



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

October 15, 2015
19:00 – 20:32
City Park Collegiate Library

CHAIR	M. Murphy
PRESENT	M. Murphy, B. Bradley, L. Gruending, G. Parchomchuk, R. Spilchen, B. Bradshaw, C. Fehr, C. Martin, J. Periera, D. Hill, S. Wall, M. Planchot
REGRETS	R. Sthankiya
GUESTS	F. Reiben
SECRETARY	C. Martin

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTATION
1 INTRODUCTIONS	
2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	
a) <u>Spilchen/Parchomchuk</u> : To approve the agenda of October 15, 2015 amended, thereby adding item 4b to the agenda. <i>Motion Carried.</i>	<i>2a) 2015-10-15 Agenda</i>
3 APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES	
a) <u>Fehr/Martin</u> : To approve the minutes of September, 17, 2015 as circulated. <i>Motion Carried.</i>	<i>3a) 2015-09-17 Minutes</i>
4 ITEMS ARISING FROM PRIOR MINUTES	
a) City Park Community Association Presidential Search	
The Chair enquired as to whether any members on the City Park Community Association would be interested in serving as President of the association. In response, Carla Fehr indicated that Susan Wall had expressed interest in the role. The committee deliberated as to whether or not a motion should be put forth to nominate the proposed candidate.	
Two additional members entered the committee meeting at 19:08. Upon entering the Chair enquired as to whether Susan Wall would be interested in serving as President for the City Park Community Association. Given that no committee members objected, a motion was brought forth.	
<u>Bradshaw/Bradley</u> : to appoint Susan Wall as President of the City Park Community Association for the 2015/16 year. <i>Motion carried.</i>	

b) City Park Grocery Store Closure Update

Fred Reiben presented an update to the City Park Community Association on the closure of the local grocery store. Since the previous meeting, Fred has met with select members of the community and discussed opening a cooperative store. He has secured support from Affinity Credit Union to conduct an industry feasibility study. Affinity Credit Union has also put Fred in touch with select businesses (renewed development co-op) regarding investing in the building and retrofitting the location. Many discussions have also focused on how such a business could be made profitable. The next meeting will be held on Sunday October 18, 2015.

Darren Hill indicated that he has followed up with Loblaw's Corporation regarding the closure of the local store. He has received information that there is a possibility that the caveat can be removed from the property, however, this has not been confirmed. Darren Hill encouraged committee members to submit a letter to Loblaw's Corporation to facilitate the revocation of a caveat.

Select committee members enquired as to the process associated with caveats and, in response, Darren Hill indicated that the city will not consider expropriation unless the city receives a viable offer from a potential business owner who would be able to purchase the business and, in turn, the caveat could be expropriated. The City of Saskatoon cannot expropriate based on speculation.

Fred Reiben enquired as to the most appropriate manner to facilitate the City of Saskatoon expropriating the caveat on the property. Darren Hill recommended that individual citizens could follow up with Loblaw's directly by expressing their concerns. It was recommended that such conversations should not focus exclusively on the expropriation of the caveat. In conclusion, the Chair requested that Darren Hill follow up with Loblaw's regarding the caveat.

Bevin Bradley indicated that she has yet to follow up with the other citizen groups regarding alternative business models for a grocery store. In turn, no updates are available at this point. An electronic petition has been started, however, it is not well advertised. Bevin expressed that it would be important for the CPCA to circulate information on the petition given that it does not represent the full population. Bevin has indicated that the petition is only available electronically.

Action Item: Bevin has committed to providing Greg with the link to the online petition. She has recommended that a general write up on the purpose of the petition be posted to the CPCA website.

Action Item: Bevin has committed to identifying the specific date that the grocery store will close.

Fred Reiben expressed that, in addition to removing the caveat, there are other aspects that must be addressed to save the grocery store. One method that has been proposed is to create a dialogue pertaining to food security in the local market. The Chair enquired as to whether or not the cooperative group is considering writing a letter directly to the Weston family as opposed to simply relying on a petition. In response, Fred stated that a template letter could be circulated to members of the community via Facebook or via the CPCA website so that other members of the community could participate in the dialogue. Darren Hill confirmed that there are other stores in a similar situation.

Action Item: Greg will upload a copy of the letter to the CPCA website, as well as provide a link to the electronic petition.

Fred Reiben also suggested that a dialogue could be created which focuses on the implications associated with decreased food security and access in Saskatoon, including but not limited to the impact this would have on less wealthy families. The idea of food security and food access should be turned into a local dialogue. This will generate greater buy-in than just the local neighbourhood. Bevin supported the idea in whole, given that other communities may be interested in participating or offering their support.

The Chair encouraged Fred Reiben to contact Charles Hamilton at the Star Phoenix. Darren Hill emphasized that the CPCA and associated members should not be directing the media to any specific individuals who would be implicated by the closure of the grocery store.

Greg enquired as to whether or not the city was still in favour of supporting opening a grocery store in the downtown area (near the police station). In response, Darren Hill indicated that a developer is investigating purchasing a downtown location for condominium use with a grocery store in the main floor (near the old police parking lot).

Carla Fehr expressed her belief that the City of Saskatoon and its council should be focusing their efforts on encouraging business

development of groceries in downtown areas. Darren Hill indicated that, while the City of Saskatoon has strategically established zones for business such as grocery stores, but they cannot run a private business. Darren Hill expressed that many citizens did not shop at the grocery store in the local area, rather, many go to larger stores. Other committee members expressed that they shopped elsewhere.

Bevin Bradley enquired what other areas in the City Park area are eligible for business development. In response, Darren Hill indicated that there are select areas that are zoned appropriately for this purpose, but the city could consider rezoning applications as needed.

