

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association

Special General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

February 1 2014

Attendance:

Memberships coordinator (Courtney) kept record of voting members in attendance

Guests: A.J. Matsune, Ward 9 Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra, Bill Dekker (3-D Construction Management)

Guests: James (Community Garden Brewery) Janet Melrose (Calgary Horticultural Society), Cat Smith (Calgary Horticultural Society), Jackie Flanagan (Calgary Views magazine)

Call meeting to order

- Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:10pm
- Introductory comments and introduction to the Board (absent: Keith, Pam, Raymonde, Stacey)
- Gian-Carlo acknowledged and thanked the Board for commitment to the community
- Introduction of guests and review of meeting agenda

Minutes

- Introduction of Sharon McKendrick as meeting Chair
- Sharon declared quorum with over 15 members in attendance and allowed a moment for attendees to review agenda
- Irene Hamerly moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jeff Brockhoff seconds. Motion carried.

History of the spray park project

- Roseanne Penner presented a history of the spray park project
- In June 2011 3 project options were proposed and a vote was in favour of a refrigeration ready rink with spray park
- Since then, numerous deficiencies (financial and technical) were identified
- New project manager hired in November 2012 and new project budget in March 2013
- Original budget \$350k for refrigeration ready rink and spray park. New budget was greater than \$1million and is not feasible for the community.
- New (revised) project as presented today includes Sport court for non-winter months, outdoor exercise equipment around periphery, and floodable area for leisure skating rink (no hockey) in winter
- New budget is \$290,615. Roseanne presented potential sources of funds, and what has been spent to date
- The deadline for using the CFEP funds has been extended. CA must find matching funds which could be in the form of labour, materials, or monetary donations
- Presentation reviewed next steps if the project proceeds
- Presentation reviewed points to consider for timing of the project (primarily regarding effect on hall rent-ability)
- Flooding and maintaining a rink based on personal experience would require volunteers but is not overly onerous
- Vote today is focused on yes or no to proceed. If no, then work has to be done to determine what can/should be done with CFEP money. If yes, the project will continue as presented

Questions

- Please confirm that with this project there will not be a splash park. Correct.
- Is there any knowledge of the effect of this project on rent-ability of the hall? No actual research/information however the flexibility of the basketball court space is not expected to be a large issue.
- Could CFEP funds be lost? Yes, that's a possibility but we don't know enough about how CFEP would address it. However there is a possibility that CFEP could also say no to this project anyway.
- What would be needed for operations and maintenance? Could consider speaking with Renfrew or West Hillhurst rinks. Okay.
- What does the \$50k for excavation and services cover? This amount is based on rework/relocation of known sewer and water (under the small area between the hall and the playground which is designed as a dry pond as part of building LEED certification)
- Given the cost has anybody surveyed the demand for and anticipated use of the proposed project? The original survey covered these sorts of questions. It is believed that since then there has only been an increase in the number of young people in the neighbourhood who are the most likely (but not the only) users of the amenity space.

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- Clarification that exercise equipment is included as part of the project and that all 3 components of the project are included (sport court, exercise equipment and floodable rink)
- How will hockey be discouraged or disallowed? Discouragement could be incorporated into the design of the rink. Self-policing will also be needed
- Question regarding size of rink - if it's so small is it a good investment? A land review was completed as part of a greater review of options in the community and there is no available land for a larger (hockey suitable) rink unless existing recreation space is given up. A large rink would be a potential future initiative but at this time it's not being considered
- Suggestion on accessibility to the building for washrooms etc. to help enhance the use of the community centre area for outdoor activities
- "If you build it they will come". If the money is there, let's use it and be clear on why it's being done and who it's for
- If this does affect rent-ability of the hall, alternate sources of revenue would need to be identified. Appropriate design of the space may help manage any potential loss of revenue
- Clarification that this is a "natural" skating rink, there will be no refrigeration
- Clarification that the new surface will be better able to hold ice than the previous attempts to flood this surface
- At 4:04pm Sharon called for a vote to proceed with the project as presented

Other business

- Peggy made announcements regarding opportunities to get involved (tool library, planning committee, soccer coordinator)
- Information on BRCA events and activities is available on the website, Facebook, blogs etc.

Voting Results

- 44 in favour
- 4 opposed
- 1 spoiled ballot
- The vote is in favour of the project to proceed as presented
- Carolyn French moved to destroy the ballots; Stephanie Felker seconds. Majority in favour, carried.
- Roseanne moved to adjourn the business meeting. Stephanie Felker seconds. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm