

# Summerside Community League (SCL) Meeting Minutes June 19, 2019, 6:30pm Michael Strembitsky School

**Chair:** Jordan Weiss, President **Minutes:** Marianne Meijer

**Attendees:** Jordan Weiss, Natasha Ballard, Marianne Meijer, Danielle Thorkelsson, Robyn Becker, Michelle Gosselin, Erin McFarlane, Richard Griffiths, Ryan Orr, Donna Molloy, Deanne Whalen.

Regrets: Jeffrey Chaput, Rob Plante, Dennis Bekmuradov.

Guests: Melanie Gizowski (NRC), Lora Andrishak (Jan Reimer School/Orchards Park Fundraiser), Tara Charlton (Fundraising Friends of FMMA), Craig MacAlpine (Summerside resident), Jillian Brown (Walker Lakes resident), Dimple Aery (Aurora resident), Scott Fullmer (Summerside resident), Manni Uppal (Summerside resident), Rasdeeb Brar (Walker Lakes resident), Carolyn Adams (Fields of Summerside Resident).

### 1. Call to Order: Jordan Weiss

Attendance and call to order at 6:34pm. Quorum established.

A round of introductions was held.

# 2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: to approve the agenda

• Donna Molloy requested the addition of the "Learn to Run" program

MOVED: Robyn Becker SECOND: Natasha Ballard

PASSED

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: to approve meeting minutes from the May 13, 2019 SCL meeting.

MOVED: Robyn Becker SECOND: Natasha Ballard

PASSED.

#### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOTION: to approve consent agenda (found following the meeting agenda)

MOVED: Danielle Thorkelsson SECOND: Deanne Whalen

PASSED.

#### 5. Board Reports

# a. Jordan Weiss, President

Please put phones away during our meetings to allow for focus on the items at hand. Several
members indicated that they use their phones to follow along in the agenda or to make
notes. The request is if you are using your phone during the meeting, to turn of any
notifications that make sound.



- Jordan Weiss spoke on behalf of Rob Plante (not in attendance) and discussed that there would be updates to the objectives and controls of the Facebook page.
- Discussion was held that community members are not clear on the community league Facebook page.
- Carolyn Adams spoke that people don't know about what is happening in the community, because they are not on Facebook. Asked if there is another way to contact members, such as through postcards delivered via mail to households. Jordan Weiss indicated that this is something the community league does want to do; Donna Molloy indicated that this had been discussed and has been put on hold until the renaming of the Community League.
- Craig MacAlpine spoke about how it is difficult to understand the difference between the
  HOA and the Community League and that he became more aware of the difference after
  spending 20 minutes online today. He shared that he came to today's meeting as he was
  Interested in knowing more about the name change. Asked if there was a discussion or a poll
  that was passed around regarding changing the name.
- Natasha Ballard shared the example of Southwood and how it is also made up of several
  community. Natasha Ballard explain that because we have a large geographical location;
  there is a lot of confusion because of the naming of the community league. Natasha Ballard
  believes that people aren't as active in the community league because they think they are
  already part of this.
- Craig MacAlpine shared that since he doesn't have kids, it is difficult for him to know about
  things (for example, does not hear about them through hockey registration or schools). Craig
  shared that he wanted to know about the process of how it was determined that a name
  change had to be completed.
- Richard Griffiths mentioned that we all live in the community league boundary, not all are members. 90% of people in the league have kids.
- Jordan Weiss talked about the value add of having a membership, however that so many people don't know the league exists because it overlaps with the Summerside HOA.
- Richard Griffiths gave the history that when the community league was crated, it was just Summerside, there were no other communities around at that time.
- Jillian Brown asked us what the city identified us; Natasha Ballard clarified that the city goes by each neighborhood.
- Tara Charlton indicated that census data did not include their street, therefore census data may be inaccurate.
- Craig MacAlpine provided feedback to the board that it appears the board is jumping to the conclusion that the name change is the fix to the confusion.

# b. Natasha Ballard, Vice President

- Natasha Ballard put forward the idea of providing movies passes for volunteers. The SCL would have to purchases these in increments of 25 tickets, which would be a cost of approximately one thousand dollars. A poll was put out today. For comparison, Southwood Community League does offer movie passes.
- Jordan Weiss requested that a business analysis be done, however Natasha Ballard indicated that there does not seem to be significant interested in this and therefore will not be conducting a business analysis.
- SCL will not be perusing movie passes for volunteers at this time.



