

West Hillhurst Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

March 08, 2021 @ 7PM

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

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

Regrets: Anar Ramji, Patrick Craddock

1. Call to Order

- Quorum confirmed and February meeting minutes approved (Cher motions for approval, Jordan seconds)

2. Transport Committee

- WHCA website update with a transportation page discussed at Feb meeting is complete
- Map of proposed speed reductions for residential and collector streets for the area still include 7th ave as a collector.
- Rezoning of land at the corner of 19 st and 6 ave, currently considered a remnant, could result in bike and traffic safety issues
- Potential to cooperate to improve bike lane safety between West Hillhurst and Hillhurst-Sunnyside as a public realm improvement
- Transportation Committee to attend meeting regarding the redevelopment of the old CBC site. There are concerns about the left-hand turn onto memorial

3. HR Committee

- Performance reviews planned for April

4. Community events

- No updates until after more information about COVID restrictions is available

5. City of Calgary Updates

- City is looking for suggestions from WHCA for community public art (examples: fence art or park benches) to take advantage of the Growth Area fund, as well as volunteers to support the initiative
- CCG funding was approved for improvements to the squash courts and HVAC systems that have been postponed due to COVID and the resulting financial restrictions.
- Because the funds have been approved a board motion is needed to acknowledge that the funding for these projects will be declined.
- **Decision:** WHCA acknowledges that CCG approved funding for improvements to the squash courts and HVAC will be declined. (Jan motions, Dale seconds)

- **Decision:** WHCA agrees to apply to the Capital Conservation Fund for \$1918.22 to cover additional funds needed for the flooring in Studio B (Jan motions for approval, Jordan seconds)

6. Planning Committee Report

- Developer for 19th street and 5 Ave rezoning to attend March Planning Committee to address concerns
- Development on Westmount Road – curb cuts in sidewalks need to be fixed

7. Green Committee

- Working to get garden plots ready for the season
- No other updates

8. GMs Report

- March financials: Bank balance approximately \$319K, with current programming forecast for June expected to be \$91K
- New provincial budget includes cuts to funding programs WHCA regularly applies to (Community Facility Enhancement Program and Community Initiatives Program). This will have a knock-on effect to what WHCA applies to CCG for (CCG is municipal not provincial).
- Programming at the facility is expanding: Summit Kids, Go-Getters, and Pre-school are starting. Health Club to open Sat/Sun and expand depending on demand and staffing. Dry pad bookings continue.
- A truck hit the fence bordering the park space north of the facility. The City is responsible for repair. Brenda will follow up on estimated timelines.
- Bryan is working with the Parkdale Community Association to look for opportunities to share resources for marketing or some staff as a way to manage costs. There are no concerns from the Board.
- Bike park: need to determine details of park location/design/risk management before impact on WHCA insurance can be confirmed
- New insurance package for the facility came back at a lower cost than was expected (only 10% instead of 25%)
- The pickleball association has requested time at the April WHCA meeting to discuss a dedicated building. If time is available in the agenda, the Board is open to the discussion.
- Four scenarios of utility costs and facility utilization are provided in meeting materials for Board review and discussion.

9. External Presentations

- National accessArts Centre Presentation - <https://accessarts.ca/>

- City of Calgary –West Hillhurst Streetscape and Public Realm Improvements - <https://engage.calgary.ca/kensingtonarea/westhillhurstimprovements>

10. Meeting Adjourned