

**Briarwood Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday March 13, 2018  
Briarwood Community Centre**

Present: Eldon Ortman, Mark Planchot, Nora Ortman, Wally Leis, Jordan Turcotte, Jeff Taylor, Lou Anne Turcotte

Guest: Councilor Sarina Gersher

Regrets: Prem Sharma, Liana Gaspers, Shirley Zhou, Bruce Richet

1. Call to order at 7:21 pm.
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Nora, seconded by Lou Anne.
3. Adoption of January 2018 minutes – Changes noted by Mark were received by email (corrections to item 7b and 8b). Subsequent to that, motion by Lou Anne, seconded by Jordan.
4. Business arising from minutes
  - a) Welcome to Councilor Gersher
    - Sidewalk cleaning – can we find out which ones in Briarwood are responsibility of City of Saskatoon (COS)? Councilor Gersher will follow-up
    - Street cleaning – Eldon used BCA snowblower to do some clearing around the community center parking area. Mark mentioned, as per last meeting as well, that this is a priority 2 street, which is graded after priority 1 street, so depending on the next snowfall, will get less attention. Eldon asked the City about residential street clearing. The response was that these are part of the priority 3 streets, so again are dependant on upcoming snowfalls and blowing snow as to what extent they are able to be graded. Mark circulated a handout showing the Ice and Snow Program. Councilor Gersher cautioned that increasing this service would have budgetary impact. Wally asked about the need for boulevard clearing of snow (priority over residential plowing) as well as the number of trees that are damaged/destroyed on boulevards when plowing is done. Councilor Gersher will follow up.
    - Park pathways – Things look good on this front.
    - 8<sup>th</sup> street pathway between Boychuk and Briargate Road – A senior engineer responded to Bruce’s email. There will indeed be changes to that end of 8<sup>th</sup> street, but what happens is still under design. Wally reminded Mark and Councilor Gersher that it is highly unlikely that any changes to 8<sup>th</sup> street will impact area on south side of 8<sup>th</sup> street due to proximity to houses.
    - Briarwood pond rink – This will be a focal point for the upcoming AGM. During discussion, it was noted that if 16 inches of ice is the standard, then that will make it tough to justify running a pond skating area next year. And, the notion of needing a fire

pit permit came up, another reason for keeping a pond ice surface operational difficult. Councilor Gersher expects an update on these issues before the next winter season, but not in time for the AGM. As such, her and Mark do not feel it is worthwhile to have someone from COS involved in this policy review at AGM to discuss. Mark also advised that the COS meetings the prior week at Lakeview and Dundonald School focused on the ponds in proximity to those schools and there was no significant discussion regarding recreation on ponds in general.

- Serena outlined some aspects of the Decorative Side Walk / Crosswalk initiative. Right now, this application process will be limited to business improvement districts (BID), however, will be reviewed in a year in order to determine if this application process could be extended out to residential crosswalks.

## 5. Correspondence

- a) Soccer inquiries – Nora made contact with Liana. And, the Zone meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb. A degree of disconnect was said to have been occurring re communication between the two bodies. The Zone did attempt to assist and they dealt with some feedback from potential registrants. Some of our players got put on other teams. For the Spring launch, other areas may be able to help out. Stoon Youth Soccer will do some training, in hopes of being ready for the Fall. We will run Kinder Soccer, however, and Liana mentioned she will do that.

## 6. Community Consultant Report – Mark Planchot

- report submitted prior to the meeting
- 3 workshops were mentioned
- April 12<sup>th</sup> is the date for an Indoor Co-ordinator Workshop
- he supplied the Board with info on the Community Grant. We can apparently get a rink operating grant even though we did not get a rink operating (b/c at least we tried to make it happen). BCA did incur some costs for a new battery for quad and repairs to blade.

## 7. Director Reports –

- a) Eldon – report submitted prior to the meeting
- b) Bruce – report submitted prior to the meeting.

