

Minutes:
Terwillegar Community League Special Meeting
April 5, 2011

Approximately 55 members in attendance. Quorum is established.

1. 7:00 pm Jon Dewarle called meeting to order
2. Jon Dewarle, Terwillegar Community League (TCL) President, introduced himself and the purpose of the meeting.
 - a. Purpose of this special meeting - to discuss and vote on whether the Community League should use operational funds to support the TSNAP park project located at the new schools.
 - b. This Special Meeting is to answer member's questions and receive input by vote.
 - c. Many numbers have been floating around. TCL treasurer, Monte, will give a breakdown.
 - d. When a community wants to build a park, even schools, it takes initiative on groups (such as TSNAP), and Community Leagues. Currently in the Terwillegar Community League area there are 4 groups working with TCL to establish parks. These are TSNAP (school park in Terwillegar Towne), Magrath Park, South Terwillegar Park, and Mactaggart Park.
3. Funding process for Parkland Development
 - a. Raise initial \$125,000 - door to door, fundraising, casino's, etc...
 - b. Then apply to CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program - Provincial) who match the money raised to possibly bring total to \$250,000.
 - i. TCL can only apply once per year.
 - ii. TSNAP applied in Dec, 2010. Have not heard back as to whether full, partial, or no matching will be received.
 - iii. Magrath Park to apply in 2011, once TSNAP is funded. South Terwillegar and Mactaggart to follow.
 - c. Then apply to NPDP (Neighbourhood Park Development Program - City) matches the \$250,000 to bring total to \$500,000.
 - i. TSNAP has applied for NPDP and waiting to hear back.
 - ii. All parks are related and connected to each other.
 - iii. Cannot give specific dates for NPDP as there are many variables.
4. We are asking for input on whether to put extra funds to TSNAP project. City wants to see that TSNAP has \$250,000 before considering them for NPDP funding. In order for TSNAP to tell the City the money is available, they need support while waiting for CFEP.
5. Why can't we just wait to hear back on CFEP? City needs to know now to proceed. This park IS a priority.
6. NPDP is available per neighbourhood (the 4 parks are all in separate neighborhoods) as follows:
 - a. Basic - Up to \$15,000 every 5 years AND
 - b. Intermediate - up to \$75,000 every 10 years AND
 - c. Extensive - up to \$250,000 every 15 years
7. There may be the question: In a neighbourhood with parks, how can parks be maintained etc... if we use our funds to build them? Funding is available as needs arise.

8. Need to vote because of the funds required. Timing is of the essence. Therefore we need this meeting before we hear back from CFEP. Right now the school park is scheduled for 2012 because we are still waiting for CFEP. This vote could possibly put TSNAP in a position to build this summer.
9. We recognize importance of timing. The process is not straight forward. TCL is doing things as necessary for park development.
10. Jon Dewarle introduces Monte Weber, TCL Treasurer, to talk about the financial side of this decision.
 - a. Past Casino dollars are committed to the parks as per 2010 AGM. These are time sensitive and we may lose some if we don't spend them soon.
 - b. With the funds TSNAP has raised, and available casino \$, the cash required from TCL to bring total to \$250,000 is \$22,305.
11. Park groups are sub-committees of TCL.
12. There is still money available for programs.
13. Heard back yesterday from Community Spirit and TCL will be receiving it (up to \$25,000).
14. Jon and Monte opened floor to questions.

Questions from attendees:

Q – Casino Cash is already allocated to playgrounds?

A – Yes

Q - If all casino money is allocated to TSNAP, what will the other parks do for \$?

A - Already decided to give casino \$ to parks. TSNAP is first in priority. If all grants come through, TSNAP will not need it, and we'll need to allocate the casino \$ elsewhere. Worse case, all to TSNAP. Best case, none to TSNAP.

Q - If we get funds from the province, will the casino \$ go to the other parks.

