

AGM - Evanston Creekside Community Association

Mike Stiles - President

6:02PM meeting called to order. Second by

Opening remarks

Welcome message

Discussed how previous board resigned - do not have last years minutes/financials but due to work of board, the budget is balanced.

Membership

140 members currently

Membership reward program - 20 businesses more coming. Approach member if you have a small business who may want to participate

Community Garden

Sharon - garden director. Crowfoot RONA donated supplies for community garden

Boxes built by local resident. Potential to expand boxes. 4 boxes total - 3 currently available for rent.

Community Highlights

- membership drive

- string lights at park - working on grant for permanent lighting

- Offer community clean ups - offered by City. Sept 20th being held - st joseph school

Audited financials - Renee

- overview - internal audit based on last boards decisions to save 3,500

- financials appeared in order

- audits done to understand where organization at

- January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 - went through income, receipts, verified manually

- Limits of audit - did not receive everything from previous board no general ledger - no record of notes regarding financials.

- some liability - money owes. \$454 unaccounted for - liability unknown. Shows we owe money, but unknown as no record for this. No money missing other than liability

Statement of operations

- Received more, spent more

- Many improvements - planters, rink, community park

- Surplus - 1,200 due to purchases made. Something canceled - inability to recoup revenue

- Stable as of right now - budgetary plan needed

- Yearly expenses - \$8000

- Some restricted funds

- In a deficit due to improvements to the park

- 8,000 almost 8,500 in liability

- 4,800 is what we own

Motion to approve financials - passed

Proposed Bylaw Changes

- Bylaws original from 2007
- some outdated, proposed bylaw changes to approve

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- community means area within calgary limits - only residents of evanston in good standing would have the right to vote. Membership not restricted
- limit membership - rewards program
- main change is to WITHIN City Limits

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Memberships any family in community boundaries
Change = any family residing in calgary limits - no right to vote

Aaron taylor - Community Partnership Liaison with City of Calgary

-reg, family and associate membership - Evanston doesn't have associate membership (would bring in more revenue)

Prices of membership - **policy** change - suggested discount depending on how many years you purchase

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Membership year shall be on June 1
Change - Membership year shall be from the date the membership was purchased
(fee not prorated - change makes sense)

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Proposed change to add Social media - right now we don't have access
-Question on responsibility
-use board email address so next board can reset password
-currently third party is managed by community members - out of goodness of heart, however with bylaw change can move policy and see if willing to resign. May need to build new sites. \

- concerns with third party and use of data -- accountability and efficiency

7.26 - verify

Add board member who is unable to attend to allow to call in on zoom

Policy

- FYI will add ECCA media must remain property of ECCA and managed within - all related documents/sites.
- Currently third party manages - currently time barrier
- After AGM meet with third party to get access back - unsure who is paying for what

Need to understand who is doing what

-25, 000 grant from city to make new media - i.e. websites

-No set timeline on when bylaw changes approved - Depends on registry

Motion to approve - none opposed

Vote on current board

-10 current members on interim board - seeking re-election

-Motion to re-elect board for a year

-none opposed - all in favour

Voting on New Members

-Open to floor for nominations to join the board -all portfolios open. 24 spots max for the board

April - Strong with events, can bring in memberships, on parent council for school, good with social. All in favour for april to join board

Sukhdeep - Nominated self. Open to anything. All in favour

Carrie - Nominated self. Small business owner - has many skills. All in favour

*Meetings on first tuesday of every month

Open floor

Inquiry on equipment

-There is a grant to get new equipment - ECCA looking into this.

Inquiry on Hockey rink

-Initial plan to do NHL sized rink. With previous boards (around 10 years ago). Idea scrapped due to cost.

-2016 plan discussed by Aaron. Opportunity to expand for full size rink and phase 3 to build pathway.

Question on trees

-Replacement of trees. Mike working with urban forestry to get new trees - row of trees.

-Missed out on branching out program.

-Parks Community Strategist (Guy from CofC) currently looking to investigate if can provide ECCA with trees.

-Anything on property needs to be approved by CofC.

Surround Bikes in Community

-Unsafe practices. Forwarded to community resources officer.

-Grass in park dying - need to replace dirt.

Latest fundraiser

-Partnered with rainbarrel.ca - distribution date at st. josephine school

- \$10 per barrel given to ECCA. There is a minimum amount that needs to be sold. More information on facebook.
- Plans to push for more traction. Goal is 100 barrels.
- \$50 rebate through CofC. Instead of \$170 for barrel and downspout - you would be paying \$70.
- Rotating water schedule - barrels put you in control of your own watering schedule.

Councillor Wyness

- 6 months in - lots of changes and learning in council
- Water Policy Vote - Watering grass on rotating schedule.
- Still have flexible to water garden, play in sprinkler, ect.
- City is currently recruiting for positions related to water. Review Calgary.ca for more information.
- Lower mainland - already at 50% of reservoir - plans to provide resources, but to find ways to conserve.
- Blanket Zoning Repealed - 64million being withheld by Federal Govt. - October deadline but need to follow through with right zoning identified in agreement.
- Big questions for Council to answer.
- Town hall with Councillor Wyness next week - the week of May 4-8th - Kincora United Church (insert specific date).

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.