

McKERNAN DISTRICT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MINUTES

Meeting date: March 7, 2007
Location/time: McKernan Hall, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE and GUESTS

Hilary Gray, Roberta Franchuk, Margaret Jarosch, Jane Arscott, Camille Cunningham, Steve Wallace, Ed Stover, Ann-Marie Thivierge, Bob Gansel, Bente Roed
Apologies: Frank Weichman, Peter Gray, Neil Armstrong, Wayne Rogers
Guests: Julia Peters and Neala

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and AMENDMENTS

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved: Roberta Franchuk
Seconded: Bente Roed

Carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 7 meeting as amended.

Moved: Camille Cunningham
Seconded: Margaret Jarosch

Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Hilary Gray)

- a. names of volunteers for MCCA casino have been forwarded and they will follow up.
- b. EFCL annual meeting, Monday March 19.
- c. Fencing: The city has agreed to pay to continue the fence along 114 St. around to 78 Ave. The cost is \$60 per linear meter or \$1500 total. Hilary is trying to get a timeline for construction, which might not be till fall. The fence will be chain link, landscaped with shrub beds.
Motion: To cover the city's proposal for a fence extension along 78 Ave to a cost of \$1500 plus GST.

Moved: Hilary Gray
Seconded: Bob Gansel

Carried

- d. Signage: Hilary is trying to get in touch with Belgravia to propose that both communities arrange for signs and take advantage of the city's offer to contribute to the cost. We might get a bit of a deal from the sign company with a joint proposal. The sign will cost around \$3000 to \$4000. Our original idea of having it on the corner has been nixed by the city as a hazard for motorists exiting 78 Ave. Suggestion was to have it perpendicular to 114 street, so it can be read by traffic heading either way, and in a place free of trees.

Motion: To empower the president to investigate signs for the betterment of the community.

Moved: Jane Arscott
Seconded: Bente Roed

Carried

- e. Hall Rental fee: Because of great demand for our hall, we want to increase the fee from \$25 per hour to \$30, effective Sept. 1. This increase will allow us to build a fund for improvements.

Motion: To increase the hall rental fee from \$25 per hour to \$30, effective Sept. 1.

Moved: Hilary Gray
Seconded: Margaret Jarosch

Carried

Follow up, suggested by Jane Arscott: Hall rental fees should be standing item for Feb. meeting.

f. Condition of the hall: Hilary will be speaking to M CCS about the condition and cleanliness of the hall, kitchen, etc.

g. M CCS has requested that we set up internet access in hall. They will pay for hookup but we need to approve it as the landlord. We already pay for the phone connection. Hilary will investigate the provision of internet service to the hall, with M CCS responsible for payment and maintenance.

h. Hilary thanked Marg Jarosch for her citizen's letter to Eric Backstrom of Planning re the 109 st. Study. Marg will also be writing to the mayor and council.

i. Laneways: Hilary's letter to council re the proposed change of payment for laneway maintenance got a reply from Councilor Nickel (confusing and uninformative), and the Mayor (more encouraging).

TREASURER'S REPORT (Bob Gansel)

The GIC will be purchased soon, as the authorizations have been cleared up with the bank. The STEP application is out for program leader.

No report presented – next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **SLRT** (Frank Weichman) – no report. Ed Stover noted that the city has changed some of the references on its website from 76 Ave. station to McKernan Belgravia.

b. **U of A Liaison** (Bente Roed) – no report

c. **CRC** (Terri Johnson) – no report

d. **SOCIAL CONVENOR** (Ann Marie Thivierge) Ann Marie is still pursuing funds. Lottery fund application will be in soon, will get response probably by the end of April. Family Day skating was great, some new faces were there. We need a new CD player for events like this.

e. **RINKS/POCKET PARK** (Hilary Gray for Peter Gray) Peter is battling the elements of spring thaw. The rink is getting a lot of use, including a rental on March 26 and a broomball tournament too. Discussion of showing Peter our appreciation for his dedication and hard work.

f. **EFCL/CACL** (Wayne Rogers) – no report

g. **FACILITIES** (Hilary Gray for Neil Armstrong) Neil has been strong advocate of getting parking lot paved and recent thawing has shown way - mud gets into the storm drain and the lot floods. Also, the fence between the parking lot and rink is getting very bent, probably from car impacts, and there is concern about a loose pole. We have requested the city take that part of the fence away. We could possibly remove the fence ourselves, with city permission, but we can't do it right now. Hilary noted that we have gotten a quote for paving the parking lot, and that quote included replacing the fence with a curbstone.

- h. **HOUSING** (Jane Arscott) Jane presented this month's list of permits. One at 11131-75 Avenue is of some concern because the application date is Feb 3, which means our time to appeal has already passed yet we didn't see it last month. The attached garage is not usually allowed, and the neighbors (Bob Gansel) and league have seen nothing about this. Jane will pursue to see if the plan actually conforms.

Jane also thanked owners who have communicated with the league about their plans. "Call and let us know what we're dealing with," she urged. She cited a development at 10940-74 Ave for having been in touch with her to explain the work. Finally, a plan for 7735-113 St. has been submitted to her that requires a variance on orientation (from the avenue to the street). It will be perused and discussed.

i. **OTHER**

McKernan Website: Camille reports the website is almost live and should be working this week. She has already transferred much content to the new site, www.mckernancommunity.org. A calendar of events was suggested, which can be done as information is passed on. Ideas can be passed on to Camille. The site looks great, good work!

Newsletter distribution: Jane Arscott has found a new distributor and will be handing the reins over soon. Arrangements will be made to have checks to the carriers come directly from the league.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 3

ADJOURNMENT: Moved:

Time: 8:47 p.m.