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| WRA Minutes Template | Meeting Date December 15,2020 | | | | | |
| Attending: Marianne Cerilli, Bert Siemens, Ken McKinnon, Aleksandra Osipova, Ray Hignell, Larissa Skakum Boning, Erin Keating, Michael Bennett | | | | | | |
| Agenda Item | Action | Motions, dates | Who's responsible | | | |
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| 1. Call to order | 19:08:00 | | | | | |
| 2. Introductions | Michael Bennett joined us this evening . | | | | | |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | | | | | | |
| 4. Approval of Minutes | | | | | | |
| 5. Governance items | | | | | | |
| 5a) Communications | Melissa Bowman Wilson has requested that we support the Wolseley Miracle food drive by reposting on our face book pages and emailing our newsletter recipients. | Marianne Cerilli moves that we support this neighbourhood initiativeby helping spread the word. Ray Hignell seconds .passed | | | | |
| | Discussion around when we should hold our next meeting and whether or not to host a holiday zoom party. Some concerns are the timing of getting people together in between Christmas and NewYear and the amount of time left to plan. Most feel that this can be shelved for now. | Ray Hignell moves we not host a zoom party between Christmas and New Year. Bert Seconds. Passed | | | | |
| Volunteer Database/Collection | Erin Keating and Marianne Cerilli have met to discuss the platform to use for new volunteers to the organization. There are currently two different platforms they are exploring. One that the city uses with all the community clubs called signup.com this one has a \$25 a month fee attached the other is called Nation Builder . There are some decisions to make around this but it is important that when we do this we get it right the first time. They will start a working group to explore the different forums and figure out which will best suit our needs. | Marianne and Erin will bring back more information so the executive can make a decision about what platform to use. | | | | |
| Community Questions and concerns | Ray Hignell has cut out some fallen trees by the Aubry to improve access to the River and his son's friend, Brendan Forsyth, shovelled some steps into the mud there. He has inserted wooden steps at the Dominion access. There are a myriad of things that he does around the neighbourhood but he wants to be clear that he will stop doing these things if Wolseley Ave. is closed to car traffic. He is very against this as a move by the city and does not wish to support it. In the past the WRA has expressed support for the plan and Ray would like his opposition to it noted. | | | | | |

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| | <p>Community member Michael Bennett has raised the concern of how many off leash dogs there are dozens on the river trail. He and his family choose not to walk there because of this situation. A discussion followed where we talked about how this also applies to Omand's Creek Park Marianne Cerilli has offered to write a letter to Councillor Cindy Gilroy requesting that signage be made available as well as the possibility of a water fountain similar to that on the River Heights side of "the loop" and some follow up on the regular cleaning of the public garbage bins where dog poop bags are deposited. There are many cases of people using private bins. Ray requests that if we get signage to reflect all the things that people should avoid doing in a public park. Also perhaps the LEAF would consider covering the the confusion regarding the status of Omand's Creek as not an off leash park.</p> | | <p>Marianne Cerilli will draft letter to Councillor Gilroy regarding these dog related issues.</p> | | | |
| | <p>Erin Keating is wondering about the discussions we had at the AGM in August regarding how to engage the older kids in the neighbourhood more with recreation opportunities. She suggests a basketball net at Vimy Ridge park as an opportunity as well as the consideration of an obstacle course of some kind. Larissa Skakum Boning and Erin Keating will connect to discuss and draft a letter. Perhaps engaging the indoor basketball program at RA Steen and maybe have some interested kids sign on as supporters of the idea.</p> | | <p>Larissa and Erin will draft a letter to Councillor Gilroy outlining the hopes for greater recreation opportunities for older youth in the neighbourhood.</p> | | | |
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| Fundraising | <p>Marianne has sent out an email application to the Kinsmen for a \$5000 grant they are offering. They have responded that someone will follow up with more details shortly.</p> | | | | | |
| Next Meeting | <p>Monday January 25th 7pm</p> | | | | | |
| Adjourn | <p>20:35:00</p> | | | | | |