



West Springs / Cougar Ridge Community Association

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
In Person/Virtual Meeting

Executive in Attendance: *A. Marian, K. Gibson, C. Akister*

Regrets: *T. Sangalabrang*

Directors in Attendance: *K. Paw, E. Teasdale, J. Healey, S. Berman, H. Zaba, Z. Agashae, L. Campbell, T. Adetola*

Regrets: *P. Ghazar, D. Ho, J. Barrett*

Volunteers/Members in Attendance:

Guests in Attendance: *J. Runge*

Late Arrivals: *None*

Early Departures:

Call to Order and Quorum:

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Executive/Directors in attendance constituted a quorum (14/15 of executives/directors). A. Marian acted as Chair and K. Suen acted as minute taker of the meeting.

[Quorum for Board Meeting is 4 Executive and/or Directors. Quorum for AGM and/or special meeting is 3 Executive and/or Directors and 5 voting members other than directors (anyone holding an active regular membership is a voting member).]

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion to move the agenda as it stands.

Moved by: K. Gibson **Seconded by:** H. Zaba Carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes - 3, 2023 monthly board meeting (as circulated).

Moved by: J. Healey, **Seconded by:** K. Gibson Carried.

President's Report: A. Marian



- The HR Hiring Committee interviewed 3 candidates last week, and checked references for the top candidate. The committee has unanimously agreed to make an offer to one of the candidates, and will extend the offer this week.
- Some available grants have come up recently, and
- The Board will invite community members with projects of interest to them to approach us with grants / projects that we could endorse. We could endorse the grant and then it's the volunteer's to run, with support from the board.

Vice-President's Report: K. Gibson

- M. MacLeod has resigned as the lead of the Community Garden. K. Gibson is assisting in this role while we are looking for a new lead / new committee.
- A community member has recently asked to purchase a dedication plaque for one of the benches in the garden. There are about 5 benches, and only one dedication plaque has been purchased so far. K. Gibson will send a report to the board and make a recommendation about price for the benches.
- Z. Agashae is willing to act as volunteer coordinator for the remainder of the year. The Community Association will continue looking for a permanent volunteer coordinator.

MOTION: Motion to appoint Z. Agashae as acting volunteer coordinator for the remainder of the year.

- **Moved by:** J. Healey **Seconded by:** H. Zaba Carried.
- K. Gibson has been communicating with Winsport about a possible tube / skiing event. Would be about \$10,000 for the ski hill and limited services. Higher price and fewer services than what was offered in the past.

MOTION: Motion not to proceed with the Winsport event this year and re-visit next year.

- **Moved by:** J. Healey **Seconded by:** Z. Agashae Carried.
- K. Gibson updated that the Santa Clause event scheduled for December 2 is planned. A volunteer registration email blast has been sent out to the community. E. Teasdale has the Santa Clause Event ready, with registration to open on November 12, at a cost of \$15 for members (+\$10 for an optional Santa photo) and \$50 for non-members (also +\$10 for an optional Santa photo).
- Community Association holiday party will be held after the December board meeting.

Membership and Casino Director: E. Teasdale

- Casino is scheduled for Monday May 6 - Tuesday May 7, 2024 at Cowboys Casino. A casino coordinator we have used in the past will send a contract to E. Teasdale to review. If it looks acceptable she will circulate to the board for approval.



Ralph

- Remembrance Day: Richard will be at the Battalion Park Cenotaph.
- Budget week is coming up November 20 - 24.
- Richard is sharing his city-wide growth strategy story map.
- Winter conditions road map is available.
- Online information about programs, day camps is available.
- Transit safety officers.
- New transit apps: tele-ride, tele-text.
- Water use restriction lifted for the winter.
- Starting November 20, green bins will go back to the winter schedule of every second week for pick-up.

West Springs Church: Al and Cecilia

- West Springs Church has formed a committee to work with the community.
- Al and Cecilia spoke about being a good neighbour and helping to make the community strong. Invited any questions or discussions about engagement with the community.
- As WSCRCR CA pursues our community garden leadership, we will follow up with the West Springs Church about potential partnership and additional space.
- Discussed communication between the two organizations. Invited West Springs Church to share information / community perspectives about the community - traffic concerns, etc. The Community Association is happy to share information about charity events, etc.

Planning and Development Director: J. Healey

- Development at the bottom of the Medicine Hill area.
- West District and West 83 Development updates in response to inquiry.

Sponsorship Director: L. Campbell

- Sponsorship and members of the Executive had a meeting last month on how to streamline sponsorship practices.
- C. Akister provided the list of current sponsors who registered using the online platform. A. Marian to coordinate with T. Salabrang to compile a list of sponsorship payments made over the last year, which will also include sponsors who did not register/pay with the online platform.

City of Calgary NPC Report: J. Runge

- Community Profiles have been updated and posted on the City of Calgary website.
- There are grants open now including ING and Calgary Co-op.
- City of Calgary Animal Adoptions are available.
- Snow angel program will be coming soon.

Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 9:03p.m.



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Seconded by: K. Gibson

Carried

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Signed by:

Chair:

Date:

Secretary:

Date: