Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA)

Annual General Meeting

October 24, 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Evergreen Community Association was called to order at 2:10PM, October 24, 2015 by Trevor Wekel.

Notice of AGM shared

Six guests: Darlynn Lynn (MLA Dave Rodney’s Office), Cst. Walter Kachmar (Calgary Police Services), Julie Hrdlicka, (Calgary Board of Education), Cllr Diane Colley-Urquhart and Anthony Samson, Joan Barnett, (City of Calgary)

Quorum of 20 as confirmed by Paul Bushell

Introductions:

Trevor Wekel, President

Adam Frisch, Vice President

Cindy Lau, Secretary

Paul Maina, Director of Events

Paul Bushell, Communications and Traffic Director

Jodine Williams, Director at Large

Cst. Kachmar – Community Resource Officer

* No longer the CRO for Evergreen. Bruce Robinson has been assigned and sends his regrets for missing the AGM today. He will work closely with community to address issues.
* Safe community: this year had the highest number of property theft and car prowling, and the problem isn’t culprits breaking in, rather they are taking advantage of the opportunities due to unlocked homes and cars. These incidents are happening between 1-5AM.
* This year Evergreen had 36 homes reporting break and enter.
* Tip: when you are home alone and the doorbell rings, answer the door but don’t open the door. Let the person know you are home.
* Addressed the murder homicide incident that occurred a few weeks ago.
* Protect yourself and property. Don’t create situations for bad guys to take advantage of.

Julie Hrdlicka, CBE Trustee for Ward 11 & 13

* Provided Marshall Springs school construction update. The construction is currently delayed. The School is now scheduled to open March 2017. Originally scheduled for September 2016
* Reasons for the delay include the original design builds for the school were inadequate or too costly.
* There are currently over 100 schools being built across Alberta. Students will stay in the same school until new school opens.
* The school is for grades 4-8 in year 1, and then grades 4-9 in year 2.

Darlene Lynn, representative from MLA’s Office

* Thank you to the board members and volunteers.
* Invitation to the Budget feedback session on Nov 14 at 10AM.
* Reminder of the ring road and Dave Rodney is our provincial contact and welcomes feedback.
* Nomination for the ‘great-kid award’ goes online until Nov 27, 2015.
* Honoured to continue to represent the community.

Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart

* Thank you to Trevor Wekel and Paul Bushell.
* A lot happening in the city, province and federal orders of government.
* Spoke about the war on gangs and drugs, and the escalation of petty crimes.
* Status of our City of Calgary government: City administration to find $150 million in savings in a $4 Billion budget without cutting frontline service.
* Providence is a new community that will be developed on 3700 acres of land.
* Update on the construction of the ring road. The project has gone to tender.
* Diane is a member of the Calgary Police Commission. CPS has a new Police Chief Roger Chaffin.
* New website called “hub” a messaging system that delivers community related alerts and messages to citizens.

October 21, 2014 AGM Minutes

* Paul Bushall motions to forgo the formal reading of the minutes. Jodine Williams seconds. Carried unanimously.
* Paul Maina motions to approve the minutes. Teresa Johnston seconds. Motion carried.

2014-2015 Financial Statements

* Motion to forgo the formal reading of the financial statements for the year ending August 2015. Jodine Williams motions, Glenn Dale seconds. Carried unanimously.
* Jodine Williams and Paul Maina reviewed the financial statements, no additional comments.
* We have not yet filed a tax return. In 2005, the Board did apply for a business number.
* Motion to approve for the year ending August 2015, Carin Salageanu motions, Paul Bushell, second. Motion carried.

Events Committee

* 7 events total this year.
* We had a total of 14,000 KG of garbage.
* Christmas lights contest prize is a $200 gift card to Canadian Tire.

Communications Committee

* Discussion on who reads the CECA newsletter.
* We want to build up a photo library.
* Currently have 295 likes on Facebook.
* Encouraging members to like the CECA Twitter page.

Traffic Committee

* New traffic lights at 162 AVE and Everstone Drive.
* Need pedestrian crossing at Fish Creek Blvd and Everstone Drive. Not warranted at this time. We can submit a traffic service request.
* 24Street and Everridge Drive is an issue.
* Need traffic calming measures for those who enter 24 Street to get to Anderson Road.

Membership and Safety/Awareness Committee

* 243 Current members, down 8% year over year.
* There is still confusion among residents in the community with Community Association and Resident’s Association membership.
* Building safe communities, we need 20 volunteers.
* We have 5000 homes in Evergreen Community.
* Future initiative of a Door to Door Membership Drive, Membership Campaign.

Planning Committee

* The community has a parcel of land designated for the Community Association. It is located by the Marshall Springs School.
* Presented a 1000 sq. ft. concept of a starter community hall.
* A full community hall will cost between $1 million to $1.5 million.
* Asked for attendee’s feedback by completing the survey on the back of today’s agenda package.
* We are adopting an ice rink this year and will require a shed for storage.

Recreation Committee

* The board passed a motion to pay for the cost of a temporary pleasure ice rink.
* All 30 residents that are within line of sight of the rink have agreed to the rink.
* The location is at 211 Everbook Drive SW.

2015/2016 Board of Directors

* Overview of current positions available.
* Trevor Wekel stepping down as President, Adam Frisch will be the new President. Trevor will remain on the Board as Past-President.
* Adam thanked Trevor for his service as President.
* Open to nominations from the floor. Cindy Lau was nominated to be VP, but respectfully declined, she will remain on the board as Secretary.
* Trevor was nominated to be Recreation Director.
* Nominees for 2015/2016: Adam Frisch, Paul Bushell, Cindy Lau, Caitlin Wittreich, Belinda Ball, Trevor Wekel James Himer, Jodine Williams, Mohamd Sltan.
* Jodine Williams motions to accept the nomination, Sheldon Septon seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Call for volunteers

* We are always looking for volunteers. Talk to a Board member if you are interested in joining.

Questions and comments from the floor

* Casino inquiry was made. CECA currently does not have a casino. We require a plan first that is validated by the community. In order for a casino to take place we would require 40 volunteers.
* Attendees were unclear of what the membership can do.
* There is disconnection between the community association and the residents. There was an attendee who shared she didn’t know there was a need for involvement.
* Darlene from the MLA’s Office shared that in Wood creek community, they did a membership drive and did door to door knocking to raise their profile and raised their memberships. This community has 1100 memberships.
* What is in the new fire station? Are there other services there? Currently, it is only a fire station.
* How would the community get a swimming pool? We would require a need assessment completed and residents indicate this is what they want.
* Discussion occurred on the Providence community that is being developed next to Evergreen.
* Will the new school be open in March 2017? If so, are students being transferred in March? Updates will be available on the CBE website.

Motion to adjourn at 3:53PM Adam Frisch, seconded by Paul Maina.