

City Park Community Association

- I. **Call to Order:** Colleen Steele called to order the regular meeting of the City Park Community Association at 7:07pm on Thursday November 16th.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved
- III. **Present:** Quorum present. Colleen Steele, Marc Bourassa, Nicole Smith, MaryJo Devine, Jerah Korol, Gregg Parchomchuk, Raj Randhawa, Maureen Bourassa, Elan Ballantyne,
- IV. **New Issues**
 - a. Report from Mark Campbell on the Kinsmen Park Master Plan. This master plan is a 25-year plan and was developed 4-5 years ago. Part of this plan is that this area could be used as a festival site for events that are compatible with the area. There are 500 festivals in the city every year and there is a need to spread out the impact on the parks. Concern was raised about adding traffic/parking issues to an already busy area. Garbage cans need to be upgraded. The archway sign will need to be replaced – lead issues. Affect on Needle drop-off? There are also reports of skunks in the drainage area of the park. Festivals pay very minimal costs to use the parks for their events. This is in process of being investigated.
Action Items: Question of what involvement community groups have in the Special Events Committee. Second, the city can provide a list of upcoming events.
- V. **Issue updates**
 - a. Block Parties: Elan Ballantyne (city consultant) can provide strategy for applying for grants. Important to add a city-wide component.
 - b. Speed reduction: Letter to the city sent.
 - c. Programming: Rebecca Koskie is willing to help in this area; North Park is also interested in working jointly in this area.

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- d. City Park Community Garden Program asked for assistance to put a bench adjacent to the garden. After grant (\$3,500) there is still about \$1,200 left to pay.

Action Item: Further discussion.

- e. Power poles: MaryJo Devine gave a report concerning their meeting with the city. The major concerns are planning/documentation, the nature of the installation and lack of consulting with the community. Discussion about what is the appropriate position for the community association (i.e. within our mandate.).

Action Item: Letter to the city concerning the definition of 'community involvement'. Different divisions in the city and community groups have different interpretations of the phrase. Important to broaden to scope but can use the power pole issue as an example. Marc Bourassa to write letter.

Action Item: Request change in City Counsel protocols to ensure questions raised at community meetings be formally answered.

- f. City Park Sign: Suggestion from Elan Ballantyne to get a quote for the sign then go to City Light and Power to negotiate cost sharing.
- g. Event Dates: Wine Night has been cut from schedule. Fundraiser moved to March and the Rink coordinator has to be consulted with, prior to a date being set.

VI. Reports

- a. Elan Ballantyne (City consultant – temp. position): Gave information as to her background and training opportunities for community board members (classes, workbooks, info on the city website and videos (in development)).

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Pizza Oven update: A temporary one is a possibility; two other areas have tried for approval before.

Holiday Train Update: Expecting an update early next week (There is a Special Events Meeting) but assures that community is not responsible for garbage cans, porta-potties or handling traffic. C.P. has not applied for a permit.

- b. Treasurer's Report: Jerah Korol told by bank that she needs to have Susan Wall or Rebecca Koskie with her to transfer signing authority. – in process also, suggestion to change to Affinity Credit Union.
 - c. Newsletter: Next issue coming out in December. Issue of concern – are all households getting delivery? Question also raised about adding advertising back to newsletter.
 - d. Social Media: Gaining a good number of followers, working on following local businesses.
- VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm (Colleen Steele/Marc Bourassa).