### c. Danielle Thorkelsson Treasurer

- Bank balance is \$194,000.
- Spending \$10,000 tonight for Corpus Christi playground committee.

#### d. Marianne Meijer, Secretary

 Marianne Meijer reminded everyone that the intent of the Consent Agenda is to include your board updates, allowing for more time in meetings to discuss important agenda items.

#### e. [Vacant; Natasha Ballard Acting], Membership Director

- Natasha Ballard and Deanne Whalen attended the hockey registration, however had little information about the event.
- They were able to do 20 in-person registrations, with another 25 online registrations; therefore have 45 registrations for the upcoming year (2019/2020).
- All the membership information has been returned to Natasha Ballard.
- The Millwoods Hockey registration will be received in September.

# f. Deanne Whalen, Social Director

- Hosted an awesome play street yesterday, about 100 people attended.
- Robyn Becker indicated a lot of positive feedback.
- Dimple Aery indicated that they wanted to host a play street in Aurora.
- Natasha Ballard indicated that it did require a lot of work, started at 10:30am and cleaned up until 6pm; have lot's of lessons learned.
- Popsicles in the Park will be visiting all 3 of the green shack locations: Walker Lakes, Orchards, Summerside. There is a need to have volunteers at these events; on a weekday at 10:30am for Walker Lakes and Orchards, and in the evening for Summerside.
- Jordan Weiss indicated that this would be for a member of the community to show up to represent the SCL.
- Deanne Whalen thought it would also be nice to have a membership table at these events.
- Rasdeeb Brar indicated she could help if she represents her business and put a table up.
   Jordan Weiss that this would be to volunteer time rather than promote a business, however that there are upcoming opportunities for sponsorship.
- Richard Griffith indicated that at past community league day events, we have rented out tables to companies/others for \$25 to allow those interested to bring their business and sells their items.
- Deanne Whalen also shared that she met with the Ellerslie Community League Social Director and are working towards collaborations and shared information.

# g. Robyn Becker, Grants/Fundraising/Casino Director

- Robyn Becker shared that our Casino Application was rejected, as we did not provide a date, nor did we have volunteers fill out a specific form (the information provided was not good enough).
- Tara Charlton indicated that the FMMA will be having one in Spring 2021 and that they were provided the date.
- ACTION: Robyn Becker will relook into the application.



# h. [Vacant], Neighborhood Watch/Safe Parent Director

• Jordan Weiss shared that if there had been a Neighborhood Watch table set up at the play street, Neighborhood Watch would have paid for part of the event.

# i. [Vacant, Robyn Becker Acting], Communications Director

- Robyn Becker shared some statistics regarding the Facebook page including posts and new members. Daily average of 28 days is 419 posts
- Robyn Becker indicated she had looked into the \$50 summer camps as presented by the School Trustee at the previous SCL Meeting, however was unable to find this camp and noted that all camps were approximately \$200-\$300.
- Melanie Gizowski shared that there used to be \$50 camps for low-income families, however the process has changed and it is now subsidized.
- Jordan Weiss shared that at the previous meeting a School Trustee had spoken to the league about sponsoring kids to go to a summer camp, that would cost approximately \$1500 to send 3 kids.
- Carolyn Adams brought up the idea of connecting with Tim Horton's camps, which would have to be done in Nov/Dec
- Donna Molloy thinks that we should look into this further at this time rather than wait until next year, to show we are willing to explore all options.
- Robyn Becker indicated that part of the conversation last meeting was that this would only be
  offered to public schools, thereby precluding community members that go to catholic or
  private schools.
- ACTION: Robyn Becker to collect more information to determine how we can pursue these camp opportunities this summer.
- Robyn Becker mentioned that she is putting together the information to share with the Summerside Residents Magazine, which is a private organization that sends out the magazine and that the Summerside Community League has a small section for information. Robyn Becker is planning to include the play street recap, green shack program and swimming information.
- Carolyn Adams asked if we could put the name change information in that magazine; it was discussed that there is only a small section for information.
- Rasdeeb Brar asked for information on how to sign up for the newsletter, Natasha Ballard indicated you can sign up for the newsletter on the website.
- Robyn Becker shared that swimming will be changing back to the Millwoods Rec Centre in September, with swim times to be Saturday from 2-3pm.

#### j. Ryan Orr, Soccer Director

 Ryan Orr has nothing urgent to report, however does want to discuss soccer fields in the upcoming meetings.

