

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2015

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
K. MacKay, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
M. Chan, Membership Coordinator
R. Kelly, Past President
S. Wilcox, Director

REGRETS:

T. Erickson, Director
G. Denbigh, Director
D. Kuchma, Events Coordinator
M. Youds, Director

GUESTS:

Corrinna Douglas
Ben Chobater

HIGHLIGHTS

- Snowblower for the ice rink has gone missing.
- Angela Mattson has stepped down as a Director at Large.

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Minutes

- R. Kelly moved that the June 4th minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- New bank balance is \$9,758.82.
- All bills have been paid
 - \$25.00 to BC Societies Act
 - Invoice to Kamloops This Week for ad for AGM (\$40.16)
 - Budgeted amount of \$300.00 for the year-end BBQ in fact only used \$153.37.
 - The cheque for \$50.00 to Samantha Donovan is still outstanding.
 - Proposed budget for 2015/16 is in place.
 - Steve and Arlene did the annual audit; Steve did a Cash-flow Analysis as well.
 - Reminder to the Executive to pay their membership dues.
- Call for bills:
 - Website (\$66.57).

5. Ice Rink:

- Over the summer, with the comings and goings of various contractors and workers, the new ice rink Snowblower has gone missing.
- Steve will be filing a loss report with the police, and then notifying our insurance company.
- Any replacement for the Snowblower will have to be stored elsewhere, or chained up in the Maintenance building when not in use.
- Ben Chobater commented that applying to the City for another grant to replace the Snowblower would not likely be approved. It is possible that WCDS might have access to a used Snowblower from the City; Ben will inquire at the City about 'lending' a Snowblower to the WCDS while we do snow removal.
- It was suggested that the Maintenance building needs to be re-keyed for security purposes. The WCDS has only 3 keys, clearly labelled 'Do Not Copy'. We need access to this building in order to flood the ice rink.
- Robert suggested that WCDS ask the City to re-key the building, that we monitor the amount of snow this winter; use the old Snowblower in the meantime, and re-apply for a grant from the City in the spring of 2016 to replace the Snowblower for the 2016/17 winter.

6. Centennial Park Update (Robert Kelly)

- a) There are several deficiencies that still need to be addressed: wheelchair access to the Spray Park, unfinished landscaping, shortage of benches and picnic tables, the broken water main by the signage.

- b) OFG definitely does not want the plaque mounted on the change room building, but on a concrete pedestal. Nothing will be done until spring of 2016.
- c) In the meantime, a letter needs to be sent to the respective City departments / staff reminding the City of their agreement at the beginning of the Spray Park project to put this plaque on a pedestal.
- d) Phase I Plaque Ceremony
 - There is as yet no date for the opening ceremonies, but most likely will occur on the date the City opens all its spray parks (around June 20th).

7. Membership Coordinator (Monica Chan)

- Monica is still working on the 2016/17 coupon booklet.
- And big kudos to Monica for putting out the members announcement reminding of dues for the new year and the summer 2015 opening of the Spray Park.

8. Letter to Marvin Kwiatkowski

- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS send the proposed letter, with an amended list of directors, and to be reworded by Steve. Seconded by K. MacKay. CARRIED.

9. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- Steve reminded everyone the WCDS website has been set up as a wordpress blog, meaning that any of the executives could post articles on the website.
- Corrinna suggested the website should include pictures of all the directors, with a blurb about each.
- Kim suggested local schools could be approached to submit information to the website.
- The next newsletter could be put together by the end of September; it will include the new list of directors, as well as a call for articles for the website.

10. Projects for 2015 and 2015/16 (Gerri Denbigh)

- a) All upcoming WCDS projects and events will now be organized by committee.
- b) Karen has volunteered to be on the craft fair committee to coordinate with Jacki Anderson as to the number of tables she will need to borrow from the WCDS, and to the exact date for the craft fair.
- c) Karen and Diane will check out Gary's European Deli for another meat fundraiser (to coordinate with the Home-based Business and Craft Fair in November 2015).
- d) R. Kelly moved that the WCDS give \$500.00 for the fireworks display on Halloween. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

- e) Suggested activity from a new member of the Westsyde community that there be a 'Pumpkin Trail' at Centennial Park (similar to what has been done in Calgary parks), where all trails in the park are lined with pumpkins carved by residents. Membership possibilities? Steve will contact Lisa Dewald, whose suggestion this is.
- f) Kim will contact Duane at the Westsyder Pub about hosting a Steak Night, with tickets to be redeemed whenever convenient for the purchasers. Kim will source other venues as well for similar hosting (e.g., The Dunes), as well as for hosting the annual Christmas dinner.
- g) Covered picnic shelter: WCDS got \$500.00 from the Lions Club for this project. Possibility that the WCDS could partner with the City to build this shelter with donations from the Lions Club, and possibly also from the Rotary Club. The shelter would be steel, and red wood, like the other picnic shelters in City parks. Robert suggested that there just be 3 tables in the 4-table sized shelter: 1 long one consisting of 2 pushed together, and then 1 separate smaller table.
- h) Robert will contact Mike Doll to ask him to endorse the picnic table project; Robert will also contact the Lions Club.
- i) Work bee needed to clean out the storage shed: tabled until October meeting.

11. Meeting Adjournment: 8:50pm

Next regular meeting October 1st, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre.