

## West Hillhurst Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Feb 9, 2021 @ 7PM

**Attendees:** Patrick Craddock, Jan Cerny, Jordan Stuart, Cher Jacobs, James Heater, Dale Voight, Michael Strilchuk, Christine Brown, Dave Best, Janice Paskey, Bryan Polack

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

**Regrets:** Anar Ramji

1. Call to Order
  - Quorum confirmed.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
3. Transport Committee
  - Janice Paskey to chair Transport Committee
  - **Decision:** Board approves January meeting minutes (Jim motions to approve, Jordan seconds)
4. City of Calgary Updates
  - Bryan and Brenda applying for Q4 COVID funding relief.
  - City should be made aware in advance if the association realistically anticipates running out of money to develop mitigation plans though the City has not outlined specific actions or steps to take. If the association turns the facility over to the City, they can maintain status as a community association.
5. Planning Committee Report
  - No recent updated on the Riley Community Growth Plan. Kick off meetings with City have not been scheduled.
  - Ken has ideas about to make the guidebook a living document – more updates at next meeting.
  - No change of use approved for development at 19 St and 5 Ave. Developer and concerned neighbours will attend March planning meeting to discuss.
  - Developments on 18A St (three units – no lane access – two stories on top of garage) committee submitted comment about water/snow management as well as max construction height.
6. Transport Committee Update
  - Association to better communicate in the community that there is a transport committee and what it entails.
  - Residential speed limit reduced to 40 km/hr except collector streets (for ex. 7 Ave) which stay at 50 km/hr. Counsellors office has requested 7 Ave redesignated as residential.

- With lower speed limit, City does not see traffic calming as a priority
- Curb cuts can get very icy, committee is looking to map curb cuts in the community so they can be identified for repair for the City
- Crowchild pedestrian bridge is needs maintenance. Committee is looking for volunteers to advocate for ongoing maintenance
- City is looking to expand paid street parking in the community, not a lot of support from residents.

## 7. Bike Park Update

- Terms of Reference for Bike Park (circulated as part of board materials) need to be approved for bike park planning committee to be set up, however no commitments are made as part of the terms
  - Question: Reference that the bike park committee can request funding from WHCA, is now the right time to start a non-revenue generating project? Answer: Bike park committee can request funds but WHAC is not obligated to provide. Bike park committee would rely on annual fundraising for ongoing maintenance.
- **Decision:** Board approves terms of reference subject to the inclusion of a line indicating that WHCA is not obliged to funding (Pat motions for approval, Jordan seconds)
- **Action:** Jeff to set up bike park committee – Bryan to set up email Bike.Park@westhillhurst.com to be forwarded to Jeff.
- Maintenance
  - The City is encouraging that the park be paved to reduce maintenance and residents are more supportive bc there is a perceived dust issue with dirt tracks.
  - Dirt track is lower cost to build (could potentially build with volunteers).
  - Lawns and greenspace maintenance will depend on how the park is set up.
- Location
  - The City has recommended Helicopter Park most likely location for approval and will not displace current land use.
  - WHCA would prefer a location closer to the facility for better oversight and ease of maintenance. If the WHCA were to make facility expansions, the bike park could be relocated at that point.
  - Some concern of insurance obligation at a location that is not easily monitored. Could install signs with phone number to call if clean up or safety issue is identified- similar to other City parks.

- Space is available north of the WHCA buildings (required 50 x 100 M) , however WHCA would have to take the land under their lease and consult with residents.
- Regardless of location, community consultation and support is needed to proceed
- City unlikely to partner or provide funding for a bike park
- **Action:** Jeff to meet with Brenda and Ron to understand steps to make north of WHCA viable location.
- Other initiatives:
  - Briar Hill is looking at a temporary bike park at Lions Park just south of the C-train and community is already supportive. If successful, park will be amended to a permanent structure.
  - Parkdale Community Association also interested in a bike park but are in very early stages. They support the Helicopter Park location and want to be kept in the loop for any steps they need to take. Brenda confirms that Parkdale could get a lease in the WHCA area (i.e., at Helicopter Park)
- Next Steps:
  - City needs a letter from WHCA formally expressing interest in proceeding with the bike park – Jeff has templates. This is not a commitment for land or funding but will kick off the community engagement phase so the committee can get feedback from residents on a conceptual plan
  - **Decision:** Board will issue letter of interest (Jeff will send examples provided by Ron at the City)

#### 8. Other Committee Updates

- No updates

#### 9. GMs Report

- Outdoor rink: Telus donated \$1000 to offset construction costs
- Indoor rink
  - Ice to be pulled this week, without hockey season insufficient demand to justify costs, this is disappointing bc there is a loss of service to the community but most ice users understand the financial constraints
  - Already interest from other user groups to rent out the dry pad; easier to draw profit on dry pad because utilities and staff costs are substantially lower
  - Ice reinstall: Need a sense of when the ice goes back in so Susan can start securing bookings (typically starts in March/April for ice time in Aug/Sept).

- **Decision:** Delay bookings until May so we have a better sense of what restrictions might look like. Tentatively agree to reinstall after the Aug long weekend – pending restrictions permitting activities and continue to book the dry pad to the end of July. Ice users will not lose their scheduled times if they rebook.
- **Action:** Bryan to send email to user groups with plans for ice removal, reinstall, plans for bookings.
- Other facility activities
  - Not enough interest in one-on-one training to open health club, that will be driven mostly by when squash can begin
  - Outdoor activities like soccer and t-ball are planned for because they are outside
- Online 50/50
  - i. Looking to run several of these over the year and need community support
- Bryan will be out of office until next Tues.

#### 10. Financial Report

- \$315K in bank as of Feb 8, 2021; Current forecast (not including bookings until April and without emergency funding grants) puts WHCA at ~\$100 K in June
- No substantial update after Jan 25 discussion

#### 11. Meeting Adjourned