#### k. Dennis Bekmuradov, Sports Director

- Dennis Bekmuradov was absent from the meeting,
- Jordan indicated that the title has been shorted from Non-Soccer Sports Director to simply Sports Director.
- Donna Molloy brought up the "Learn to Run" program; Jordan Weiss indicated that the board would help out Dennis with this initiative.



• There was discussion to regarding reaching out to other community members if they would be interested in instructing the program.

# I. Donna Molloy, Programs Director

- Donna Molloy indicated that she would like to reach out to the seniors centre, and how we can work more closely with them.
- Donna Molloy indicated there is the upcoming community league day and that there should be a separate planning session or committee.
- Melanie Gizowski share that this event is city-wide on the third Saturday of September.
- Jordan Weiss indicated that we will combine the AGM planning committee and the community league day committee into one.
- Donna Molloy wants to conduct a talent call-out and work with people in the community to
  host programs. Richard Griffiths clarified that it doesn't necessarily have to be businesses, and
  Donna Molloy provided a previous example of a community member sharing knowledge on
  stress management.
- Donna Molloy did indicate that for programs to be successful, a location or building would need to be determined. Richard Griffiths shared that we could rent space from the Residents Associations.

# m. Jeffrey Chaput, Transportation Director

Information in consent agenda.

# n. [Vacant], Director-At Large

Vacant

#### o. Rob Plante, Business Partnership Director

• Absent.

# p. Michelle Gosselin, Past President

Nothing to Report

# q. [Vacant, Erin McFarlane Acting], Community Liaison - Orchards

Nothing to Report

### r. [Vacant], Community Liaison – Walker Lakes

Vacant

# s. Richard Griffiths, Community Liaison - Summerside

Nothing to Report

# t. [Vacant], Community Liaison – Fields of Summerside

Vacant

### u. [Vacant], Community Liaison - Sunset Valley

Vacant



# 6. Melanie Gizowski, Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator

- A report was sent with the meeting agenda.
- Melanie Gizowski did want to highlight the 'Get Neighboring" initiative as previously there had been some expression of interest for the Abundant Communities program. You may be noticing information on social media and decals n the community encouraging people to get neighboring and for people to step forward to be interested in the Abundant Communities program as well as encourage people to be interested in the block connector role.
- Donna Molloy asked it if was worth promoting those workshops on the SCL Facebook page to see if members were interested in being a block connected; Melanie Gizowski indicated that would be greatly appreciated.
- Robyn Becker indicated the league would share a link to the Abundant Communities.

#### 7. Guests

No guests have information to bring forward.

#### 8. Old Business

## a. Programs Plan, Presented by Donna Molloy

This agenda item was previously covered and does not need to be reviewed again.

# b. SCL Volunteer Appreciation, Presented by Deanne Whalen

• The discussion for this agenda item will be postponed until next meeting.

### c. Email Voting, Presented by Natasha Ballard

- The discussion for this agenda item will be postponed until next meeting.
- The discussion will be around interest in poll voting rather than email voting, through google suites.
- Michelle Gosselin shared that either poll voting or email voting should be ratified at the following meeting to ensure inclusion in the meeting minutes.

# d. Play Street Proposal, Presented by Natasha Ballard

This agenda item was previously covered and does not need to be reviewed again.

#### 9. New Business

# a. Community Walking Program, Presented by Donna Molloy

• This agenda item was included in the agenda; however the event has already passed. No further discussion to be had.

# b. Create AGM Committee for Planning the Event; Presented by Jordan Weiss

- Jordan Weiss indicated that he wants this years AGM to be a big event and hopefully be hosted at the new Holiday Inn.
- Jordan Weiss shared that Rob Plante has volunteered to be one of the leads on the committee, and that the league would also be reaching out to the mayor and news/media to launch the new name.
- Robyn Becker shared that the polling for the new name is open for a 2-week window voting period. 10 potential community names were posted and the community is currently voting on



their favorites. Once voting is complete, this will become an agenda item for voting at the AGM.

- Melanie Gizowski shared that prior to finalizing, the league will need to review that the name is not already existing elsewhere.
- Jordan Weiss indicated he wanted a committee of 4 members that would be responsible for planning the AGM and the community league day events.
- Committee members who volunteered: Rob Plante, Donna Molloy, Deanne Whalen, Richard Griffiths.

