

City Park Community Association Meeting

Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7:15PM (City Park Collegiate Library)

In Attendance: Michael Murphy, Susan Wall, Olivia Hilderman, Darren Hill, Christina Eyck, Paul Pastor, Kirsten Routledge, Gregg Parchomchuk, Jamie Kirwin & Mark Planchot

Regrets from: Jonathan McNeil, Dwayne Keir and Andrea Harris

1. Welcome and introductions

- Meeting called to order at 7:15PM

2. Additions to/Approve the draft agenda (Randy, Gregg, all in favour)

3. Review and approve minutes February meeting (Christina, Sue, all in favour)

4. Business arising (if not covered below)

5. Report on Rink launch and party March 9th: Jonathan, Kirsten and Olivia

- great turnout (60 or 70 in attendance)
- Affinity had positive comments about event
- Randy still to draw for t-shirts
- Kirsten to invoice Councillor Hill for 6 t-shirts
- thanks again to Jonathan for all his work on the rink this year

6. Reports (if available):

City Councillor: Darren Hill

- Bethany site application to go to council soon, has hear no opposition
- development at 3rd & Queen - problems with visibility for pedestrians has been addressed
- road improvement on 8th from Queen to Duchess is scheduled
- Queen also to be resurfaced but perhaps other streets might be chosen because of heavy construction along Queen
- report a pothole website and app now available but crews will not be filling them yet
- thanks to residents for understanding about water main breaks -175 this year and likely more to come

Communications: Gregg

- has been making minor updates to webpage
- is now posting minutes online
- will include an invitation to residents to attend future CPCA meetings
- working with Brett and CPCA Instagram account

Community Consultant: Mark

- see attached report
- 'New to You' - more info to come in April
- history of City Park - maybe could be included at community event in June
- Kinsmen Park update - playground open this year but project is behind

Finances: Paul

- \$8000 in savings
- \$9500 in operating

Programmes: Brett/Christina

- 4 programs running this spring
- photography instructor very popular
- basketball, zumba and hula hoop also offered
- Randy asked if family gym night could be extended into spring
- school use only guaranteed in fall and winter under joint use rules
- Randy/Brett to follow up on using City Hospital Gym

Beautification of 7th Ave. North – Dwayne

- no report

7. Presentation by Kate Herriot of Theatre in the Park

- hoping to be an annual event & establish relationship with community
- CPCA asked to describe personality of City Park - wide age range, mix of professionals & students, lots of foot traffic, neighbourly, high density, engaged, interest in art, culture & sustainability
- looking for ways to get members of community involved – last year a group of students performed as opening act in NPRH
- HyGrade Mill interested in co-sponsoring

8. Discussion on how we might improve the quality of life for adults and children in City Park.

- discussion of need for more opportunities to make personal connections with fellow City Park residents
- discussion of need for more children's activity in winter & specific question about Children's Discovery Museum moving into Mendel building

- discussion of block parties and the possibility of having a rotating block party to get more residents involved, Kirsten to send Gregg some block party info to put on website
- discussion of need for bike lane on 7th Ave N
- discussion of need for off leash dog park & leader for this group
- possibility of installing dog waste bag dispenser at Wilson Park
- need for more ramps for sidewalks – Mark to check on this
- discussion of desire for more retail businesses

9. Other business and announcements:

Summer events/activities?

- Randy still working on options for beer night
- decision made to host a Spring Carnival again – Saturday June 14th
- request made to host more consistent events - choose events & dates for next year at next meeting
- other options for events still include: garden tour, cycling event & history of City Park talk

Dance Grant

- did not get dance grant this year
- CPCA should think of something different to apply for next year
- access to up to \$5000 a year
- must refer to estimated or known number of participants in the grant application
- Mark suggested asking why we didn't get the grant this year

Wilson Park

- Randy/ Michael & Brett to meet regarding stage
- stage would be small and would enhance park
- other stages that provide a good example are at Victoria School on Broadway and at Forestry farm
- location is key
- Mark met with City employee at Wilson Park to discuss drainage & maintenance

10. Next meetings: April 17 and May 15 at CPC.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10PM