5 REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Report from the Treasurer

The Treasurer of the City Park Community Association was absent from the committee meeting on October 15, 2015.

Action Item: Christopher Martin will follow up on municipal and/or provincial regulations associated with financial reporting.

*5b) October 2015
Community
Consultant Report*

b) Report from the Community Consultants

Mark Planchot reviewed the Monthly Community Consultant Report (October 2015), as circulated.

Mark Planchot encouraged each member of the City Park Community Association to attend the grant workshops. Content of the event and volume of applications are to be considered in the review of grant opportunities.

Mark Planchot encouraged committee members to attend the Volunteer Management Workshop on Saturday October 24, 2015 between 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Registration begins at 9:00 AM.

Darren Hill commented on the *Growing Forward* event listed in the monthly report. Citizens interested in voicing their opinion on the 33rd street Bridge can do so at the Public Hearing event

Bevin Bradley enquired as to whether or not there has been any progress made on the outside stage proposed for Wilson Park. In response, Mark indicated that the City of Saskatoon developed a quote on the proposal (\$25,000) and that there is a Park Enhancement Grant which can cover such a cost. The city has an annual grant of \$37,000 that can be distributed towards such initiatives. Darren Hill indicated that grants are typically more

successful if there are other sources of funding for initiatives.

c) **Report from the Program Coordinators**

There was no report from the program coordinators at the committee meeting on October 15, 2015.

d) **Report from the Event Coordinators**

Jill Pereira recommended that the City Park Community Association discuss various events that can be held over the next few months. In response, Darren Hill indicated that the CP Holiday Train will be stopping on December 6, 2015 in Saskatoon (on top of 7th avenue, 33rd street Train Bridge - above the murals). In addition to the festivities facilitated by CP, Darren Hill has recommended that a winter fair be held on the same day. The CPCA could consider closing the street for the entire day and holding an event on the same day.

The Chair enquired if the committee had thought of holding any other events in the same year. In response, Susan Wall indicated that two different events could be held (wine and beer night; female and male night). Other ideas include holding a night at Ingredients, holding a beer tasting night, wine night. Depending on the availability of the Mendell Art Gallery, the event could be held at various times in the coming months.

Bevin Bradley indicated that she supported holding an annual event in September of each year, such as a carnival. Additionally, Bevin recommended that the committee coordinate the events on the same date/time each year. Other committee members indicated that there is a possibility to hold a winter carnival event or a winter rink date. Darren Hill recommended that continuity be established to ensure that the events are well organized each year (critical path). Darren Hill also expressed interest in holding an annual garage sale weekend (aside from the Montgomery garage sale), as well as a curbside swap.

Action Item: Bevin Bradley committed to following up with the Mendell Art Gallery to identify if events can be held within the building.

In essence, the committee supported hosting an event on the same day as the CP Holiday Train, investigating if a wine night could be held, as well as if an annual carnival event could be held.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a) Upcoming Public Hearing

The Chair opened a discussion on the upcoming public hearing for the 33rd street bridge (as well as other initiatives). In turn, he opened a discussion as to whether or not the CPCA should attend the hearing and take a stance on the issue. Darren Hill indicated that the CPCA can take an official stance on the issue.

Darren Hill indicated that the proposed bridge would connect the west side of the city with the university land development area near the university. Additionally, the new bridge is anticipated to facilitate the bus rapid transit. Other methods can be employed to facilitate the bus rapid transit. Darren Hill indicated that there has been strong opposition to the bridge in the local community. Mark indicated that other community associations expressed discontent with the proposed 33rd street bridge and corridor and that further conversations will occur.

Wall/Fehr: that the CPCA take an official stance against the establishment of a 33rd street bridge due to detrimental effects of that the construction would occur. *Motion Carried.*

Action Item: Susan has committed to drafting a letter on behalf of the City Park Community Association to the Mayor in Council of Saskatoon regarding the construction of a 33rd street bridge.

Action Item: Darren committed to identifying the most effective way of delivering the letter to the Mayor in Council. The recommendation will be given directly to Susan

b) Organization Strategies

Christopher Martin discussed the benefits of building an electronic filing system for CPCA documentation. In addition to ensuring continuity of the organization, this will assist committee members in coordinating their work flow better. The committee agreed that building such a system would be beneficial.

Action Item: Christopher Martin will build an electronic filing system and share it with committee members at the next meeting.

Christopher Martin also recommended the committee establish role-based email accounts to facilitate effective communication and to ensure continuity of the CPCA. He recommended that Microsoft Outlook online be used. The committee supported the idea.

Action Item: Christopher Martin will create role-based email accounts for the CPCA executive and share it with committee members at the next meeting.

7 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a) Basketball Pad in City Park

Randy provided committee members with a proposal to expand the current basketball court in Wilson Park. Darrren Hill enquired as to whether or not Randy followed up with ASL to see if they would be willing to provide funding to support the expansion. Given that the property under question is a park, they will be required to request the expansion through the City Park Community Association. (Park Application Grant).

Darren Hill enquired if the committee would be interested in developing a community ask to ASL pavement to see if they would be willing to support the initiative. Previously, Michael and Bevin followed up with the City of Saskatoon to determine a quote for the outdoor theatre/stage (of which the total was approximately \$40,000).

With respect to the outdoor stage, Darren Hill indicated that there was not as strong of support for the outdoor stage.

Action Item: Randy will approach ASL regarding the expansion of the basketball half court. Once a response is received, the CPCA can contribute financially as well. Darren Hill agreed to assist Randy with the action item.

8 NEXT MEETING

- a) The next City Park Community Association Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 19, 2015.

9 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a) Spilchen/Bradshaw: To adjourn the City Park Community Association Executive Committee meeting on October 15, 2015.
Motion Carried.