

HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Date: 18 November 2009
Location: HH-BH Community Boardroom
Board Members Present: Norm Anderson, Mara Grunau; Phil Johnson, Kellie Johnston, Kitty Jones, Linda McKinnon, Gunter Sammet, Carol Sandahl, Tejinder Sidhu, David Trudeau
Regrets: Emmanuel Malterre, David Winkler
Absent: Kathryn Winkler, Terry Woods
Guests: Alderman Druh Farrell, Aldermanic Assistant Bill Biccum – City of Calgary
Carole McCloy – Librarian, Louise Riley Library
David Jones, Glenn Shepperd – SAIT
Constable Eric Levesque – City of Calgary Police Liaison
Amanda Turvey – City of Calgary CRC

Meeting Commenced 19:00 h Number of members present: 31 (see sign-in sheet for attendees)

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Motion (18 November 2009)-1 by David to proceed without quorum. Seconded by Carol. Unanimous.

Prior to the AGM start a number of presentations were given.

Alderman Druh Farrell presented a volunteer recognition award to Kitty Jones on behalf of the City of Calgary. In acceptance Kitty wanted volunteers both at the meeting and in the community recognized and noted the importance of support so volunteers can do their work.

Alderman Farrell noted the community association had very few issues and is in good standing with good governance. Q. The soccer pitch on the west side of the building was supposed to be flattened out with an irrigation system installed and goal posts aligned, but last year the CA was told the project wasn't going ahead. The field was in better condition before the LRT was installed. A: Bill Biccum will check into it and get back to Andy Newson.

Carole McCloy, manager of the Louise Riley library facility, spoke of the library recently celebrating its 50th birthday and going through a major renovation which provides more computers and windows. The former health clinic has also been taken over for programming space and the community is able to use the meeting room free of charge. The new space also has a special computer lab for teaching purposes. The branch is not scheduled to close and sees almost 50,000 items signed out monthly.

Constable Eric Levesque has been the community liaison for a year now. He works with other officers, bylaw and emergency services and typically becomes involved in ongoing issues. While he can usually resolve most issues himself he can also utilize crime management strategies involving other resources to address problems. Constable

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Levesque highlighted situations where his involvement led to fewer transients sleeping in the park adjacent to the CA facility, and a flophouse in West Hillhurst being closed down which resulted in reduced local criminal activity. He noted community residents are key to reporting suspicious circumstances. A couple of issues found in HHBH this year but nothing contributing to a trend. One issue that keeps resurfacing is transient activity because of the community's location on a major transportation corridor. Q: What can be done about jaywalking between the LRT tracks and the mall? A: This issue has been raised already; the two officers in District 3 assigned to traffic concerns will investigate based on complaints received. Preliminary work has found few pedestrian accidents at this location. A possible solution would be improvements to the train station design. Eric will follow up. Alderman Farrell added there are long term plans to improve the station. Q: Difficult for bicyclists to cross 19th Street and 14th Avenue NW. A: Pathway is narrow, not well lit. Q: During rush hour there are a lot of excessive speeders on 12th Avenue NW and the terrain makes visibility difficult. A: This issue comes up a lot. Traffic calming must be initiated through the CA. Concerns can be registered by calling 311. Speed limits are mandated by the province. In the short term the police can have a look at a specific location but substantial activity needed to justify traffic enforcement there. Kellie noted the process for initiating a traffic study involves obtaining community feedback and holding a community meeting in order to create a traffic calming proposal for the City.

SAIT has created a community relations department to maintain dialogue with nearby communities and keep them updated on the expansion progress. SAIT representatives David Jones and Glenn Sheppard provided boards with visuals of the proposed expansion and development for the campus, due for completion in 2012. Progress can be viewed on SAIT's website www.sait.ca. Other than the newly completed student residence, all buildings will have a maximum height of 4 stories and internal spaces will be able to be modified based on need. New construction meets criteria for a silver LEED designation. David and Glenn added the artificial soccer pitch on 10th Street NW is available to the public, as are the rink and gymnasium and meeting spaces. In order to increase public transit use no other parkades are anticipated to be constructed. Q: Will new programming be offered? A: Potential exists. Seeking designation for some degree programs but not seeking university designation. Q: Will there be improved pedestrian access? A: Ideally would like a true urban walking campus but overpasses into the campus are the City's responsibility. Plans also call for an increase in the amount and width of biking pathways.

2. Introduction of Board

- Emmanuel Malterre, Kathryn Winkler, David Winkler, Terry Woods were unable to attend.

3. Acceptance of the Agenda

- No items were added.

4. Approval of the 2008 AGM Minutes (David)

- **Motion (18 November 2009)-2** by Tejinder to accept the 2008 AGM minutes as presented. Seconded by Phil. Motion carried.

5. President's Report (David)

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- A busy year with lots of fun activities including the pancake breakfast and clean-up day.
- Very active community with indoor and outdoor soccer programs, badminton, ladies' soccer and drop-in family gym time.
- Very impressive to see the community comes together for painting the school.
- The history book (from 1910 onwards) is being compiled.
- Lots to do – the committees will present more about their activities. More volunteers always welcomed.