He reported on sites for a rink other than the pond. COS does not want rink located on the existing ball diamond option due to poor drainage however Mark will advise COS that due to the pitch (slope) of the soccer field putting a rink there will result in very thick ice and problems with getting boards high enough. Since all of the park areas have some slope in order to have proper drainage, working with this slope may be necessary. The ball diamond may still be possible, however, before further investigation is done its important to find out what members at the AGM feel about the various locations.

Also, its important that residents understand that adding a rink to an area such as the baseball diamond that already have drainage issues may further increase the problem for spring usage. The basketball court is also sloped and has a hard, asphalt surface, but could accommodate a rink to a maximum of 50'X100' size. During the discussions the executive felt that starting with a smaller surface than 100 by 100 might be smart.

Wally initiated a discussion on the actual/perceived demand for this feature vs time/money we will invest. Mark advised that the maximum contribution by COS under the rink improvement grant would be \$7500 so Eldon suggested that we ask Bruce if a total expenditure of \$15,000 split 50/50 between BCA and COS would be enough funds for a viable sized rink. As discussed previously, if we proceed with an off-pond rink then the quad and related equipment (sweeper, blade, water pump) would not be required and sale of these assets could be used to offset other costs such as water connections, utilities, etc. Main concern of the board is that we could end up spending a significant amount of cash reserves for a venue that may see very little use and lack of assistance to setup and maintain.

- c) Wally – nothing new to report.
- d) Jeff – nothing new to report.
- e) Jordan – report submitted prior to the meeting and nothing new to add. Discussed the opportunity to change website hosting and website domain registration from BlackSun to WordPress. Eldon advised that BlackSun renewal is due in April so would be good time to change over. If website domain name is not re-registered with BlackSun it will not be available to registration by another user for 30 days however we would have to ensure that BlackSun would allow us to register through WordPress immediately. Eldon advised that he will send BlackSun renewal info to Jordan and Jordan will follow up with BlackSun.
- f) Nora – nothing new to add.
- g) Lou Anne -- nothing new to report.

## 8. Old Business

- a) AGM
  - i) outdoor rink motion will be a focus of the meeting
  - ii) Open positions – Lou Anne, Jordan, and Eldon will be returning to the Board. Shirley to advise if she will stand for nomination again for Social Coordinator.
  - iii) the draft 2017 financial statement will be discussed – The Rec Center and membership are key sources of income, as will soccer if we run a program.
  - iv) a draft budget will be discussed. Nora presented a draft budget at tonight's meeting

which shows break even before any expenditure for Civics (Bruce). Bruce has provided ideas for initiatives with proposed costs however he advised that these are all subject to available funding. Mark will investigate other funding opportunities from COS as the current grants have not increased for the past number of years.

v) our sign will attempt to draw attention to the event, and coffee/treats will be on hand.

b) Board Appreciation Event

Participants who did make it commented on the stellar time they had.

c) Newsletter – completed and distributed.

d) Outdoor soccer – Kinder Soccer will proceed this year.

9. New Business

a) Sask Lotteries Grant (BBQ) – BCA approved for \$2000 which is significantly less than prior year. Mark was asked if he knew why amount was less and he did not have any direct knowledge however had seen that some other CA's who had received this grant in the past had also received less this year. That being said, there were also some CA's who normally did not receive funds were able to get some funds for the event this time around. Recommendation is to follow up with the City's Grants Consultant (Kathy Allen) if Shirley had questions.

b) Website update – Jordan should have new website (Wordpress) ready to go in the next month.

c) Web hosting – see previous Jordan report.

d) Spring yoga classes – will open up registration for spring session and run if enough interest.

10. Next planned meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:00 PM however Eldon suggested that we may want an abbreviated meeting in early April before AGM to finalize presentation and proposed motion for outdoor rink. Mark advised that he would be available for meeting if required. Wally asked that if possible the meeting be held on an evening other than Tuesday.

11. Motion for Adjournment at 9:05 by Nora seconded by Jeff.