

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY APRIL 5TH, 2018

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
A. Grineau, Secretary
K. McMullen, Social Media Director
G. McConechy, Director
J. McConechy
J. Rollier
H. Rockvam

REGRETS:

B. Kelly, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
D. Kuchma, Director
R. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox, Director
R. Kelly, Past President
S. Logan, Director
L. Bourgeois, Director

GUEST:

B. Chobater (City of Kamloops Community Association Liaison)

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- 12. Colouring contest using WCDS logo
- 14. RCMP presence re vandalism and thefts in Westsyde
- Agenda was approved as amended.

3. Minutes

- Changes to minutes from March 8th, 2018 as follows:
 - Regarding Youth Engagement: the activist student referred to in March minutes is in “Elementary” school, not “Middle” school.
 - Regarding the missing motion from the end of the February 1st minutes, those minutes will be sent out again with the attachment for agenda item 10.d.ii.

- S. Delaney moved that the minutes of March 8th be adopted as amended. Seconded by G. McConechy. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Steve Delaney per Karen Kelly)

- March 28th balance in the Chequing account was \$19,791.16 (with \$6,500.00 earmarked for the picnic shelter in Centennial Park).
- No bills were submitted for payment.
- Outstanding cheques:
 - \$309.86 (to have logo printed on new vests)
 - \$1,186.03 (Harrison Industries, for Petting Zoo)
 - \$78.40 (Robert Kelly, for Centennial Park Petting Zoo signage and boxes of crayons for colouring contest)
- Deposit of \$50.00 (Honorarium to Robert Kelly from St. John Vianney Church Women's group)

5. Memberships

- No new memberships.
- Steve Delaney (President) and Arlene Grineau (Secretary) presented their formal resignation letter, effective the date of the Annual General Meeting in June, 2018.
- Tabled until the April 5th meeting: nominating committee to be formed for upcoming Executive positions for 2018/19.
- Steve has already drawn up the ad for the AGM; however, WCDS members will all have to be contacted by email / mail / hand-delivered notice as well.

6. Ben Chobater ("Meet Your Neighbours" Event on May 8th)

- These "Meet Your Neighbours" events are being held around the City featuring each Community Association.
- Westsyde's (WCDS) turn occurs on May 8th.
- The main goal of these meetings is to drive up memberships in the community associations.
- The presentation on May 8th will be focussed on why people should support their neighbourhood association.
- There will be a 15- to 20-minute presentation by Ben, then about 1½ hours for the community to chat with staff from the various City departments, to address specific questions and concerns.
- The point was made for a community bulletin board, as a single point of contact for the community, and that the City could identify a likely place for this information board.

- The City will be social media sites on an ongoing basis to advise people to get in touch with their community association.

7. St. John Vianney Parish Catholic Women's League Speaking Event (Mar 13th)

- See attached document for Robert's report. It was a successful meeting, with the possibility of connecting with this group for projects such as rubberizing the surface of the Spray Park.

8. Affordable Housing Public Meeting (Karen Kelly)

- See attached document for Karen's Report.

9. Social Media (Kassandra McMullen and Steve Delaney)

- Due to high cost of using the current website server, Steve is transferring to another provider. He proposed the WCDS go with a website service out of Vancouver, for a cost of \$6 to \$7.95 per month.
- Further discussion of this proposal was tabled until May meeting.
- Ben Chobater offered to put a call out for a new savvy social media coordinator. In the meantime, Joan Rollier offered to assist Kassandra with Facebook posting.
- Steve had printed out sample copies of the newsletter; copies will be distributed locally in the next few days.

10. Youth Engagement

- Steve has been consistently engaging with the skateboarders and BMX riders at the mall, and they are apparently very willing to meet with the City to discuss services / activities for youth in Westsyde.

11. Fun Raiser

a) Boogie the Bridge (April 29th)

- The WCDS will be staffing a water station at Westmount, with our banner displayed (Steve, Arlene, Karen, Robert, possibly Diane and Ron).

b) Yard Sale Day (May 5th)

- Bouncy castle has been confirmed.
- There will be a WCDS Logo colouring contest; finished sheets (age categories) to be dropped off at Westsyde Home Hardware.

c) Westsyde Pool Party

- This event will be hosted by the City, on April 7th (WCDS was not invited to staff a membership table).

12. Fundraisers

a) Annual Westsyde Yard Sale (May 5th)

- Posters have been distributed at Westsyde shopping centre.
- It was noted that the Membership Table will require constant staffing due to presence of donation jar. WCDS coffee mugs will again be for sale.
- Grant offered to help Steve set up the tables in the gym on Friday evening, and then will rove around on Saturday, filling in as needed. The gym and outdoor flea market areas will have to be monitored.
- Gates will open at 7am for vendors to set up.
- The online yard sale map is now functional, and Steve noted that people have already been posting their yard sale information.
- Diane will retrieve all the signage from storage to update the information and will make more, ready to put up one week ahead of the event.

13. Mission Statement: Bylaws and Constitution

- Tabled until the May 3rd meeting: nominating committee to be formed for upcoming Executive positions for 2018/19.

14. Community

a) Westsyde Public Forum

- See above for Ben Chobater's information on this event.

b) Centennial Park

- New and Ongoing Improvements (Petting Zoo) – tenders have gone out for the various proposed improvements (lighting, windows, etc.)
- The old caretaker's cottage remains a possibility to become the new home of the WCDS.
- There is also the possibility of a concession stand, as there used to be one attached to this building.

c) RCMP Presence in Westsyde

- Concerning the ongoing vandalism and thefts occurring in Westsyde, it was noted that targeted police enforcement is already in place to deal with this issue.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:16pm

**Next regular meeting May 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**