

## **Board Meeting Minutes**



**CALGARY  
EVERGREEN  
COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

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**Venue: Google Meet  
Thursday, January 7th, 2021**

## **Call to Order (7:05)**

### Board Members Present:

- Belinda Ball
- Paul Bushell
- Utsav Agrawal
- Khushboo Agrawal
- Mohamd Sltan
- Darren Bailey
- Ethan Longinotti
- Ahmad Sltan
- Tim Rosenquist
- Jodine Williams
- Adam Frisch

### Board Members Regrets:

- Sherrisa Celis
- Caryn Salageanu
- Joey Wilson

### Guests:

- Darlynn Linn - Calgary-Lougheed MLA Representative
- Katie Thorpe - Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator
- Mary Martin - Calgary Catholic School Board Trustee

**Addition/deletions to agenda** - change Approval of Financials from *September* to *December*

**Approval of Previous Minutes** (Adam motioned, Paul seconded, all approved)

**Approval of Financials – December 2020** (Belinda motioned, Paul seconded, all approved)

- Grinch Tree Fundraiser brought in \$264.83. Lost ~\$50 to paypal fees.
- Large expenses to ODR.
  - \$3,533.97 for 2019-2020 Tarp was missed being claimed during transition between Trevor and Darnie
  - \$2220.69 for 2020-2021 Tarp
  - We have received \$75 and \$200 donations for flood and lighting. Will be applied to Portlance flood.

## Guest Reports

- Community Resource Officer - no report
- Calgary-Lougheed MLA representative - Darlynn Linn
  - All grades returned to online schooling on Mon, Jan 4th.
  - All grades will return to in person schooling on Mon, Jan 11th.
  - Restrictions continue for another 2 weeks. Will be reassessed on Jan 21st.
  - Mid Feb to return to parliament
- City Councillor Ward 13 representative - Anthony Samson - no report
- Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator - Katie Thorpe
  - Business Plan - do we need to rebook a session? She will gladly assist in any way to get the business plan going. Paul suggested the end of May/June. Mo would prefer it be held in person at Cardel.
  - Early March meeting to discuss immediate business plan action items.
  - Annual Return - Still outstanding for 2019 and 2020. Neither was filed when Katie was there in December. She sent a reminder with timelines for submission of documents.
  - Update on Park Foundation - Embrace Winter Grant - received an overwhelming response so it has been closed to applications.
- Catholic School Board Trustee - Mary Martin
  - All grades were back online on Jan 4th. Back to in person on Jan 11th.
  - All precautions will be in place as per before xmas break.
  - Any decisions to close the school for longer than 5 days has been made by Minister LaGrange and Dr. Hinshaw.
  - Capital planning will begin soon. Priority for infrastructure.

## Old Business/Committee Reports

- **Events/Recreation**
  - **Christmas Lights Contest - Paul**
    - Record number of 20 entries.
    - \$600 in prizes from Canadian Tire. Winners can collect their winnings directly from Canadian Tire.
    - Signs have been collected and will be returned to the shed.
    - Mohamd/Adam suggested a revised scoring system for next year's judges to help with consistent rankings.
  - **2021 Winterfest - Ahmad**
    - Winterfest will be cancelled as the event isn't possible due to AHS Guidelines.
    - Green space application won't be processed by the City due to the current health conditions.

- **2021 Easter Egg Hunt - Ahmad**
  - Brian is on board to sponsor the event.
  - Discussion around different ideas, like a scavenger hunt, to avoid large gatherings but still give out chocolates etc.
  - Can't submit Greenspace application due to AHS Restrictions.
- **2021 Community Clean Up - Ahmad**
  - *Action Item - Ahmad - Need a sitemap to process the application so Ahmad is going to proceed with submitting with last year's map.*
  - Jodine tried to get in touch with Ronmor and was given a different contact but her idea of going behind Sobeyes won't work as there isn't direct access behind Sobeyes.
  - *Action Item - Jodine is going to touch base with the general contractor for the condos being built in the Sobeyes parking lot.*
  - *Action item - Paul to follow up with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint on Everstone Blvd about their insurance issues with us having the CCU on their site*
  - *Action Item - Paul to contact SECA about South Gate Alliance Church on James Mckevitt Rd as possible location*
- **2021 Community Soccer - Ethan**
  - Followed up with SWU and Foothills United regarding the soccer program for 2021.
  - Still hasn't received a proposal from SWU. Ethan was told he'd have it by Jan 22nd.
  - Received Foothills United proposal first of November.
  - If we decide to go with Foothills, we will need to have their proposal signed by January.
  - Foothills would cover our costs of our greenspace fees.
- **Planning**
  - **Land Use Agreement**
    - *Action Item - Jodine to renew with assistance from John Merriman at the City as needed.*
  - **Shed - Belinda/Jodine**
    - *Action Item - Jodine to work on development permit for shed.*
    - *Action Item - Paul is going to put out a call on social media to ask for assistance with the development permit requirements.*
    - Katie has offered her assistance if needed. Jodine is going to follow up with Katie next week.

