

## West Hillhurst Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2020

**Attendees:** Patrick Craddock, Jan Cerny, Jordan Stuart, Cher Jacobs, James Heater, Anar Ramji, Dale Voight, Michael Strilchuk, Christine Brown

**By Invitation:** Brenda Annala (City of Calgary), Karen Dahl (Planning Committee)

**Regrets:** David Best, Marc Rosso

1. Call to Order
  - Quorum confirmed
2. Welcome Christine
  - Introductions from the Board and Christine
3. Passing of Dave Quaintence
  - The Board remembers Dave as an honest, devoted, community advocate and lover of classic rock t-shirts and the smoking area. He will be missed.
  - **Decision:** Board to look into the potential for an appropriate memorial for Dave (perhaps a bench in WHCA garden area – more discussion needed)
4. Approval of meeting minutes
  - **Decision:** Board approves November meeting minutes (Jordan motions to approve, Jan seconds)
5. City of Calgary Updates
  - City does not see an issue on outdoor skating rinks provided sufficient insurance is in place
  - Bowview pool: Karen has enquired about future plans, lifecycle under the Hillhurst lease site, confirming support for the infrastructure in the community
  - Mobile skate park: City has mobile skate parks available for Community Associations to use at a discounted rate.
    - WHCA community funders were interested; potentially install a concrete pad to that could also be used for basketball nets and outdoor rink in winter.
    - Unlikely to impact WHCA insurance rates.
    - WHCA applied but unlikely to proceed, most locations the City has selected have existing concrete pads with boards and glass.
6. Bike Park Update
  - City has looked at locations – most would not work other than Helicopter Park (SW corner – where the old baseball diamond was). City prefers areas that are not already high use. Discussions with Jeff are ongoing.

- To proceed with Helicopter Park, WHCA would have to take that land in the lease agreement and insure it. City requires 66% of residents in favour – special consideration for houses with line of sight on the park. Capital endorsement from the City is unlikely at this time.
- City encourages WHCA to follow Montgomery model: Bike Group to manage area, upkeep, and maintenance under an agreement with WHCA
- **Action:** Brenda will ask Ron at the City if there is any financial support for the park (the City paid for the signage at the Montgomery park).
- Based on Montgomery
  - budget approximately \$1,000 for ramps, signage, and benches and then \$100K for 1,000 sq ft asphalt track (if funding falls short, they will do a dirt track for \$70K).
  - Relatively high community support except for parking (people drive to the pump track) and for high jumps
- **Action:** Draft documents to start a new committee “external sports” or “bike group committee”

#### 7. Outdoor Ice Rink

- Christine volunteers to organize for an outdoor rink (or skate park). Jordan volunteers to help with outdoor rink.
- WHCA has funds available to buy a liner, boards, etc. for an outdoor rink (est. \$1-2K). Over the closure could reallocate staff to work on an outdoor rink. Susan has confirmed no impact to WHCA insurance; can start as soon as weather is cold enough.
- **Action:** Brenda to confirm if we are allowed to use the fire hydrants to flood the ice, and if not why (potentially key availability)
- Cannot use the Zamboni without concrete underlay – otherwise ice will crack

#### 8. Planning Committee

- Change of use along 2<sup>nd</sup> ave from retail store fronts on grade to office space
- Invited Dale Hawkins (from Cllr. Farrells office) to discuss the Riley Plan in Feb/Mar
- Crowchild Traffic Plan – some confusion on public realm improvements; limited to 19 St or is this getting incorporated in the Riley Plan
- Permits in November: pending fourplex on Broadview road (neighbour submitted concerns), pending secondary suite on Broadview road, improvements to field house at the soccer fields on Broadview road, delay to development on 19<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> development due to environmental concern)

#### 9. Financial Update

- Available cash is \$414K, with influx of funds from hockey (Sept to Nov); however, lost ice time may need to be refunded.

- Running several forecast scenarios to inform decisions going forward. Trying to account for when facility may reopen as well as unanticipated maintenance needs.

#### 10. HR

- Staff reviews usually planned for January. Board concerned with Staff: stress, dealing with non-compliant members, attrition. Most staff are up to date on taking vacation (except Bryan)
- Decision: Board approves COVID bonus (\$150 to each employee) in 2020 pay period. (Patrick motions to approve, Mike seconds)

#### 11. Green Committee

- Bryan and Cher looking into solar cooperative with SAIT
- Cher met with Climate Action Hub: made several suggestions (most unfeasible given facility) including installing an EV parking stall
  - Parking is short and most community members would not require a stall at the facility.
  - **Action:** Cher to continue to investigate and bring back information
- Looking for opportunities to partner with Parkdale community association (funding opportunities etc.)

#### 12. Community Events Committee

- Board keen to host events over 2021
- Anar and Christine volunteer to help with community events
- Need to discuss how casino fits (does it require a dedicated committee?)

#### 13. Facility Manager Update

- WHCA facility to be closed effective Saturday night. Daycare and Summit Kids – scheduled return on Jan 11.
- WHCA 2.0 Priority to focus on:
  - outdoor fitness (tennis, gardens, outdoor workouts, rinks, skate parks)
  - online programming (is there more we can offer)
- Tennis pickleball building
  - Some infrastructure money could be available from the Federal/Provincial govt's, but that may only be available for a limited time
  - Need to assess community support for the project (Board is not certain this is the direction the community wants)