

Minutes
Lendrum Community League
Annual General Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2014
Lendrum Community League Hall
11335-57 Avenue Edmonton
7:00 pm

Note: There was no March 2014 meeting since we did not have quorum.

Presiding Officer: Gary Goulden

Present: Tony Olmsted, Peggy Folinsbee, Joanne Hamel, Anna Vesala, Marlene Konduc, Florence Konduc, John Porter, Gary Yaskowich, Harvey Guhl, Stephen Dobson, Bill Fish, Xanthe Loyer, Catherine Rostron, Susan Stewart, Erin Sawyer, Allison Nitchke, Lance Adamson, Carol Allen, Daryle Tilroe, Neil Moir, Ray Benton-Evans, Michael Walters, Rick Young, Jason Pfeifer, Ron Grelowski, Natalie Cook, Kathy Turnbull, Paul Lamothe, Art Bohnet

- 1. City Councillor Walters address** – Councillor Walters outlined the things he focuses on now and focused on in his campaign: fairness for mature neighbourhoods, fairness for Edmonton within the capital region, fairness for all citizens. We've focused on issues facing mature neighbourhoods like school closures, access to services and amenities, and how to plan between city and school boards. We want to make sure that in neighbourhoods where schools are threatened, and in situations where municipalities competing for funding, we are trying to promote more citizen engagement. This affects Lendrum specifically re: south campus. This continues to be an issue, but the city, university, and community need to work together. We want to be collaborative and more equal.

Xanthe: green shack program? Anna: it's not announced yet. Half-days, but pretty confident program will be there.

Stephen Dobson: what are the guidelines for traffic? What are Lendrum's challenges? Michael Walters: University is such a massive land-owner, they have to be involved and agree. If they just do what they want it will affect us. Ray: Traffic studies say we are still under capacity. Issues relate to parking as well as traffic. Gary: It's not just the U of A; it might be tournaments and events, such as the one recently by volleyball Alberta. Who manages traffic then? The event sponsor? The City? We need a strategy. Michael: I will follow up on what specifically you have asked for. Is it complaint driven? Or strategic? Integrated plan is needed.

- 2. Adopting the agenda. Moved by Harvey, seconded by Kathy. Carried.**
- 3. Adopting Minutes of 2013 AGM. Moved by Lance, seconded by Xanthe. Carried.**

4. Year-end reports for preceding year

President's report – Gary – strategic plan is a new document for next three years.

Rink - Gary – John Porter and I, with help, took care of the rink this year. New volunteers will help next year. Upgrades in future may include fencing, boards. Bill Fish: Do we start collecting \$ from volleyball? Lance: in 2016. Ongoing maintenance is needed before an overhaul. That may come. Harvey: Tell the newsletter what you need.

Playground – Ron – We have full approval for 2015 construction, between grants and casino. We have enough \$ to do half of what we proposed. We have to break it into two phases. We need input into the plans. Bottle drive at Avalon this Saturday 9 to noon. Some discussion of cost of spray deck. If people want to be involved, please let Ron know.

Soccer – Susan and Jason – Registration ongoing.

Volleyball – Lance – We will get \$ in 2016. Edmonton Sport and Social club gave us money to put in courts. They get booking rights. We pay them back, then we will start collecting money in 2016. We maintain it. It is well used. Schools use it for \$10 per hour. Neil: Do they have to move speakers? Lance: We adjusted sound system so we don't have to move sound system. Harvey: Are courts draining properly? Lance: We were diligent about construction and the slope is six inches. Water that collects will go a foot below grade.

Parks – Harvey – We continue what we've been doing over the last three years. The challenge is that the city has been pulling back on services. Money is now spread thinner. Upkeep of trees, playing fields, etc. is being spread out over new communities, too. Grass cutting now might be once every 10 -12 days. We want to pull back and see if the city does more. We need more volunteers. We want to add more people to the crew. We will also look at irrigation, repairing hoses but not adding new ones. Park benches will be added as well. It's all done by volunteers. Graffiti has been removed from amphitheatre; city has been very responsive in removing it. Schools may be asked to contribute maintenance \$, since students are big users.

Social – Xanthe – I picked up social after summer BBQ, so summer BBQ and Turkey Trot were the only events. Push to change focus from soccer to larger community BBQ. Turkey Trot had low attendance. February Winter festival was very cold and also had low attendance. Going forward we may need to evaluate where \$ can be applied, what our choices will be. Scheduled events are good, but informal or initiated events have potential too. Xanthe got a grant for our 50th anniversary celebration, June 21.

Hall Rental – Neil–We have a busy hall, mostly used for regular things within our community. Residents and members use this building well. We may use CLIP grant to replace lighting, if we get the grant.

Civics – Ray - If you think of any projects for U of A students, let Ray know. 122 Street access is an issue; we were worried that it would not be functional by the fall. This will help Lendrum with its traffic flow. Currently discussing access for Michener Park. Parking is an ongoing issue.

Casino – Catherine – July 22 and 23. We don't know hours yet. We might need more volunteers if hours are extended.

Carol Allen brought up Neighbourhood Watch. City is still deciding, cleaning up database. Are people still interested? Engraver available is someone wants to use it. Carol and her husband donated benches this year. Harvey thanked her.

5. **Financial Statements**– Rick –Rick noted that he took over in October and wants to thank Kathy Turnbull and Catherine Stout for auditing. Rick passed out audited balance sheet. More information, or electronic copy of this sheet are available from Rick. It is a concern; we can't continue to run a deficit. Gary: We will have to make difficult choices going forward. **Motion to approve financials by Ron, seconded by Harvey. Carried.**
6. **Appointing the auditors.** Catherine Stout and Kathy Turnbull. **Motion by Rick, seconded by Ron. Carried.**
7. **Setting membership fees** – Fees have been confusing, but fees are now \$40 for families, \$25 for seniors and singles. Susan: There was confusion over soccer registration prices as well. **Catherine movies that fees stay the same. Tony seconded. Carried.**
8. **Electing the officers**call three times

President - Gary Goulden

Vice-President – Tony Olmsted

Secretary – Natalie Cook

Treasurer – Rick Young

Social – vacant

Civics – vacant

Casino – Catherine Rostron

Membership – Brent Jensen

Newsletter – Erin Sawyer

Fundraising – Allison Nitchke

Playground – Ron Grelowski

Programs – vacant

Hall Rental – Neil Moir

Athletic Park – Harvey Guhl

Rink – vacant, but Gary Goulden and John Porter doing it interim

Web site –Marlene Konduc

IT – Daryle Tilroe

Soccer – Susan Stewart and Jason Pfeifer
Gardens – Bonnie Herring-Cooper and Peggy Folinsbee
Volleyball – Lance Adamson

We need a referee coordinator for next year.

9. Other business – Abundant Communities Initiative. We will be gathering people to run surveys to find out interests, hopes for community, hobbies, needs. Stew and Anola Carson will be coordinators. On the last Friday of the month men meet at Glass Monkey for drinks, happy hour (4:30 – 7 pm or so). Bike race on Canada Day. Monday night before there will be a sprint race challenge.

10. Adjournment– Motion to adjourn by Bill. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.