

**MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 22, 2017**

Attendance: 33 people

Guests; Brian Gibbon, Constituency Ass't, Edmonton Highlands Norwood

Chair: Phil O'Hara

Minutes: Rosalie Gelderman

AGM called to order 3:13 pm.

Review of 2017 AGM Agenda: Motion (Colleen Chapman/John Kolkman): To approve the agenda. Carried.

Review of 2016 AGM Minutes: Motion (Grace Kuipers/Holly Payne): To approve AGM minutes held March 19, 2016. Carried.

President Report: Phil O'Hara expressed thanks to community volunteers, board members, and key community partners (City of Edmonton, E4C, McCauley Revitalization, Boys & Girls Club). He then focused on challenges and opportunities in the neighborhood – diversity; how to connect with our diverse community and the opportunities through Abundant Communities and working with the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. Community conversations were held four times/year, of which the AGM is one. Others were the housing moratorium, safety and medically supervised injection sites. The league then tries to capture the diversity of issues and range of opinion to government and decision makers. Downtown development presents challenges; pressure to increase services to marginalized people, increase supportive housing, and parking. Request has been made to the city to play a larger coordinating role, to ensure that consultation includes community residents. Next year the league hopes to focus on quality programming, move forward on the facility development, reach out to community through Abundant Communities, and monitor proposed developments and service expansions.

Financial Report: Shauna Forsyth presented the 2016 Financial Statement. Request made to have the Budget and the rink contract with KIDS shared with members. Motion (Grace Kuipers/Heather Van Boom): To approve the 2016 financial report. Carried. Dave Williamson opposed. Motion (Shauna Forsyth/Colleen Chapman): To appoint Allison Sivak and John Gee to review the books for 2017. Carried.

Recreation in McCauley – Grace reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee and shared a history of the rink – in 2010 a committee was formed, a trailer, plumbing and grading were donated with the assistance of the Oiler Foundation. Learned that adequate staffing required to supervise children and to operate seven days a week. Numbers at the rink were on par with the previous year; schools and other groups were regularly hosted. The city ran a Learn to Skate program. A successful McCauley Cup, New Year's Eve Skating party, and Family Day events

were held at the rink. Also held summer programming - ball hockey, bicycle repair, Dog Park, and participated in the Hallelujah Garage Sale.

Membership/Events/Clean-Up – Rosalie and Mike talked about the Fall Fiesta held every Community League Day (third Saturday in September) and people were encouraged to assist with the Annual Clean Up again in June 10th this year

Zoning – Colleen Chapman spoke about Church Street rezoning. The street has a historical designation and meetings were held with planners, plans maintain the historical character, preserve housing and have limited commercial development on 96 Street. The proliferation of pharmacies in McCauley were explored; appealed one development across from BMHC, unsuccessful but have been working with the owner to mitigate potential impact on residents.

Abundant Communities – Rosalie introduced Naomi Pahl, the new Neighborhood Connector. Naomi shared an inspiring story of the power of community connection in her healing, her vision for the project and encouraged residents to become block connectors and look at her blog. Cultural connectors will also be hired to enable connections with neighbors who speak limited English. Hopefully next year's AGM attendance will reflect the success of that initiative.

Rink Development Facility: Dan presented an update on the work to replace the trailer; community consultation and surveys were done which expressed desired activities and functions at the site and visions of the facility. Currently working on a community asset scan, demographic information and a business case. Will need a functional plan, concept drawing, fundraising, another round of community consultations and city approval of the concept. More community volunteers needed to continue the process since some had to resign.

Celebration of volunteers: Grace reported that she hears many thanks expressed from community members for the efforts of the league; in turn she thanked those who organize meetings, take minutes, write letters or articles, do the financials, post on the website, coach, clean up, organize and help at events. Big and small, the league is grateful for all efforts. Volunteers present were given a thank you card.

Election of Board Members: Mike Van Boom presented the slate of board members for the upcoming year: Albert Bernard, Shauna Forsyth, Rosalie Gelderman, Dan Glugosh, Grace Kuipers, Greg Lane, Phil O'Hara and Adam Snider. Darren Pielak and Jill Hoselton were appointed mid term and need to be ratified. One position is currently under review and one vacancy on the board at present - Aya Wright nominated from the floor. Accepted. Motion: (Joanne McNeal/John Kolkman) to accept the slate as presented. Carried.

Motion to adjourn 5:00 pm.