

**Briarwood Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Briarwood Community Centre**

Present: Eldon Ortman, Jeff Taylor, Lou Anne Turcotte, Bruce Richet, Amy Sturgeon, Jordan Turcotte, Mark Planchot, Wally Leis

Regrets: Prem Sharma, Raj Paudel, Shirley Zhou, Nora Ortman

1. **8:07** call to order
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Lou Anne, second by Jeff.
3. Adoption of Sept 2016 minutes – Bruce advised that he had not received email with minutes that was sent out by Lou Anne. Eldon will follow up and forward to Bruce. Motion by Jeff, second by Jordan to accept minutes subject to Bruce review.
4. Business arising from minutes
  - MOA – see old business
  - Questions to Mark from last meeting
    - i. Basketball hoop netting – Mark still awaiting update from his COS contact (Randy). If COS no longer replaces then BCA will proceed subject to COS approval.
    - ii. Missing trees on medians/boulevards – Mark awaiting report from COS which identifies missing trees and indicates if they plan to be replaced. The specific one Wally was inquiring about has been missing for lengthy time and is in an area where there are paving stones so if tree not replaced paving stones should be added to fill in hole.
    - iii. Unsightly/unmaintained yards/sump discharge/sidewalk replacement – Bruce has been in contact with Roger Bradley (Building Inspection Manager, City of Saskatoon) regarding the property at 35 Brookmore View who advises the following:
      - Derelict/Incomplete home.
        - There is no defined timeline in the building bylaw when a home needs to be completed.
        - The exterior of this house is generally complete. There are a few code related issues that need to be addressed however as there is no occupancy they are not considered to be life safety at this time.

- We can take enforcement action to correct deficiencies however when there are no current deficiencies on a building permit there is no enforcement action.
- Building Standards received council approval to amend our bylaw and that is currently under process with an expected completion in 2017. The enhancements to the bylaw will provide enforcement tools to deal with permit timelines and completion dates.

#### Exterior Landscaping.

- The Zoning Bylaw governs what development is required in the city.
- Commercial properties require landscaping as part of the development however residential properties have no landscaping requirements. This has been historically debated by the Planning and development department and previous city councils. They had decided that to set stringent requirements for all citizens would limit development of the city. Many residents have different opinions on how landscaping could be provided, from grass to rock to trees to hard paving.
- Sump discharge over side walk
- There was a recent plumbing issues in the house that lead to the sump pump extension to the street. The issues has been corrected.
- The Street Use bylaw provides guidance that sump pump extensions are not permitted to discharge within 3 m of a property line. The intention is that water will be absorbed into the ground before crossing the sidewalk. I have remove a section of the pipe and it now discharges into the yard. It is not expected that there will be much discharge going forward, I am assuming that there is no water table issues in this location.
- The builder has been notified of this requirement.
- Disrespect for the neighbourhood
  - There are no bylaws or policies to deal with disrespect in a neighbourhood.
- Location of vehicle
  - The truck siting in the front yard is to be used disposal of garbage.
  - Property and Maintenance bylaw and the Zoning bylaw both have some guidance for this scenario however, the truck is currently not in violation of either bylaw. The truck is operable and movable and plated for compliance with the Property and Maintenance bylaw and the house is unoccupied and considered to be under construction therefore the Zoning bylaw is silent.
  - As the truck is used for garbage, this may be the best alternative. I believe the builder is trying to manage his construction debris with the use of the truck. Typically other options to manage garbage have been dumpsters (Loras) or fenced areas in the front yard. Both of those option would be quite visible to the neighbourhood and have greater potential to not hold debris on the site.
- Site condition

- I have visited the site a few times now and each time I have been on site the front yard appears to be manicured, weeds cut down.
- The side and back of the house are not well kept. The Fire Department has been notified under the Property and Maintenance bylaw. They have added it to their list of complaints to have addressed. The builder will be notified of the violation.
- In general, there does not appear to be any major violation of city bylaws other than the sump discharge and the height of the weeds on site. If you wish to call and discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bruce continued to express BCA's dissatisfaction with this property and the fact that construction has been allowed to drag out for so long with apparently no bylaws to prevent this from happening. We strongly disagree with the assessment that the front yard appears "manicured". BCA will consider escalating this with the new Ward 8 Councillor after the municipal election this month.

iv. Status of "temporary" snow dump

Nothing new to report from Mark.

- v. Landscaping around cell phone tower – Mark was able to determine that this issue was examined by COS however underground utilities near the tower prevent any excavation/tree planting. BCA board would still like to see something done to improve aesthetics such as planting of Virginia Creeper or similar climbing plant. Another suggestion was painting mural on lower part of tower. Mark will take suggestions back to COS for feedback.
- vi. Criteria for crosswalk (Briarwood Road between park entrance and Donna Birkmaier entrance) – Mark has been updating Bruce and Eldon via email of status. Current plan is for crosswalk at north side of Briarwood Road/Beechmont Crescent intersection. BCA acknowledges that this should improve safety for people crossing Briarwood Road at that location to access Donna Birkmaier park as well as residents using bus stop, there is still concern about no crossing on the south side of Briarwood Linear Park where the pathway ends at Briarwood Road and the entrance to Donna Birkmaier is directly across Briarwood Road.
- vii. Pickle Ball court – Mark advised that this is a activity where COS is seeing increased interest. To date there have been some existing tennis courts that have been repurposed for Pickle Ball. However, to build a new court would cost significant funds (potentially \$100K). Only other option would be to repurpose the basketball courts in Briarwood Park however general feeling from BCA board is that there is sufficient use of the courts that we would not want to repurpose at this time.

5. Correspondence

- BCA lent hockey nets for use at Colliers Cup Charity Street Hockey Tournament on Sept 9. Received thank you letter from Colliers Cup for use nets and letter advised that over \$22,000 was raised for Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. Letter was circulated to those in attendance. Thanks to Kirby Harmon for coordinating pickup and drop off of nets.
6. Community Consultant Report – Mark Planchot
- Report distributed previously:
    - Winter Leisure Guide – Nora has provided draft to Mark
    - Park Enhancement grants now due April 30, 2017. Bruce will consider and advise what projects he may want to apply for.
    - Rink Coordinator workshop Oct 22 – Eldon advised that Kirby Harmon will be attending on behalf of BCA.
    - President/Treasurer workshops late November.
    - Two workshops planned for SK Lotteries Community Grant in November. Grant application deadline is January 16, 2017. Expectation is that BCA will again apply for 2017 Family Day BBQ. Eldon will ensure Shirley is aware of workshop as she is logical person for completion of grant application.
7. Director Reports – motions only
8. Old Business
- a. MOA with COS re: Community Centre
  - b. Shade for spray pad, playground (invoice received from COS)
  - c. BCA Family Day BBQ
    - i. Confirm date for next year (Sept 10?)
    - ii. 2016 Grant Submission (Nora update)
    - iii. 2017 Grant Application (Shirley)
  - d. Update on key inventory (Mark)
9. New Business
- Fall membership canvas (Amy)

- Indoor programming registration/status (Nora)
- December newsletter
- St. Luke School playground (Amy)

10. Next Meeting – **Tuesday November 8 – 8:00 PM**

11. Adjournment – 9:55 PM

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