

Parkview Community League
2020-2021 AGM Minutes
October 20, 2020

1. Call to Order/Quorum

Meeting began at 7:06pm. We have 78 current members and we require 10% of members present for quorum. Each household gets one vote. 10 members (so 10 possible votes) were present at the AGM so we have met quorum.

2. EFCL Rep

Colin (EFCL) explained how to raise hand, put messages into the chat. All participants are muted until a host unmutes them. Colin will remain to assist with the voting process.

3. Welcome from Andrew Knack (City Council)

Councillor Knack wanted to thank PVCL board members for their time and commitment. If you want to stay in touch via Social Media. Weekly town hall meetings Mondays at 7pm via Facebook (you do not need a Facebook account to view). Parkview will be reallocated for the next elections (Parkview will become part of ward 5).

4. 2019 AGM Minutes Approval

Derek presented the 2019 AGM minutes and summarized it for participants. Motion to accept 2019 AGM minutes (Derek). Seconded by April. 9 in favour. 2019 AGM Minutes accepted.

5. Treasurer Update

Jonathan presented the financial report for Year End August 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the hall lost a lot of rentals (like weddings and parties) and other steady income (like classes and churches). We attempted a few smaller events and activities to keep some income coming in. We do not know when we will be able to return to "normal" operation.

Jonathan explained in detail the PVCL financial report. For year end, we have an actual deficit of \$19,571.00 (originally projected to be a deficit of \$4,241.00). Other than a huge reduction in rentals, other income like membership fees and soccer fees. Our operating account currently has approximately \$60,000. There is also a \$100,000 GIC in savings, but that is allotted to the ORC. Jonathan moved to accept the 2019-2020 financial reports as presented. Seconded by Derek. 6 in favour. Passed.

Jonathan presented the upcoming budget for 2021. A lot of indoor events will not be offered. Outdoor events and future new Spring events (Big Bin and garage sale) should hopefully go forward, assuming COVID-19 protocols allow. A membership drive will be critical to increase membership. There were no questions. Derek moved to accept the proposed 2021 budget. George seconded. 9 in favour. Passed.

6. ORC Update

Deanna presented an update on the ORC. Given the reduced funds (the large fundraiser originally planned for March 2020 was cancelled), the ORC project has been reduced. The scope will now include: tearing down current fencing around rink and tennis court, and actual rink. Then installing a new rink, a few feet north of current placement, and a new shed. The tennis court would remain, without a fence, and all exterior lighting would be upgraded. This reduced project will cost approximately \$600,000.

One attendee (Ray) expressed concern about the holes in the asphalt in the tennis court (liability). Deanna will ask the City of Edmonton representative assigned to the project. Next, questioned whether or not the city had approved the beach volleyball courts and was supportive as it is a unique feature. Deanna explained it wasn't a unique feature and a few communities in Edmonton have them, and yes, the City had absolutely approved and supported the choice. The City requested that Parkview avoid similar amenities to the surrounding communities. Ray agreed, stating it was "sharing the wealth." Also concerned about the sanitation of the sand for the beach volleyball court. Deanna had contacted the other communities with beach sand as well as the City re: cleaning/maintaining the sand already and had allotted time and money.

Next, questioned about the money (\$150,000.00) that is earmarked for the ORC. Wanted to know where the money was currently being held. Jonathan answered that \$100,000.00 is in a GIC and the remaining amount is in the casino account. The ORC has a separate account with a few thousand in it due to donations. Finally, concerned about a potential conflict of interest re: bidding for the ORC construction as a PVCL board member (Jimmy) is employed by a local construction firm that would potentially submit a bid for the project. Deanna explained that the ORC had already created a conflict of interest policy with support from the City of Edmonton, Jimmy is no longer an active participant of the committee, they have hired a project manager, and the project is going out to tender. When it goes to tender, construction firms will bid on the project and a comprehensive evaluation will be used that takes a number of things into account. Ray said he was glad that the ORC has a project manager and the project will be going out to tender.

Ray asked Deanna if unequivocally having Jimmy on the board has not influenced the board in a certain direction to guarantee his company gets the job. Deanna responded that she can absolutely unequivocally state that it is not a conflict. Derek added that Jimmy has offered his professional opinion at times, but the sub-committee has hired a project manager and the bidding process will be a "two envelope" process and since Jimmy is not on the committee, he won't be part of the evaluation. Jimmy is an employee of the construction company, it is not his firm, and would not be involved in the project if they were to bid. The board recognizes the apparent conflict of interest and has taken the appropriate steps (ORC is a sub-committee, project manager is a third party). Ray said that from what he had heard this evening, he agreed the Board and ORC have taken appropriate steps to manage the apparent conflict of interest. He stated that the rumours around Parkview needed to be dispelled and as long as what Derek and Deanna have said this evening can stand the test of scrutiny, he is impressed with the way this has been handled to this point and ready to go for phase 1. Ray said he was really looking forward to some aspects of phase II, but he will blame it on COVID, the Chinese Virus. Another participant (Jody) commented that it was unfair of Ray to insinuate things about Jimmy, when Jimmy wasn't present to defend himself. She also requested that all participants keep out racial comments. Derek was supportive. Another participant (Brian) wrote the chat in response to Ray's virus comment "that was 100% uncalled for." Derek confirmed this comment by reminding all AGM participants to be respectful.

George, another ORC representative, added that the City of Edmonton liaison (Brenda) commended the ORC on their project, specifically on having the foresight to draft a conflict of interest contract, in addition to their professionalism on the project. He added that since this is another third-party individual supporting the project, there is no need to continue to address the problem Ray keeps bringing up. Ray responded that the conflict of interest had not been dealt with outside of the committee and that there was a perception that the board had hijacked the project for personal gain and that he had been asked by the general population to bring it up so that it could be straightened out.

7. Pre-school Update

Nicole was unable to attend the meeting and sent a message which April read. "Our preschool has had a successful September restart in this challenging and ever-changing climate of Covid-19 policies. Teachers Marnie Roch and Jody Nickerson have been proactive and impressive in adjusting to any changes implemented by AHS or Children's Licensing. Our preschool reopened a cohort of 30. 28 children and 2 teacher - M,W,F 16 4yr old children and T & Th 12 3yr old children. Successful drop offs and pick-ups at the front doors with parents remaining outside is our biggest change, but children and parents have adapted well. Extra handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, splitting toys and extra weekend cleaning. We also started a closed social media page for parents to see the day in a classroom. I have applied for 2 grants to help with the extra cost of cleaning supplies and will embark on a fundraiser or two. We hope that the Community League Day Pancake Breakfast our Preschool hosts for PVCL will resume when Covid-19 Restrictions lift.

8. Election of 2020/2021 New Board

19/20 Returning board members: Jimmy Arlia, Jonathan Yeates, April Grzech, Amanda Good, Nicole Darsaut, Lisa Day. No new board members joined during AGM. There are 6 vacant positions. Since there are fewer than 12 positions and volunteers, positions are assigned by acclamation. Actual roles will be determined at the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.