- **Outdoor Rink** - Darren/Jodine
  - City of Calgary Adopt a Rink put up their own signs with AHS Restrictions. Jodine has requested formal signs with a new capacity limit of 30.
  - Weekly flooding using Jodine's house for water supply.
  - Facebook Rink Rats page has been successful in getting volunteers.
  - *Action Item - Jodine/Tim to research lights for ODR and insurance costs for the lights.*
  - Tim has researched lights as well and they are expensive and we'd have to find a way to secure them so they can't be "stolen".
  
- **Fundraising**
  - **Grinch Tree Update** - Belinda/Jodine
    - Grinch Tree Fundraiser brought in \$264.83. Lost ~\$50 to paypal fees.
    - Those who did buy them said they'd support us again next year.
    - Jodine and I talked about making them ourselves next year with some volunteer assistance.
  - **50/50 - Belinda and Jodine**
    - Planning to start working on it in the spring when everyone is hopefully back at work.
    - *Action Item - Jodine is going to look into Go Fund Me Page*
  - **Sponsorship**
    - *Action Items - Paul to follow up with Servus sponsorship for 2021. Needs budgets for Winterfest, Rink and Shed.*
  
- **Traffic/Safety**
  - **Update from CRO**
    - Garage door openers are being stolen from cars
  
- **Membership and Volunteers - Jim/Sherrisa**
  - Membership count as of Nov 30 was 139. December update to come.
    - *Action Items - Tim to work on Membership Optimization*

## **New Business and motions**

- **Motions**
  - Motion to renew membership dues of \$228.75 to the Federation of Calgary Communities
    - (Tim motioned, Ethan seconded, all approved)
  - Motion to elect Khushboo Agrawal to CECA Board of Directors to fill the role of Webmaster
    - (Mohamd motioned, Paul seconded, all approved)
- **Community Engagement Survey - Paul**
  - Last one was done in 2016
  - Paul has sent it to Katie to get feedback from a research and strategy team within the City.
  - Survey will be done after the initial meeting with the students for community engagement.
  - Katie suggested giving it to the students to facilitate.
- **E-Newsletter - Paul/Tim - Action Item**
  - We need to purchase a Mailchimp package as it is too limited to what we want to do with the free version we have now.
  - Weebly has a webeditor tool that we could provide more content.
  - Gmail can do an e-newsletter.
  - Mailchimp provides tracking of what people click on and is more user friendly.
  - What exactly do we need/want?
  - Platforms and costs are being compared
- **2020 AGM Documents - Paul**
  - *Action Item - Paul - Bylaw Amendments Filling*
- **Community Standard Fund Application - Paul - Moved to Feb Meeting**
  - Who will do the application as deadline Feb 15th
  - What will we use the funds for? Graffiti removal?
  - Adam asked if we could use funds for this for garbage cans by the rink?
- **Community Garden - Belinda**
  - A lot of interest on Facebook
  - Water source is an issue
  - Parks would want an LOC for that area especially if its not specifically on our land
  - *Action Items - Belinda is going to talk to Olge (FB who seemed keen to lead it)*

### **Other Business**

- **Cardel Monthly Meeting Update – Sherrisa - no update**
- **Trico Report – Paul - no update**
- **Citizens and Student Project Application - Paul**
  - Meeting with them on the 11th of Jan
- **Vacant Board Positions**
  - Discussion on how to get the roles filled - Moved to Feb meeting
- **Board Update - Paul**
  - *Action Items - Ethics Forms - please fill out and send to Paul*
  - Get to Know you forms
  - Board Manual
- **DSWCN Update - Paul - no update**
- **Using Slack - Mohamd**
  - Reminder it will be our main source of communication
- **CECA Community Communications**
  - Recap of what needs to be communicated
  - Website and Social Media updates
  - Newsletter deadline is January 8th for February

Adjournment 8:58 pm

Motion to adjourn - (Adam motioned, Jodine seconded, all approved)

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- **Thursday, February 4th, 2021**