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SRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2018

Present / Quorum met: Tom Dickey (President), Brenda Merz (Treasurer), Michael Schlueter (Secretary)

and John Park (Director at Large). **Regrets:** Michella Pritchard

Guests: Henrik Jannesson and Tammy Roberts - both with the City of Calgary, Parks Department

1. City of Calgary Presentation

Prior to meeting city of Calgary representatives provided a presentation on if the city was able to collect homeowner fees on behalf of the resident's association.

Outcome: this would require a great deal of work and the amalgamation of up to 6 associations and an area that currently does not have one. It would also further restrict what the funds could be used for and would still require an association to exist. The representative from the City, Henrik Jannesson, has gone back to Parks to determine more exact instructions regarding what we can and cannot do and what their involvement could be.

- 2. The President called the Springside Residents' Association Board Meeting to order at approximately 7:25pm.
- 3. Brenda's Report on the Widening of Bow Trail (graphics attached)
 - a. Bow Trail is to be widened on the north side of the corridor as the power lines "can't" be moved. There will be a crosswalk on bow trail between Springside and our neighbor on the south of the Bow trail. There will be interchange improvements along Bow Trail west of Sarcee trail at 85th Street and Old Banff Coach Road as a preparation for the West Stony Trail Phase of the ring road. The will include the widening and realignment of though and turning lanes on 85th & Bow Trail intersection.
 - b. Remediation for additional sound levels will be addressed with trees planted along the route. This may be insufficient as the trees will have to grow into an effective sound barrier.
 - c. Issues with the plan need to be addressed to our Ward 6 Councilor, Jeff Davison. http://www.calgary.ca/citycouncil/ward-6/Pages/Contact-Ward-6.aspx
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the March 1, 2018 SRA Board Meeting and January 31, 2018 Special Meeting. Q&A from those meetings are to be treated as a separate issue and appended to the minutes when addressed, these will be discussed via email to determine the questions and correct answers and addressed at the April 5th meeting.
- 5. Sprinkler System Report
 - a. Tom talked to a neighbor who is an attorney and a former board member from the early days of the board and he was told that the system was installed by the developer, used by the community and was subsequently damaged through an error of the board of the



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day. The board member of the day who was responsible for maintenance of the system said they had requested the landscaping contractor to blow out the system in the fall. The contractor did not do it and the system froze and burst. No message traffic directing the contractor to prep the system for winter could be produced and so liability fell to the board. A decision on the resolution of this issue should be deferred until the city gets back to us with a determination of their and our responsibilities.

b. There was discussion regarding the need for the system, responsibility for the system maintenance and the approach to take with this question. It was decided to table the issue pending new information from Henrik Jannesson regarding responsibility.

6. Accounts Receivable

- a. Michael reported that everyone on the list < 2016/2017 A/R list has been contacted with the exceptions of three households which have yet to be communicated with directly with follow up emails. These three have no email or phone number and have not answered the door when an "in person" call has made, this has been attempted twice thus far. Otherwise the arrears collection process was progressing and there has been success in collecting and the effort will continue.</p>
- b. Tom has requested a running list of the membership and their payment arrears that from < 2017. It was determined that the AR ledger would be presented in a better format for the next meeting.
- c. There was a discussion about arrears accounts that are approaching the 2-year window and action needs to be taken to secure the debt. It was decided that this decision would be tabled until the next meeting to ascertain how effective collections would ultimately be to these accounts.
- d. It was decided that a decision could be made regarding these aging accounts at the May meeting.

7. Legal update

Tom reported that the lawyer is fully expecting to be paid but had not yet provide us a bill. A motion was tabled by Michael to have John take over the boards dealing with this Lawyer and was seconded by Brenda. Tom agreed to arrange an introduction between the Lawyer and John. The matter was then tabled pending Johns report and recommendations to the board.

