

West Hillhurst Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 10, 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, Anar Ramji

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

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

- Quorum confirmed.

2. Approval of meeting minutes

- Minutes approved (Mark motions, Jim seconds)

3. City of Calgary Updates

- WHCA was declined Q4 City funding because cash flow was too high; Bryan, Winter, and Brenda will follow up with the City to try to better understand. No opportunity to appeal the decision.
- Community Association lease – the City is considering a single lease for bike park and potential pickleball expansion. To proceed with discussions, WHCA to motion in principle interest in amending its lease boundary (contingent on community support).
- We motion in principle to amend lease boundary to include ball diamond and soccer field for the bike park – contingent on community support (need concept from Jeff and sightline surveys with direct line of sight and online survey or virtual open house.
- The motion in principle does not bind WHCA to any decisions, just a step to proceed with discussions. If WHCA does not support proposed concepts for bike park/facility expansion, it can step away.
- Bike Park Committee or facility expansion will need to consult with every home in the proposed expansions sightline. Would also include Hillhurst-Sunnyside residents along the east boundary
- WHCA Board approves the motion, in principle, to amend our existing Lease boundaries with The City of Calgary to include the ball diamond (B1WHL01) and soccer field (S1WHL03), for the purposes of a Bike pump track. Submitting a formal request to The City of Calgary is conditional upon the submission of concept drawings and sufficient community engagement (Jordan motions, Jan seconds)
- Mayoral candidates are requesting to engage with the WHCA board, so far the message has been that the WHCA will not meet with any individual candidate to avoid preferential treatment. However, an outlet to share West Hillhurst specific concerns would be useful.
- WHCA is supportive of an all-candidate debate closer to the election. One was held at the last civic election and close to 80-100 ppl attended.

4. Planning Committee Report

- Two new condo buildings planned for 19 ST. One will repurpose the pathway to Queen Elizabeth school as an entry way to the underground parking lot (potentially maintaining a walkway that would pass through). No development permits in plan. Timelines are 2-4 years. The concern is that the permit applications will come in prior to the Riley Plan issuance.
- WHCA to put notice of comment periods for these developments on website and FaceBook to ensure the community is aware.
- No start date for the Riley Plan. WHCA Planning committee submitted a letter with proposed changes for the Guidebook.

5. Transport Committee

- Improvements needed at the crosswalk at 19 ST and 2 AVE. The City is pressuring developers to resolve these.
- Esso at Crowchild and 5 AVE will be replaced with a 7/11
- The parcel of land across of from the WHCA has been quietly acquired by a developer. WHCA will have to change the location of the muster point for the facility. The Planning Committee reached out to the developer – let Janice know if there are any questions that should be passed along.
- Concerns raised about maintaining a bikeable 19 ST with entry/exits to potentially three condo buildings.
- Also a lot of concern about losing the pathway to QE school which is used by many students.

6. Health and Safety Committee

- Nothing to update for May

7. Community Events Committee

- Food truck event was held on April 29. Feedback from vendors was that WHCA was a competitive community with many interested vendors and lots of turnout. WHCA will receive 10% of profit at the end of summer – amount to be calculated after subsequent events over the summer.
- Next food truck event for the 20th and four more scheduled between now and the end of August
- Spruce Up The Neighbourhood will run May 16 with expanded space to allow for distancing.
- Event posted on website, Facebook, e-news letter, and twitter and on sign in front of bldg.

8. Green Committee

- Garden plots up and running
- Looking at a zen garden concept for Dave Q memorial; looking to find out if Dave had favourite plants or colours

9. Bike Park Committee

- Now that we have the motion Patrick to let Greg know to get moving

10. GM's Report

- Building is very quiet except for day care. Very few people out for tennis or in the gardens
- Summit Kids on pause for two weeks
- Potential Expansion with SAIT: athletic director at SAIT reached out. They are interested in a partnership with WHCA to build a second arena with WHCA for practice and Friday night games. Hockey Calgary would also provide up to \$3MM for expansion contingent on prioritized ice times.
- WHCA to message back to SAIT that no feedback available until after community is engaged
- Potential naming sponsor: previously guidance was that a not-for-profit facility could not be sponsored by a profit entity. However, changes at the City may change this guidance. In this case, WHCA could have a potential naming sponsor through an ex board member. Bryan to follow up
- WHCA so complete community engagement survey to find out how (or if) the community wants the land at the facility changed.
- **Action Item:** Christine and Anar to set up the community survey by June
- Garden, green initiative, and inspiring neighbourhoods grants are available – Bryan and Cher to work on these
- Financial update: account balance is \$344K

11. Meeting Adjourned