

**Briarwood Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday January 9, 2018
Briarwood Community Centre**

Present: Eldon Ortman, Mark Planchot, Bruce Richet, Nora Ortman, Lou Anne Turcotte, Jordan Turcotte, Jeff Taylor, Shirley Zhou

Regrets: Prem Sharma, Liana Gaspers, Wally Leis

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Shirley, seconded by Jordan.
3. Adoption of November 2017 minutes – Motion by Bruce, seconded by Jordan.
4. Business arising from minutes
 - a) Crosswalk markings for Briarwood Road (CoS Review)
 - Mark provided an update, stating that feedback from Y Lee (engineer) indicates no changes are planned. The situation will continue to be monitored. Either way, this will be added to the city's review file for the Briarwood area in the future (perhaps 2019), as part of a structured look at all traffic flow aspects.
 - See a comment in Bruce's Civics Report about interest in investigating the option of upgrading the crosswalk visibility with our own funds and initiative.
5. Correspondence
 - a) BCA received an inquiry on Community Gardens and on whether there is local interest for one. Eldon passed this on to Mark for some background. Mark provided the Board with an extensive overview of the city's stance on CG. The city can provide a lot of guidance (and often support) for CG, including parameters applicable to public vs private land. Citizens are to contact the city and follow the protocols in place. During this process, CHEP Good Food may end up being a partner for a citizen or citizen group. Sites have to be identified, then vetted through various processes. The bottom line is that such inquiries can be re-directed to Mark, as this is not the mandate of the BCA. Eldon will provide information to the resident and put the resident in contact with Mark.
6. Community Consultant Report – Mark Planchot
 - report submitted prior to the meeting
 - highlighted due dates for grant applications (SK Lotteries Community Grant and Park Enhancement Grants)
 - the Volunteer Appreciation Event is coming up in April. It is totally free, is being held at the WDM, and food will be available. You can bring one guest.
 - Mark shared a website that is available for outlining a lot of the grant opportunities

around the city (avail through Sask Parks Rec Assoc)

7. Director Reports –

- a) Eldon – activities undertaken since last installment were submitted prior to the meeting.
- b) Bruce – activities undertaken since the last installment were submitted prior to the meeting.

He noted that the situation at 35 Brookmore Cres has significantly improved, including removal of the vehicle.

He updated the Board on a pathway on 8th street just outside the sub-division. He corresponded with Councillor Gersher on this and confirms the city is looking into it. The significance of this is related to it being a corridor for Saskatoon Transit and funding will likely be allocated to it in the future.

Park Enhancement Project (aka the rink proposal) – this is on hold until April, when the AGM may shed light on local interest for proceeding. Bruce asked about the possibility of sponsorship, where Mark noted that guidelines are in place and would have to be adhered to.

- c) Jordan – he updated us on where we stand re using WORDPRESS as a webpage platform.
- d) LouAnne – nothing to report.
- e) Shirley – she has drafted the Lottery Comm grant, earmarked for submission before the Jan 15 deadline. She asked about the BBQ date, which will be Sunday Sept 9 2018.
- f) Nora – has started working on the yearend report. And, registration is open for fitness classes ... about 8 people so far in each class.
- g) Liana – via email: she met with Freeman once to go over the outdoor soccer registration and details and have a meeting next week with him to finish it up. She will be helping him as the co-coordinator, as it's a lot just for one person. She mentioned she thinks we should look at having a coordinated setup of pickleball this spring/summer.

8. Old Business

- a) Briarwood pond rink – Mark and Bruce discussed the issue of ice thickness. Mark described the stance taken by the city and Fire Protection Services, while Bruce offered up differing opinions on what constitutes safe ice thickness (with references). Mark mentioned the process of flipping signage to indicate 'the pond is now safe for use.'

We discussed the implications of maintaining the rink vis-a-vis benefit of doing so once we get into January. Board will support whatever is decided for setup by Kirby and other volunteers. Will likely be much smaller surface than previous years and will be

dependent on quality of ice surface as we have had a lot of freezing and thawing since ice formed.

Survey for outdoor rink is currently available on website and Facebook page with about 19 responses so far. Discussed if we should offer a prize(s) for participation however we do not have any ability to track participant contact information. Eldon will summarize results for next board meeting.

9. New Business

- a) Nora updated us on the winter indoor programs (see director reports). Bank balance at year end was \$56,192. Currently working on 2017 financial statements, should be small net income however will provide draft statements for next board meeting.
- b) Sask Lottery application is underway, will be submitted this week in advance of dead line (January 15).
- c) 2018 AGM
 - proposed date is April 18th 2018
 - content will include the proposal for the new rink surface
 - open spots on the Board are President, Secretary, Indoor Sports Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Community Centre Coordinator (Lou Anne), Communications Coordinator (Jordan), Social Coordinator (Shirley), Members at Large (Wally, Prem)
 - Eldon asked existing Board members to consider holding their current spots and to advise of their intentions as soon as possible
- d) BCA Board Appreciation Event – last year this was held in March. Interest? Eldon will send out something to seek feedback. Shirley suggested some time of social activity rather than just a meal.

10. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 2018 at 7:15 PM.

11. Motion for Adjournment at 8:40 by Jeff, seconded by Lou Anne.