8. 2018 Budget

- a. The budget for 2018 was tabled and Tom asked if there were any other items that may be considered in the neighborhood for addition to that budget.
- b. The 2018 landscaping contract had started on April 1, 2018
- c. It was determined that Michella (absent) may be best suited with the responsibility for retendering the landscaping contract starting in for 2019.
- d. The plan to pressure wash the fences was discussed. The pending construction on Bow trail would make it a wasted effort but the Wentworth drive fences and 85th Street are still good candidates. There may be fence sections on 77th Ave that could be done. A decision was made to start by asking for the Company that washed the Fences 3 years ago to provide a quote since this as a smaller portion of the same job and their work was good. John agreed to take this on as an action item.



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- e. The budget for 2018 included rehabbing 10 flower beds along Wentworth Drive SW. It was suggested that we may include some flowers along 77th Street, and fence top planters or collocated plants with the existing trees may be an option. John took on reaching out to Foothill regarding landscaping as an action item.
- f. The balance of the discussion of the budget has been left as an open item.

9. Books

There was a realization at the special meeting that we need a better auditing system. There was a qualified volunteer at the special meeting for this task and that Brenda would prepare the 2017 books and approach the volunteer to act as "Auditor." A report back on the status of this is requested from Brenda for the next meeting.

10. Future Business:

- a. There was a lot of positive feedback around the community garage sale last year and it was decided to do it again this spring, Brenda was agreed to reach out to Wentworth to coordinate this and reduce advertising costs by sharing the cost of the notification signs and the community newsletter.
- b. John brought up the issue of snow removal from the pathways during winter months so residents that want to use them can. The city has these on a very low priority and this is a common complaint. Additionally, the snow buildup in corners and crosswalks is a problem we need to look at this. Tom suggested that we start with a quote from foothills on this to determine the approximate the cost to determine if it feasible. John will follow up on this.
- c. Tom stated that regarding the next AGM, we need to start narrowing down a date. Sometime in the period of 15 Sept to 15 October is the target period. We intend to engage the community in a more informal meeting more often and the timing for this is contingent on the AGM.

11. General Future Topics

- a. Survey Monkey, to determine a more accurate reading on the preferences and wishes regarding fee collection
- b. The development of a draft of the new bylaws with the intent of having them approved at the next AGM.
- c. The commercial signs on 85th street, there are too many there, we need to deal with this as it looks bad. Tom will engage Hendrik on this topic and perhaps invite Bylaws to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm with an in camera session with only Directors to follow.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 5, 2018 at 6:30pm in Amica's private dining room.

LEGEND



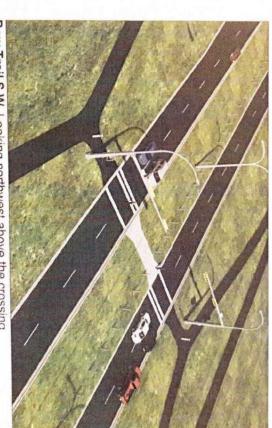
- POSSIBLE TREE REMOVALS
- NEW BRISTLECONE PINE
- NEW COLORADO SPRUCE
- NEW DOLGO CRABAPPLE
- NEW FOOTHILLS GREEN ASH
- NEW JAPANESE LILAC
- NEW PRAIRIE SPIRE GREEN ASH
- NEW RUSSIAN MOUNTAIN ASH
- NEW SCOTS PINE
- NEW SIBERIAN LARCH
- NEW TREMBLING ASPEN
- NEW TRISTIS POPLAR



Building a Better Bow Tra

Pathway Crossing

- Protected crosswalk for people traveling between communities.
- Signal is turned on only if someone activates the button.
- Signal remains green for vehicles when push button is not activated.
- Pathway connects to Wentworth Drive S.W. and 11th Avenue S.W., to the north.
- Pathway connects to Strathcona Drive S.W., to the south.



Bow Trail S.W. Looking northwest above the crossing



Bow Trail S.W. Looking north along crossing