# c. Date to Finalize Strategic Planning; Presented by Jordan Weiss

 Jordan Weiss indicated he will put forward some dates for finalizing the strategic planning to occur after the summer.

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# d. Monthly Meeting location change to Orchards Club House; Presented by Jordan Weiss

- Jordan Weiss indicated that the Orchards Club House has offered to host our community league meetings there in the future at no cost.
- MOTION: to move the monthly SCL meeting to the Orchards Club House, beginning with the September meeting
- MOVED Robyn Becker SECOND Erin McFarlane
- PASSED
- ACTION: Robyn Becker volunteered to coordinate the meetings with the Orchards Club house.

# e. Voucher Implementation Proposal; Presented by Natasha Ballard

- The discussion of this agenda item will be postponed until next meeting.
- Natasha Ballard did briefly share that other community leagues offer to incentivize people to come out; this voucher would be on a point system so that the more a person volunteers, the more points they get.

# f. Corpus Christi Application for \$250,000 NPDP grant for playground, Presented by Michelle Gosselin

- MOTION: to support the \$250,000 NDPD application for Walker Park / Corpus Christi.
- MOVED Natasha Ballard SECOND Robyn Becker.
- PASSED.

### g. Mailbox, Presented by Natasha Ballard

- Richard Griffiths indicated that our box was closed as per Canada Post because there was a
  miscommunication with the keys, with Canada Post applying the payment to the wrong box
  number. Richard Griffiths indicated that he spoke to Canada Post and the box has now been
  returned to us.
- MOTION: to change names to add those who need access [Danielle Thorkelsson, Richard Griffiths, Natasha Ballard] to have three total keys.
- MOVED Erin McFarlane SECOND Robyn Becker
- PASSED.



# h. Storage Locker, Presented by Deanne Whalen

- Richard Griffiths offered to put shelving into the storage locker.
- There will be five keys total, to be held by Deanne Whalen, Donna Molloy, Richard Griffiths, Natasha Ballard.

# **10.** Upcoming Business

• None presented.

# 11. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION to Adjourn: Jordan Weiss

• Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

# **Upcoming Events**

- Meet Your Neighbours at Brewsters: June 20 at 7pm close
- Next meeting is September 16, 2019 at Orchards Club House at 6:30pm



# **Consent Agenda**

#### June 17, 2019

#### 1. Marianne Meijer, Secretary

- Annual Returns have been approved for years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Copies can be found in the
  google drive. Thank you to Danielle Thorkelsson and Michelle Gosselin for helping gather
  information and signing. Proof of Filing has been received for all yeras, and have been forwarded to
  Robyn Becker to submit for the Annual Operating Grant.
- Here is a link to EFCL's Governance and Board Health page

### 2. Donna Molloy, Programs Director

- Meet Your Neighbors at Brewsters
  - Please see attached advertising from Brewsters for event
  - Schedule of board members for hosting each evening, if you are able to host one of the vacant events, please let Donna Molloy know
    - June 20: Donna Molloy, Deanne Whalen
    - July 18: Richard Griffiths, [need a volunteer]
    - August 15: Richard Griffiths, [need a volunteer]
    - September 19: Richard Griffiths, [need a volunteer]
    - October 17: [need a volunteer], [need a volunteer]
    - November 21: [need a volunteer], [need a volunteer]
    - December 19: [need a volunteer], [need a volunteer]

#### 3. Jeffrey Chaput, Transportation Director

- The following requests open with the city; Jeffrey Chaput is requesting an update on the following tickets. Only 1 new request has been submitted since the last meeting. All requests are currently under review with the city.
  - 1. Traffic Controls on 25ave SW and Orchards Gate SW
  - 2. Traffic Controls on 25ave SW and Orchards Link SW
  - 3. Traffic Controls on 91st and 25th Ave SW
  - 4. Traffic Controls on 91st and Savaryn Drive SW
  - 5. Lighted crosswalk crossing 25th Ave SW between Orchards Gate and Orchards link
  - 6. Lighted crosswalk crossing 25th Ave SW and Orchards way.
  - 7. Expanding 91st between Ellerslie Road and 25th Ave SW
  - 8. Traffic signs Walker Lakes at Watt Blvd. & Welsh Drive.
- e. New Requests
  - 1. 61<sup>st</sup> though to wonnacott way/wayDrive. marked crossing (flashing pedestrian lights as well as a speed monitoring sign)