

West Hillhurst Community Association
AGM Minutes
Monday, Nov. 12th, 2018, 7:30pm

1. Call meeting to order

Total WHCA members in attendance: 19

Total represented from the Board: 10

2. President's welcome

Special thank you from Bryan to one of our special volunteers, Monica MacKay and Francina Pellicer who are consistently helping at events for the Community. Thank you!

3. Introduction to Councillor Farrell's office

Dale Calkins attended on from Councillor from Druh Farrell's office.

Welcome and thank you to the Community and Board. Reminder that the Olympic plebiscite is tomorrow. Vote then.

Relevant and recent highlight for the areas specific to the pathway closure on Memorial and Crowchild. Councillor Farrell motioned to improve the pathway detours and that motion passed. Immediate closure should be wrapping up soon and expect improvements to follow.

4. Treasurers Report

Jordan reviewed the Financial Statements.

Introduced Heidi Brauer WHCA's auditor from the Federation of Calgary Communities.

Financial Highlights:

- Primary reason to see a significant difference from 2016, was due to the ice rink renovations and the rink being off line for most of the year. Revenue is returning to normal as the rink is back up and running.
- Pickleball is major revenue stream, fast destination for it.
- Cost of Good Sold remains consistent.
- Excess revenue – 88k, 266k loss in 2016.
- Budget was 105k came in at 88k.
- Balance Sheet - increase in cash is due to grant funds coming in.
- Renovations played into larger accounts payable.
- 140k spent on PPE additions vs. 200k in 2016. Spent more money in 2016 to get some additional work done in the facility while the rink was offline.

Motion to approve the 2017 Financial Statements - approved.

Motion to approve Heidi Brauer with FCC be the 2018 2019 auditor – approved.

5. Election of Directors

Craig MacLellan to step down and nominate Christian Wulff as the new President – approved.

Patrick Craddock – new Director position, nominated – approved.

Extensions to existing Board positions not covered at the AGM:

- Christine Fraser to continue as Secretary to December 2020.
- Jim Heater to continue as Director to December 2019.

6. Community Comments and Questions

Planning Committee & 19+2 project

Question 1: Planning Committee – what is the mandate and role of this Committee?

Craig introduced David Sol, Planning Committee Lead and Karen Dahl, Planning Coordinator.

Receive the circulation when an application is made from the City. We strive to be a resource to help the community understand a planning matter. We are not the conduit for each individual's concerns. We attempt to reflect the comments and an objective comments from a planning perspective.

Question 2: Will you take a position on a project?

Yes, we will. But we have had limited residents in attendance to collect an opinion lately. We'd like not to be a reactive Committee. We want to be sustainable but need additional folks.

Key is to establish a consistency in our comments so that when they are read they are taken seriously.

Question 3: Is there a vision for the neighbourhood?

We don't have an area redevelopment plan. We struggle in that we don't have a plan and we have a lot of applications so developers draw on guidelines that are at a higher level. Land use is application driven, it does not reflect policy.

We want to direct development in the most appropriate way and in the most appropriate scale.

We don't have guidelines on how to respond.

Question 4: What's required to get there?

From the City's perspective it's coming. The mainstreets will provide some guidance and we are on the second Tier in terms of priority.

Question 5: We were told as residents that we need to go through the Planning Committee. Is that accurate?

Ideally the Planning Committee should be able to provide comments and provide resources for residents to frame their viewpoint in the most effective way. Ultimately this is the best role of the Planning Committee.

Comment from the floor: it would be nice to have a Committee that is representative to help guide and make some representation on our behalf.

How important is 19 Street to this community. What it could be. Where is the vision for 19 street? That is a challenge.

Comment from the floor: we've been given guidance that we should offer constructive alternatives to what is proposed.

Question 6: What is the next step with the 19 and 2?

The best way would be to produce our comments as a Planning Committee and share that with the community resident group and invite you to our next meeting for questions and answers.

Comment from the floor: participation in the Planning Committee is beneficial, beyond a one time/ one application effort.

Question 7: We can't easily find information on when the Planning Committee is meeting. Please explain.

Committee needs to land on a date for regular meetings and will work to set-up a meeting soon. Regular meetings on the same day each month should be considered for consistency.

Question 8: How does the Committee land on decision?

Committee doesn't make decisions. It makes comments to gather an opinion typically through consensus.

Calgary Roller Derby

Nicole Scott from Calgary Roller Derby read letter from her organization in reference to recent thefts in the building.

- Calgary Roller Derby are a long time user of the WHCA gym space. Not looking to change our relationship.
- Recently Derby member purse was stolen from her bag onsite and then subsequently the thief went to the parking lot and stole her car.
 - Parking lot is dark, no security cameras. Concerned about the personal safety risk over and above vehicle theft.
 - New juniors program creates a larger concern for the group.
 - Random people walking through the gym. Don't have a way to keep people out of the gym.

Board response: a priority will be placed on these concerns in the new year to improve safety and security of the facility. This is a priority.