A - Ideally yes, if they are ready to go soon as we need to spend casino money ASAP. Extensions from AGLC (Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission) are not guaranteed and we have already extended some of it once. The City is trying to allocate more money to the NPDP grant, and we need to make sure we are next in line for it. This project is our best shot for spending our casino money and getting a park in the ground.

Q - How much money has already been given to parks from casino funds?

A – none

Q – How much casino \$ is allocated to the parks?

A – \$136,000. All will go to TSNAP if no CFEP is received (unlikely but possible), none will go to TSNAP if full CFEP is received. We are discussing the worst case scenario here tonight.

Q – Questions related to NPDP availability. See section 6.

Q – Do we have a project waiting for casino \$ to be spent on if TSNAP gets full CFEP? Magrath?

A – If Magrath is ready and NPDP comes through before casino \$ expires. If not we will need to find another project to spend the \$ on to not lose it.

Q - Most parks are not built in a year or even 2 years. How can the casino people not understand that these projects are more long term? Can we not get an extension?

A - We've had some of this \$ for 4-5 years already and have already extended once on some of it. We are not guaranteed more extensions.

Q – In total for the 4 parks we are asking for \$1.5 million from the government. Other areas of Edmonton may not like all that \$ coming to us.

A - The grants are available so we can apply for them. There is due diligence - needs assessments showing the parks are necessary etc. are required to apply.

Q – Will we need to review casino \$ after and talk to AGLC?

A - If that comes up.

Jon - Casino and grants are time sensitive. Tonight, we are trying to focus on the TSNAP project and make a decision. Schools need a park. After we can discuss other options for spending money but tonight's meeting is about TSNAP. We will want your input later as other options arise.

Q - Next casino \$ is already allocated to parks. TSNAP and Mactaggart are covered. What about the other parks? What happens to maintaining stuff we have already? What happens to the Community Gardens? What about other projects?

A - Other Grants are available, as above. Other projects fall under other categories. Each neighbourhood is separate – there are 4 neighborhoods (Terwillegar Towne, South Terwillegar, Magrath, and Mactaggart) in the TCL area. Right now we are focusing on whether to support TSNAP. This meeting is being held now because there is a City meeting in a couple of weeks to decide if more NPDP money will be allocated. We need to be ready.

Q - If TSNAP does not get any CFEP, TCL will be giving how much to TSNAP in total?

A - \$158,000 minus Community Spirit (up to \$25,000).

Q – With the next casino, are we able to support the other parks?

A - We will be backing playground development with casino \$ as per the 2010 AGM.

Q – We've already voted on the casino \$ at the last AGM, now we're just voting on \$22,305 more?

A – Yes

Q - If CFEP comes through TSNAP will not require the \$?

A - Yes.

Statement from attendee – It took 10 years to build the Rec. Center. Do we want to wait that long to build a park? Seems like a quick thing to decide.

Statement from attendee - Right now kids at the school have no park. They are counting on you. This also provides a playground for the community. These kids live everywhere in our community – it's a good investment.

Q - Does TCL have a tentative construction date?

A - Spring, fall completion depending on NPDP. Best case will be August (Answer from TSNAP)

member).

Q - When will we know how much CFEP is available to TSNAP?

A – CFEP is supposed to release result in the next month. NPDP budget meeting in the next month. Brian Anderson is backing and pushing for this project.

Q – So within 3-4 weeks we will have concrete numbers?

A - Yes but we need to prove to the City (NPDP) we have the \$ to go without CFEP to show that we're ready regardless.

Q - Would we be able to build in phases?

A - Cost wise it's better to do all at once. (Answer from TSNAP member)

Jon Dewarle - if there are no more questions we can vote.

Motion – Be it moved that TCL can use \$22,000 of operational funds to fund TSNAP, the school playground project.

Please show your support for or against as shown on your ballots.

Linda Bombardieri (City of Edmonton CRC) will tally. Results will be posted on the TCL website when available.