

**Meeting minutes of the Rio Terrace Community League Board
April 27, 2016
Rio Terrace Community League Hall**

Present: Lance Burns, Auriana Burns, Carrie Doucette, Dan Mallett, Lisa McColl (City of Edmonton), Samantha Gullekson, Allison McLean, Catherine Darrah, Aman Athwal, Emma Woolner, James Lavoy, David Feldman, Perry Wynn, Jessica Natrass (recording).

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes for March, 2016

- Motion to approve the minutes by James, seconded by Auriana, carried.

2) Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda by Aman, seconded by Samantha, carried.

3) Preschool Report

- The teacher's assistant has provided her notice as she is moving back to BC. The job has been posted and a salary review is underway.
- Registrations for 2016-2017 morning classes are full and 7 are registered for the afternoon class. Parents are happy with the teaching staff.
- The board is working to fundraise an additional \$3000 to cover a shortfall for the end of the year. Auriana will follow up on whether these funds are needed for the beginning of September as well. Upcoming fundraisers include pizza kit sales, art cards, movie nights, end of year party events. A suggestion was made to open some of the preschool events to the greater community. The board is happy to assist with marketing these events.
- The Board discussed the possibility of raising the fees to eliminate the need for fundraising. Catherine will take the Board's feedback back to the Preschool board. At the next general meeting in May, parents will vote on the option providing more financial donations in lieu of fundraising.

4) Spray Deck Update

- Last week the committee got together and had a fundraising brainstorming session. Great ideas came out of this meeting. A fundraising event schedule has been created. Allison quickly outlined some of the fundraisers planned for the year. Examples include: bottle drives, pool parties, wine nights, community cookbook, and pizza night.
- The CFEP Grant requires confirmation of NPDP funds. Shores Jardine LLP has reviewed the NPDP Agreement and suggested minor changes. The City was fine with the proposed changes and sent new contracts to be signed.

MOTION by Auriana Burns

I move that the Community League approve the NPDP Grant Agreement.
Seconded by Daniel Mallett, carried.

- We need to pay a deposit equaling 10% of total project cost to the City of Edmonton to move forward with the project. The City is already holding funds in trust (\$20,005), so we just need to provide an additional \$4,874.08. This amount will come out of the \$25,000 already committed by the Board.

MOTION by Auriana Burns

I move that the Community League provide the deposit for the NPDP Agreement in the amount of \$24,879.08. This will be paid via City of Edmonton collected funds of \$20,005.00 and Community League funds previously allocated for the spray deck in the amount of \$4,874.08. This \$4874.08 payment will be netted against the previously approved \$25,000 donation from the community league to the spray deck.

Seconded by David Feldman, carried.

- 5) Financial Report:** Dan presented his financial report (See Attachment 1). Modifications have been made to the report based on feedback he has received. The Square account has been set up. Dan did a trial with a \$1 payment and refund and is happy with how it works. We now have the option to use this for community events and rentals. Dan is reconciling the CRA remittance for the rink attendants.

Aman Athwal left the meeting.

6) Items for discussion

a. Old Business

- **Infill:** Michael Oshry hosted a forum on April 9th. Things were heated. On May 14th there is a meeting planned by those opposed to subdivision. This is not a community league event. The group will be renting the hall.

The Board went in camera at this time to discuss infill and invited our CRC, Lisa McColl, to remain in the meeting.

Lance made a motion to come out of camera, seconded by Emma.

MOTION by Dan Mallet

I move that the Rio Terrace Community League Board remain neutral on the issue of subdivision of property in the Rio Terrace community because our priority is community, harmony, and spirit.

Seconded by Auriana, carried.

Aman Athwal rejoined the meeting.

- **Community Swim:** Auriana provided an update on the options for joining Terwillegar Recreation Center for the next year of community swim. Our application will be submitted soon.

b. New Business

- **Graffiti and Painting:** Graffiti has happened in multiple places around our neighbourhood. The City has cleaned up some of it but some remains around the hall. James will call 311 to see if kits can be obtained and provided for the rink attendants for clean up. The hall needs to be cleaned up in advance of the upcoming World Record Ball Hockey tournament. The rink attendants are performing the spring clean up but painting needs to be done as well. Aman will call to obtain painting quotes with input from David and Carrie.

7) Reports

- a. **CRC:** See Attachment 2 for full CRC Report. New programs are happening around the City this summer for youth. Lisa has funding available for summer events; let her know what you have planned and monies could be available. Next recreation gathering is May 24th and Spring Block Party event is happening on May 11. There is an approved vendor list for events happening on parkland. This is public info and posted on the City's website.

b. President:

- Please think about whether or not we want to have summer meetings and we will discuss at our June meeting.
- Michael Oshry really helped to initiate the process on fees for soccer for Syrian children. The soccer associations have waived the fees for these players. Lance made a decision to waive the community league fees for these families as well.
- James and Lance are working on developing a camp in August for those children in our community who may not be able to afford to attend the other camps.

- Ball Hockey Tournament: lines are going to be painted on the rink; banners are going to be put up. Movie night in the park on May 21 with popcorn at 9pm. There will be lots of other things going on that weekend. Come support this event!

- c. **Vice President:** no report
- d. **Membership:** Erin circulated her report by email in advance of the meeting (Attachment 3). The CLOG grant was submitted to the City Grant Application Office on April 11th, they confirmed receipt of the application on April 12th.
- e. **Social & Programs:** Emma circulated her report by email in advance of the meeting (See Attachment 4). Bike Parade is Sunday, June 26th. Aman, Lance, James and Dan will help out. Feedback was provided to Emma on whom to contact for donations. Bike decorating will take place before the actual parade. Carrie will order signs to mark out the route.
- f. **Soccer:** 300 kids have registered for outdoor soccer in Rio Terrace! There are 8 U-6 teams. U-12 is always full and if there are not enough kids to form full teams, these kids have to go to other communities. 19 Syrian players are joining our teams and we will be outfitting them all. Perry might need volunteers to help drive these families to United Cycle. Meetings happened at the school to let the Syrian families know about the soccer. Great work Perry, Lance and Lisa!!
- g. **Maintenance:** no in attendance to report.
- h. **Hall Rental:** First Wednesday of the month will be reserved for Soccer meetings going forward. Busy summer ahead for hall rentals.
- i. **Newsletter & Distribution:** May 6 deadline, invitation will be going out soon.

Adjournment: 9:37p.m.

Next Meeting: May 25th at 7PM, Rio Terrace Community League Hall

These minutes were approved by the Rio Terrace Community League Board of Directors by way of email motion and vote on April 28, 2016.

Jessica Natrass (Secretary)

Lance Burns (President)