andy and Maureen Smith should undertake to meet with Michael Smith to discuss and clarify his various roles for the SCA as they may appear to be in conflict of interest to the general public.

Programming and General Interest

Maureen Fothergill initiated discussions on the following topics:

- Secondary Suites: there was a brief discussion regarding Secondary Suites and current zoning by-laws.
- Community Blog: Maureen Fothergill suggested that perhaps a Community Blog might be an innovative way to communicate with residents, however, after consideration it was decided that a Blog would be difficult to administer affectively.
- Westhills Community Camps: Maureen Fothergill advised that the website is open for registrations.
- Dog Poop: Maureen Fothergill initiated a conversation regarding the issue of dog fouling in the community. The Board held a brief discussion but did not think that they could initiate any action that would diminish the problem – responsible owners pick up, irresponsible owners do not.
- OHS: a thank you to the OHS Parent Association for extending an invitation to the Board to participate in their Flower Fundraiser.

Meeting Conclusion

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.