

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2016

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
M. Youds, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
G. Denbigh, Membership Coordinator
R. Kelly, Past President
S. Wilcox, Director
L. Bourgeois, Director
C. Douglas, Director
S. Logan, Director

REGRETS:

M. McGillivray, Director
B. Kelly, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
K. MacKay

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Additions to the agenda:
 - 4. a) Halloween fireworks donation.
 - 11. Budget for 2016/17
 - 12. Other (Corrinna)
 - 13. Other (Gerri)
 - 14. Other (Robert)
 - G. Denbigh moved that the revised agenda be accepted. Seconded by A. Grineau. CARRIED.

3. Minutes

- L. Bourgeois moved that the September 8th 2016 minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- New bank balance is \$4,765.08 (includes the debit of October Service Charge of \$3.75).
- WCDS also has a GIC in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- Deposits to be made:
 - \$20.00 (membership fees)
 - \$5.00 (purchase of left-over pop from June BBQ)
- Robert is still waiting to hear from Ben Chobater concerning the previous grant application for the opening ceremonies at the Spray Park.
- Bills to be paid:
 - \$66.57 for the WCDS Domain Name (Steve requested this bill be tabled until the November meeting).
 - \$169.44 for replacement cartridge for the printer.
 - \$12.61 for ream of Goldenrod printer paper for Newsletter.
- C. Douglas moved that the WCDS contribute \$500.00 towards the annual Westsyde fireworks display. Seconded by G. Denbigh. CARRIED.
- Regarding grant applications, Kim MacKay serendipitously connected with the North Kamloops Elks Club; they turned out to be very enthusiastic about the picnic shelter for Centennial Park, but needed our grant application immediately. Thank you to Kim and Steve for their expeditious submission.

5. Membership Coordinator (Gerri Denbigh)

- Had confirmed the coupon booklet for members is something the WCDS wants to continue with. New coupon booklet is still in development; Monica is waiting for replies from possible sponsors. Gerri will be contacting her for assistance with development of the new booklet.
- Westsyde Home Hardware has confirmed a coupon for 10% off on a single purchase.
- Steve provided copies of a smaller version of the current one-page membership application form, with 4 applications per page.
- We still need to obtain a list from the local schools of their upcoming events, so that the WCDS can have a table and materials at these.
- Gerri will be contacting Bill Campbell about setting up a promo table at Westsyde Save-On Foods.
- Gerri will also email expiring memberships about renewals; Steve offered to help her set up a mail-merge to facilitate this process.

6. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- September newsletter has been distributed
- October's newsletter will advertise the Fall Craft Fair (November 12th) and Bill Bilton's Octoberfest (October 23rd at The Dunes).
- WCDS Website is having issues with posting documents such as the newsletter; an update to the WordPress program used for the website appears to be the culprit.

7. Current Projects

a) Fall Home-based Business and Craft Fair:

- Jacki Andersen has requested that the WCDS provide our tables and help set them up for the Craft Fair. Steve has sanded all the old wooden tables, and they have been arranged in the storage shed for easy access.
- A big thank you to Mike and Steve for cleaning up the storage shed.
- Jacki, Karen, Lucie, and Diane will organize the concession.
- Steve, Monica, and Gerri will staff the membership table.
- Steve intends to obtain the contact information from all the vendors at this event for future events sponsored by the WCDS.

b) Octoberfest at The Dunes (October 23, 2016):

- Bill Bilton has offered the WCDS space to set up our membership table with banner, and to sell pumpkins he will provide; we get to keep \$1.00 per pumpkin as a fundraiser. Lucie and Arlene will staff this table.
- Steve will email everyone with further information about this event once he receives it from Bill Bilton.
- Mike has offered to update the WCDS photo display board.

c) Ladies Night:

- Shalene, Kim, Monica and Corrinna will be organizing this event, with a proposed ate of February, 2017.

8. Booking Events, and Contact(s)

a) WCDS Executive Christmas Party:

- Corrinna will contact The Dunes and the Westsyder Pub to see who will provide the best deal.
- Date set as Saturday, December 17th at 6:30.
- We will do a Yankee Swap again.
- Everyone will also contribute \$10.00 towards the cost of the dinner.

b) Sharon Lockwood of Parks Department:

- Currently, there is only one person Sharon Lockwood will deal with regarding room bookings for our events (Diane Kuchma). Difficulties have arisen when Diane is out of town, and an event needs to be booked.
- Mike as Vice President will be put forward as a second contact; we will be submitting his name to Sharon Lockwood with a formal letter of authorization from the WCDS.

9. Centennial Park Update (Robert Kelly)

a) Picnic Shelter:

- Shawn Cook has responded to Steve's email; money will be available in the 2017 City Budget for this item.

b) Vandalism:

- Several of the doors on the Maintenance / Washroom building have been vandalized (decorative finish has been scratched and/or partially peeled off the door).
- Suggestion what art students at Westsyde Senior Secondary could assume responsibility for repainting / maintaining the art work on these doors; Corrinna will contact the high school about this idea.

c) Cleanup of Storage Shed:

- Thanks again to Steve and Mike for cleaning and organizing the storage shed.

10. Responses from Shawn Cook (Parks Dept.) to WCDS Email

a) Bike Park / Skateboard Park:

- Shawn also mentioned to Steve the possibility of a bike park at Centennial Park, to be paid for by the City.
- Shawn suggested that input from local youth is needed for the proposed bike (BMX) park.
- This type of bike park is very low cost and would be funded by the City.
- The Skateboard Park is a separate issue.

b) Boat launch:

- City is doing a city-wide study of all current and potential boat launch sites.

c) Paving the dike:

- The upcoming newsletter and website need to include the upcoming paving of the dike, with the following advantages emphasized:
 - Paving opens up more recreational opportunities, as the dike is an extension of the paved portion of the Rivers Trail.
 - Dog walkers, originally opposed to paving the dike, now have a dedicated \$25,000.00 dog park, funded by the WCDS.

- Paving allows access for emergency vehicles to get around blockages of Westsyde Road.
- d) Welcome to Westsyde Sign:
- This is an issue for the Traffic Department to deal with.
 - Contact individual is Jeremy Jones; Steve will follow up with him.
- e) Picnic Tables at the Spray Park:
- Possibility of having umbrellas installed on the new picnic tables, like the ones at Riverside Park.
 - The City employees who lock up the washrooms and the park would also be responsible for taking down the umbrellas.

11. Budget

- A Fall fundraiser is required, to raise in the neighbourhood of \$600.00 minimum.
- Karen will contact Penguin Meats, who do seasonal packages.
- Gary's Deli was also mentioned as a possible fundraiser.
- Corrinna will email Trina of Kamloops Coupons – coupon booklets sell for \$10.00, and the possibility was raised of being able to sell these booklets at Bill Bilton's Octoberfest.

12. Other (Corrinna)

- There is a horse-powered Snowblower available for \$500.00.

13. Other (Gerri)

- Gerri offered self-laminating covers for wallet-sized membership cards.

14. Other (Robert)

- Apparently, a Westsyde resident has requested a flashing-light crosswalk be installed at the Westsyde Road and Serle Road intersection (by the Cedar Dental Centre).
- After group discussion, it was agreed that this is a City Traffic Division issue.
- The resident concerned would be welcome to attend a WCDS meeting to discuss their concerns.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:37pm

Next regular meeting November 3rd, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.