

Summerlea Community League

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2021, 7 p.m.

via Zoom

Present: Lexy Strumecki, Lee Stickles, Karen Boschee, Rusk Redmond, , Cameron Natrass (Neighborhood Resource Coordinator), Terry Howlett, Ralph Tuominen, Crystal Manning, Callee Soltys, JoAnne Burek (recorder)

Regrets: Christine Belter, Tamara Vorotilenko

Welcome: Lexy called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves. Cally Soltys was introduced as a potential new member to the Board.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as circulated.

Minutes:

- Terry will circulate the minutes of the April meeting.
- The minutes of the June 15 meeting were approved as circulated (**Lexy/Crystal**). **Carried.**

Board member contact information

Lexy asked the board members to confirm their contact information on the executive list to be sent to Corporate Registries.

Picnic in the Park/Big Bin Event

- The date of the picnic/Big Bin Event is September 25. September 18 was not possible because there are no bins available that day.
- Bins will arrive in the morning around 8:30 a.m. However, the event is advertised to start at 10 a.m., so that if people arrive early, their waste can go right into the bins.
- The food will be pizza, pop, and chips, starting with 12 pizzas, purchased from a recently opened local independent shop in LaPerle.
- Lexy mentioned that some civic election candidates have requested to come out. It was agreed that Lexy send an email to all the candidates that we are having our picnic that day, in case they want to come out.
- **Moved (Lexy/Lee)** that we spend up to \$500 on food for the Big Bin Event. **Carried.**
- **Moved (Ralph/Lee)** that we spend up to \$200 on gift certificates for door prizes. **Carried.**
- Pizzas will be put on individual plates by one server.
- If we have food left over, it will be donated to the Bissell Centre or some place like that.
- Lexy suggested that board members come to the picnic to help direct traffic, help with food service, and sign up memberships. We will make up lanyards or something so that we can be identifiable.
- Masks will be optional as we will be outside. However, those who are serving food will wear masks.

- Karen mentioned that memberships can be purchased on line. This can be mentioned on Facebook and in our newsletters going forward.
- JoAnne suggested that we survey the board members to ensure we have coverage, Lexy will send out a sign-up sheet to make sure that there is coverage for that day. Terry reminded us that even coming out for an hour is helpful because you can introduce yourself to your neighbors.

Meeting with West Edmonton Mall

Lexy, Crystal and Karen attended the meeting between the Summerlea Community League and West Edmonton Mall held on August 17, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The meetings were circulated to the Board members.

Highlights:

- The electronic signage was discussed to the hours of operation and type of image (static vs. moving) by time of day. WEM is taking the proposal to council after October 18. Rusk suggested that individually we can ask the candidates who come to our picnic in the park about their position on the signage.
- The pedestrian bridge over 170 St. is going ahead. It will be initially installed close to the temporary transit centre. Later it will be reinstalled towards the Misericordia Hospital end.
- Chain link fence between the transit centre and the Westgate parking lot is constantly being torn. WEM proposed to put in an actual opening into the fence between the overflow parking lot and the Westgate property. They mentioned that if we notice an increase in issues, they would be open to discussing solutions. Karen reminded us that we need to work not just with WEM and the transit centre, but Westgate too.

Graffiti and neighborhood issues

Board members noted new problems coinciding with the opening of the temporary transit centre. Crystal mentioned that graffiti was sprayed on the fence at the end of the Consort Housing Coop. Karen added there was also graffiti close to the Californian, and the residents there were already cleaning it up. Karen will take pictures and report it through 311. Lexy suggested that we log and track these issues with dates, in something like a Google doc. Residents can email the issues to Karen. JoAnne will create an email address for the issues. Karen will come up with a name for the email (the format would be *name@summerlea.org*).

Round Table Reports

- Lexy
 - The new gazebo, which was paid for 2 years ago, should be in place by end of fall. It was delayed because the city changed contractors when the original provider was too unresponsive.
 - Lexy took the pulse on whether we are happy to continue meeting virtually. Generally we are fine with this.
 - Community swim programs are still on hold but the city hope to have more information by end of September.
- Ralph

- As organizer of the Picnic in the Park, Ralph suggested ideas for games and activities with participation ribbons. It was decided that any physical games be delayed for the next year. Delaying until next year will also allow us to advertise activities.
- JoAnne
 - The city is putting on a community garden workshop on September 28. JoAnne registered (although she has a prior commitment) and sent out the registration link to other people not on the committee.
 - JoAnne attended the city's Membership workshop as we currently do not have a Membership Directory. She offered to set up what we have now and get it in shape according to the guidelines and suggestions from the workshop. Terry will hand over the membership materials.
- Lee
 - Lee registered for Safe Sports session but it was cancelled.
- Rusk
 - The city is working on putting in the traffic light at 175th St.
 - Work is starting on the elevated part of the LRT and it will affect traffic on 87th Avenue.
 - The walkway at the corner of 178th street and 95 Ave has a lot of trash and a person apparently living there. Karen will report and follow up. The residents should also be encouraged to report these things. JoAnne suggested that the next newsletter include how to report to 311.

Thank you to Christine Belter

Lexy, Ralph and Terry mentioned doing a formal thank-you to Christine for her years as president, a public recognition, presenting here with a gift or gift card. Ralph and Terry will get

Motion (JoAnne/Terry): Ralph and Terry to purchase and present a gift card to the Keg for \$100 as a thank you gift to Christine. **Carried**

JoAnne will add an announcement to the website and Lexy will add an announcement to Facebook.

Next meeting: to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 7:28