6. Financial Report

- a) Review of audited statements – please refer to the handout for this report. Q. How are casino funds being used? A. Mostly for capital projects, and on a go forward basis.
- b) Review of budget – please refer to the handout.
- c) Appointment of Auditors
 - **Motion (18 November 2009)-3** by Tejinder: Be it resolved that the Association appoint Mah and Company as auditors for the current fiscal year. Seconded by Norm. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

- a. *Land Use*
 - Please refer to the handout for this committee report.
- b. *Traffic Calming*
 - Please refer to the handout for this committee report.
 - Another traffic study is required. Notice placed in Beacon for traffic comments to be received. These need to be compiled, a community meeting held, and then another study requested. “It’s not where you are in the queue but the issues you need dealing with”.
- c. *Reforestation (Kellie)*
 - Please refer to the handout for this committee report.
 - Hope to generate enough interest for the city to return in 2011.
- d. *Programs (Carol)*
 - Please refer to the handout for this committee report. (Typo: should read 171 participants in spring soccer program)
 - Marlene Smith gave a presentation on proposed outdoor fitness equipment installation. Nine pieces of equipment are of special interest and suitability for the community. Body weight is used to create resistance. No other parks like this in Calgary yet. The City has to approve the equipment and installation first – meeting on Monday at Green Park with a City representative. If approved, Norma Dougall will apply for a grant to pay for equipment and installation through Alberta Lotteries and the CA will match those funds granted with casino funds up to \$40,000. Hoping to have grant by spring. Volunteer labour will be used to help with installation. Equipment maintenance is City’s responsibility (on City-owned property) – 5 years before maintenance required.

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- e. *Facilities (Phil & Gunter)*
- Please refer to the handout for this committee report.
- f. *Sears Gas Plume (Phil)*
- Please refer to the handout for this committee's report.
 - Sears having difficulty in removing the pile of dirt from the parking lot as it's contaminated.
- g. *History Book (Linda)*
- Please refer to the handout for this committee's report.
 - Stories from 1910-1940 have been captured. Hoping to get stories from 1950's through 1970's next.
- h. *Communications (Linda)*
- Working on going forward with a new exterior LED sign similar to the Brentwood church sign.
 - Beacon still being delivered door to door. Barb Green is doing a fantastic job as volunteer Beacon editor. Hoping to initiate interactive website "Wiki" to facilitate communication.
- i. *Membership (Linda)*
- Planning to get this online as well as it will provide for better communication.
- j. *Strategic Planning (Norm)*
- Please refer to the handout for this committee's report.
 - Hope to have a multi-use facility at some point as a community legacy. Planning for school growth in the long term is another important consideration. Difficult to build with both construction and operation costs.
 - Regarding TOD and Plan It processes – although Plan It has passed not sure what it means for our community exactly? How will it work with our existing ARP? Not sure how to progress at this point. Plan It not providing a favourable investment climate. Watching to see how Brentwood TOD development progresses.
 - Alderman Farrell responded that PlanIt Calgary passed but with weakened density targets in suburban neighbourhoods. Transit corridors will be looked at with a view to increasing transit hubs and density on either side. 14th Street, in certain areas, has been identified as having potential. Communities will be left intact except those slated for TOD. As a huge job center Brentwood has top priority. Hillhurst-Sunnyside has also been approved (with unanimous community support) as well as Westside LRT-oriented development. Banff Trail and Lions Park stations were also identified but only so much increase in density can be brought on board at a time. (Not much of a chance for Sears to be leaving anytime soon). There are benefits to TOD at Lions Park but timing is too early – it will happen eventually but not top priority at this time and off the list for the foreseeable future. Brentwood anticipated taking 20-30 years to build out. Once downtown is done with 4-car stations then other platforms will be expanded and infrastructure will be improved with station renovation. Q: Overpass over Crowchild Trail not disabled friendly? A: It's on the priority list. With Plan It approval in place

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pedestrian, bicycle, and public transport access are all prioritized. Budgeting for overpasses will increase. All concerns and questions should be emailed to Aldermanic Assistant Bill Biccum.

8. Ancillary Groups' Reports

a) Kindergarten (Mara)

- Please refer to the handout for this group's report.

b) Playschool (Mara)

- Please refer to the handout for this group's report.
- Just a few more children needed for the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon program to resume operation. Q: Space concerns? A: No issues with it at this time. Playschool prefers to stay in the elementary school space.

9. Election of the Board of Directors (Mara)

- Mara reviewed the board position duties. Importance of generating new ideas with new board members in place noted.

Motion (18 November 2009)-4 by Margaret Smith to accept the slate as nominated. Seconded by Tara Brown. Acclaimed. Motion carried.

New Board of Directors:

President	David Trudeau
1 st VP	Norm Anderson
2 nd VP	Tejinder Sidhu
Secretary	Linda McKinnon
Treasurer	
Education Director	Mara Grunau
Directors	Phil Johnson Kellie Johnston Emmanuel Malterre Gunter Sammet Carol Sandahl Terry Woods

10. New/Other Business

- Laura Morrison asked if there are any plans for the strip of dirt between the parking lot and 14th Avenue NW.? Nothing to stop people from driving over this strip and it is an eyesore. It would be nice to dig up the gravel and plant grass. Alderman Farrell will find out who owns it. Former CRC thought it was City owned and that the CA lease extended right up to the sidewalk. It is a potential site for community and library signage; this and landscaping would make it more attractive. A separate cleanup of this area could happen in the spring.

11. Motion to adjourn

Motion (19 November 2008)-5 by David to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 20:44 h.

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When signed these minutes are considered to be an accurate reflection of
the meeting they represent.

Date: _____

Signatures: _____
President *Print Name*

_____ *Secretary* *Print Name*