

Mount Royal Community Association

Meeting Minutes

Nov 7, 2011

Attendees: John Merriman (City of Calgary), Candice Selby, Jane Keyser, Rosanne Woods, Megan McCarthy, Val McFarland, Elisa Iozzo, Laura Brown, Denise Ross, Gwen Yaholnitsky, Krista de Silva, Geraldine Nolan, Charlene Prickett, Bob Weaver, Al Fowler.

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm

1. Minutes from Oct 3, 2011

Motion to Approve Oct minutes by Jane K., second by Charlene. Motion Carried.

2. John Merriman reported on the status of the Community Association as presented to City Council in June. MRCA is doing well financially and organizationally but there are a few points we should consider for the upcoming year:

- Hold a Board Orientation after the AGM to bring new Board members up to speed
- Business Plan – when we enter into our new lease with the City (current lease expires Dec 31, 2011) we will need a 1 – 2 year business plan including vision, mission, objectives, communication strategy, programs and services, etc.
- Consider surveying members regarding programs and services (formal or informal)
- Human Resource Policy – job descriptions, succession binders kept up to date, etc.
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3. Treasurer's Report

General Account: \$83,679.11

Casino Account: \$115,796.27

Laura requested that all invoices and cheques be handed in at the start of the meeting to be dealt with before the conclusion of the meeting. Receipts must accompany all requests for reimbursement and Laura need two copies. We need to appoint one person on the development committee to oversee all money matters relating to the deck renovation.

- Audit statements were presented. Thanks to everyone on the committee who help the audit go smoothly with efficient and accurate reporting. Small hiccup with the PayPal account regarding timing for removal of membership fees money coordinating with year end. The updated bylaws need to go to Edmonton and be approved.

Motion to Approve the Audited Statements once auditor corrects rounding error on Statement of Changes in Net Assets to tie in to the Statement of Financial Position by Candice, second Denise. All in favour, none opposed. Motion Carried.

4. AGM – November 16, 2011

- Current openings: newsletter, Traffic/Safety, Community Events
- Al Fowler & Mike Smith may be interested in taking on a position
- Megan has created posters to advertise AGM on sandwich boards. She will place around community this week. Denise will send out email invitation to all members for AGM.

Motion to have beautification Committee become a tri-chair committee by Charlene, second Denise. All in favour, none opposed. Motion Carried.

5. Directors Reports

Community Development

- All up to date on applications – 4 reviews this month
- Deck: set to start in next week or two
- Swing set and tire swing will be moved

Lifecycle

- 2 companies quoted same price for the work in Jan/Feb. We will hear in Dec if we were approved for the grant.

Newsletter:

- Date for submission for Jan newsletter is Jan 12, 2012

Motion to increase ¼ page ad price from \$75 to \$125 by Candice, second Jane. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried.

Safety

- Kathleen Byron is temporary liaison officer
- SCAN presenter still getting back to Megan on AGM presentation
- Make sure to report “egging” online

Traffic

- Bob will have report ready for AGM

Beautification Committee

- **Motion to rename Urban Forest Committee to Beautification Committee by Charlene, second Candice. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried**
- South MR Park clean up now complete. Traffic circles and splitter islands have been weeded and mulched. Very committed group of volunteers helping out.

- Graffiti
- Two highly active roaming volunteer graffiti removers and numerous stewards taking on specific areas
- There has been an increase in graffiti in areas not stewarded and a decrease in areas that are being stewarded.
- Colbourne Ave and 8th street need help as they are an often tagged area
- Cleaning solution is \$30/bottle and supplier will sell them to us for \$25 if we buy 50 bottles

Motion to approve up to \$2000 for Beautification Committee clean up supplies by Candice, second Jane. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried.

- Let Charlene know if there are any public places we would like to see some trees planted
- Be sure to report every incident of graffiti and/or violence to allow CPS to track the spread and possibly zero in on suspects
- CPS & Bylaw would like to make a presentation to MRCA this month "Push back against crime". Possibly week of Nov 21st.

Safety

- Megan spoke to Principal at Western and they are clamping down on student parking issues.
- CPS have identified two new taggers in the area
- Several Rideau students were caught this summer for "egging"
- CPS is setting up undercover graffiti watchers
- Craig Cuthbert is giving a 10 min presentation at the AGM on safety

Traffic

- Bob will have an executive report ready for the AGM outlining the current status of calming measures vs. original agreement with City.

Mini Mountaineering Wednesday's 9:30 – 11:30am – time for Moms, Nannies, & Dads to meet other kids and parents

New Business

- Calgary Herald called requesting a comment on an article regarding Mount Royal being one of the areas with the highest complaints of sidewalks not being shovelled. Board decided not to provide any comment to the Herald.

Meeting adjourned by Krista at 8:58 pm.

Next Meeting –Nov 16th, 2011 at 7pm.