

West Hillhurst Community Association AGM Meeting  
November 8th, 2021 @ 7pm

Board of Directors in Attendance: Patrick Craddock, Jan Cerny, Jordan Stuart, James Heater, Christine Brown, Dave Best, Anar Ramji, Dale Voight, Michael Strilchuk

Attendees: Bryan Polak – General Manager, Brenda Annala – City of Calgary, Terry Wong – Councillor Ward 7, Karen Dahl – planning, Janice Passkey - transportation

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

Regrets: Cher Jacobs, Marc Rosso,

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Approval of AGM minutes from 2020
  - Quorum confirmed.
  - Jordan put forward motion to approve AGM minutes from 2020 (Posted on website), Jan second the motion, approved by all members, none opposed
  
2. WHCA Director Introductions
  - Patrick Craddock
  - Jan Cerny (Vice President)
  - Jordan Stuart (Treasurer)
  - Cher Jacobs – Absent (Secretary)
  - Dale Voight
  - Anar Ramji
  - David Best
  - James Heater
  - Michael Strilchuk
  - Christine Brown
  - Marc Rosso (Absent)
  
3. 2021 Year in Review - Patrick
  - Thank you to the WHCA staff, members, volunteers and General Manager Bryan Polak
  - January started off with lots of restrictions but WHCA was able to keep the community preschool operating as well as the before and after care at Summit Kids.
  - We were able to introduce the outdoor rink and it was very well utilized during the months due to the covid restrictions for indoor recreation
  - In March, the fitness center was able to open and we were able to offer some programming
  - Made the decision to shut down our ice to allow us to save on expenses while restrictions were in place
  - April onwards we were able to host several food truck events, our annual spring clean up and open up our tennis courts
  - End of July, we made the decision to re-open our arena, squash courts and our gym for rentals and started opening up to more programming

- The last few months have been almost back to normal
4. Treasurer Report -Jordan
    - June 30, 2021 financials will be posted to the WHCA website
    - Thanks to Bryan and team, Wynter Anderson (accountant) and Heidi Breuer (auditor) for all their work this past year.
    - The year ended June 2021 with overall revenues down 9%, however we were able to reduce expenses and end the year in a positive financial position due to covid funding and grants
    - Motion to approve June 30, 2021 audited financial statements by Jordan, Jan seconds the motion
  
  5. Appointment of the auditor
    - Heidi Breuer, an auditor with the Federation of Calgary Communities has served as our auditor for a few years. She audits financial reporting for several community associations in Calgary.
    - Motion to appoint Heidi for the 2021-2022 Fiscal year by Jordan, Jan seconds, none opposed
  
  6. Councillor Introduction
    - Welcome to Terry Wong, newly elected Ward 7 councillor
    - Terry has been busy with orientation and councillor meetings and will be attending an executive meeting about the climate emergency initiative tomorrow
    - Understands West Hillhurst is experiencing pressure for multi-family units in our community
    - Believes the community should be the first voice and last decision should come from the board
    - Q – Janice Passkey – We have been working at securing a flashing light at 19<sup>th</sup> street and 2<sup>nd</sup> ave where the new development is in construction. Not approved from the city and we heard no information as to why. We need a culture change.  
A – Terry Wong – We need to stop assuming the city knows better than the community
    - Q – Dan Bowman -Feels like we have trouble improving our community center, are current grants enough to improve our building  
A – Terry Wong – Proposal to be brought forward, that would see a developer have to pay off-site levies to help pay for community upgrades when developing an inner-city lot
    - Final note from Terry: hired 3 new staff members – Coco Yuen – assistant, Matt Lalonde – who was a ward 7 candidate and has his master’s in urban planning and city planning and Gary Bobrovitz, who worked for Global TV and was a candidate in Ward 8. Hired these individuals as they are excellent communicators, have connections in the corporate world and were also out door knocking and have heard many voices during the election campaign.
    - Campaign mandate – Safe/Affordable/Vibrant communities and is currently working on building a coalition of community associations in ward 7

