

Board Meeting – June 19, 2013

Attendees: James Richardson(President), Joe Ahmad (Vice President), Mandy Jones (Executive Director), Monte Weber (Treasurer), Jennifer Dalle-Ore (Memberships Director), Gurleen Bal-Sra (Director at Large – South Terwillegar, Scott Riddell (Volunteer Co-ordinator/TRAC Liason), Kelly Jeffrey (Director at Large-MacTaggart),Diane Pelletier (Community Gardens)

Guests: Rev. Nick Trussell (Holy Trinity Riverbend), Willem Kellerman (Dialog), Gordon White (Integrated Management and Realty Ltd.), Murray Soroka (Jasper Place Health and Wellness Centre), Scott Hughes (Remax Commercial)

Regrets: Stephanie Gillis-Paulgaard (Communications Director),

Absent: Marc Lachance (Programs Director), Michelle McWilliams (Director at Large - McGrath), Steve Johnson (Community Gardens)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:38 p.m.

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda: Gurlean Bal-Sra (1st), Joe Ahmad (2nd), Carried

Items:

1. Guest Presentation – Land Development By Holy Trinity Church
 - Nick Trussell indicated that the church is interested in developing the four acres of land located around the church.
 - Idea of building subsidized apartments similar to facility built in the Canora neighbourhood in partnership with the 10 year plan to end homelessness
 - Gordon White indicated he, Scott Hughes, and Willem Kellerman are the project leads and Jasper Place Health and Wellness is the owner/operator of the facility
 - Proposal is for a 60 unit apartment building with extra amenities for tenants
 - Project ties in with the province's 10 year plan to end homelessness that was adopted in 2008
 - Murray Soroka provided background of Canora Place
 - Provides support, employment and mentorship for residents
 - Discussions were already held with Councilor Bryan Anderson, Honourable Dave Hancock
 - Questions raised about location, timing of project
 - They are the only agency that has employment tied in
 - James raised some questions regarding: amount of units may be 30 – 60, facility is located far from the core where the service agencies are located

- Murray agreed about the distance so they will have some type of shuttle available to residents
- There currently is a moratorium to not build these facilities in the downtown core
- The development group and the board agreed that more discussions will need to happen
- Top three positives the project group identified 1: partnership with the Holy Trinity Church is enthusiastic, 2: Site is zoned for it, 3: 156 St would be improved
- James shared some feedback he received from residents in community: concerns about property value, need to develop according to the character of the community, community safety
- Scott Riddell asked the project group what they felt the top two advantages and disadvantages were
 - Top 2 advantages: Partnership with the church, zoning
 - Top 2 disadvantages: location far from services, hadn't thought of another
- Gordon White provided some background on the relationship and partnership with the community of Canora
- Board received some documents for information purposes
- Willem Kellerman indicated the units come prebuilt, after delivery could take four days to build.

Break 8:20

2. Presidents Update - James

- James provided background how he was informed about the project via a question from a resident which he forwarded to Councilor Anderson
- No permit has been applied for yet, project is at a very early stage
- Not enough details to form an opinion yet

3. Community Garden – Diane

- Diane Pelletier to provide attachment
- Diane Dunn met with some garden reps to review sites, still deciding if a move is necessary
 - Following proposed sites: grassy area by Trell Way – valley fenced off, but narrow, don't recommend this site
 - Holy Trinity: Farm land, hard to get to, expandable, lots of weeds, support of church, good location, potential for vandalism
 - Stay where they are: put up "Community Garden" sign, no food bank lot this year due to large amount of weeds, have support of the city

- South Terwillegar park: garden was on the drawings but was later removed not sure why, located by future community league building for services, partnership would continue with TCL
- Currently 5 -6 members in community garden
- Looking at getting help rototilling to remove weeds

4. Editor's Update – Mandy

- Deadline for September issue is Aug 21 firm
- Looking for content regarding upcoming programs in fall, AGM will be mentioned

Motion to Approve revised May 27, 2013 Board Minutes: Jennifer Dalle-Ore (1st), Joe Ahmad (2nd), Carried

5. Program Directors Update – Marc absent

James indicated that Tannu Prabhakar has put her name forward for the Programme Aid position.

Motion to elect Tannu Prabhakar as TCL Program Aid: Scott Riddell (1st), Joe Ahmad (2nd), Carried

James will email Marc and Tannu.

6. Vice President Update – Joe

- Provided update on the bylaws
- Update will include code of ethics and legal aspects
- Deadline for bylaws is September
- Monte to provide copies of bylaws he has to Joe
- Attended a volunteer workshop, found it informative

7. Treasurer Update – Monte

- South T Park coming along
- Unique design so some items may cost more to stick with the theme, everyone in agreement for unique/premium theme
- Toonie Carnival under way

8. Volunteer Coordinator Update – Scott

- Canada Day event under way “Going to blow your socks off”
- Provided update on schedule of events, has 24 volunteers
- Looking for volunteer shirts and Monte indicated they are located in the basement

- Discussion about keeping track of partners and entertainers for all events
- 26 volunteers for casino
- 178 prospective volunteers in database
- Scott to provide update on two volunteer strategies by end of June to James

Targeting AGM for last week of November

9. Communications Director Update – Stephanie

- Report submitted via email
- Discussed recommendation on the Tribune, round table decided to keep printed version
- Stick to policy that was created on changing the signs

Meeting Adjourned: 9:58 pm