## 7. Committee Updates

### Transportation – Janice

- Over the last year, we have been involved in the lane-way discussions on 19<sup>th</sup> street and 3<sup>rd</sup> ave and analysis of pedestrian survey results and now actively working on the 19<sup>th</sup> street and 2<sup>nd</sup> ave crosswalk improvements (flashing lights) as the developer was supposed to fund but didn't.
- We were part of the public realm engagement for 7 million dollars, we proposed 7 projects to be funded and only 2 projects will go forward, looking for some answers/justification as Hillhurst proposed 9 projects and 7 will go ahead. No traffic calming approved.
- Crowchild Trail pedestrian crossing continues to be a concern as well as the development at 19<sup>th</sup> street and 6<sup>th</sup> avenue (across from the community center) and have heard from several community members about their concerns already.

### Planning Committee report – Karen Dahl

- Our committee meets to discuss building permits and meet with developers
- We meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and welcome all community members who wish to attend.
- Currently working the Riley Redevelopment plan which includes Hillhurst Sunnyside, West Hillhurst, Hounsfield Heights and Briar Hill – looking at the direction of our communities, for example: 19<sup>th</sup> street vision

### Community Event update – Christine Brown

- Food Trucks from April – September, 10% of revenues go back to the community center- raised just over \$1800
- Spruce up the Neighbourhood – May -drive thru covid friendly event for battery and electronic recycling, shredding, clothing donations and have 2 – 30 yrd garbage bins
- Canada day celebration, water gun fights and food trucks, 50 kids attended
- Sport Swap for winter gear – was a successful first-time event, will host more seasonally
- Halloween outside event, 150 kids registered, dressed up, received treat bags, fire pit, music and decorated the gazebo area
- Holiday Skate with Santa is booked on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-3pm, Santa booked, hot chocolate, candy canes and cookies sponsored by Telus.
- Working on an outdoor Winter Shinny Classic – for February, shinny games, ice/snow sculpture contest and treats

## 8. Election of Directors

- We have capacity for 10 directors
- Must live in the community of West Hillhurst and be an active member of the WHCA
- Returning Directors: Jordan nominated Jim Heater and Dave Best current members for another 2-year term. Both accepted and Jan second the motion. Jordan nominated

Dale Voight for another 1-year term and nominated Janice Passkey as a new director. Both accepted.

- New Directors: Jordan put forward a motion to nominate Peter Stunden as a new director, Peter accepted.
- Nominations closed
- Outgoing directors, Marc Rosso, Anar Ramji, and Michael Strilchuk. Thank you for your contributions over the last 2 years.

#### 9. Election of Executives

- Patrick Craddock stepping down from President but will remain on board. Thank you to Patrick for his contributions and time over the past few years.
- All executive nominations must be a director for a minimum of 1 year
- Based on last month's board meeting, Cher Jacobs (absent from AGM meeting) has stepped up as President, Jordan nominates Cher and Jan seconds the nomination.
- Jordan nominates Christine Brown as secretary, Christine accepted, and Jim Heater seconds the nomination
- No other directors nominated for executive

#### 10. Other Business and Questions

General Manager's notes:

- Bryan would like to recognize Doreen Nece as volunteer of the year for all her hardwork and dedication to the greenspace garden plots. Doreen has left little gifts for everyone who had a garden plot this year, pickup in the office.
- Door prizes will be drawn tomorrow for those who joined our AGM. Stay tuned to the website for winners. Thank you to Mash, The Village, Amato Gelato and Complete Delight.
- Q – Peter Stunden – Has the board met in person?
- A – Patrick -Due to covid, we have met online monthly, we have seen more participation online, but something to keep in mind as our restrictions are removed.
- Bill Overend – Thanks to the board, the staff, volunteers for the friendly smiles in the building, was helpful to him over covid.
- A few other thank you notes in chat to WHCA, staff, board and volunteers
- A special thank you to Bryan and his leadership over the last few years, Covid has made it tough

#### 11. Meeting Adjourned 8:13pm