

## 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 30th, 2021

In attendance : Southland Park Residents (total of 87 households); SPRA Directors: Michelle Friesen, Don Blasko, Adriana Suver, Tanya Vincent, Duana Joubert, Tom Suver; AGM Chair Pamela Kolochuk

Invited guests: Minister Dan Vandal, Minister and MLA Audrey Gordon, City Councillor Shawn Nason

### Welcome and Introduction

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Michelle welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the process of participating, voting and speaking at the AGM. Adriana did the Treaty 1 Land Acknowledgement. Adriana introduced Pam and moved to appoint Pam as chair of meeting. Michelle approved, Don seconded and Pam was approved as chair by a show of hands of residents in attendance.

Michelle introduced the current Executive Board and thanked previous members who have resigned.

### Approval of Agenda and 2019 AGM Minutes

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Pam asked to have the Agenda for the meeting approved. Adriana put forth the motion, Michelle seconded. Cathy Harrison opposed. Agenda was approved by a show of hands of residents in attendance.

Pam asked for approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM. Don approved, Michelle seconded and the motion was passed by a show of hands (voting sticks) of residents in attendance.

### Speeches by Invited Guests

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Audrey Gordon thanked the community for their continued efforts in a variety of projects. Audrey referred residents to her constituency office (175-115 Vermillion) if they have any questions or concerns. She mentioned a newsletter would be coming out from her office and be delivered to all residents. She also presented a gift to the winner of the garden tour who is a resident in the community, Ricardo Montanino.

Dan Vandal extended his thank you to the SPRA. He mentioned that with his background on city councils and residents' associations, he commends everyone for coming out and supporting the

community to make it a safer and a closer one. Dan invited residents to reach out to his office if they need anything.

Shawn Nason expressed the need for a connected community and mentioned that projects bring forth change and are great for communities. He thanked Dan Vandal for his support with Precinct J and for setting aside money for local improvements. He mentioned the need for good relationships among residents and that a strong community helps reduce crime.

### President's Review

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Pam asked Michelle for the President's Annual Report.

Michelle provided a summary of activities that have taken place since the current SPRA came into existence 3 ½ years ago. These include: 2 community BBQs, snow sculpture, pond naturalization, planting of wildflowers, clean up of the playground, 2 rounds of clean up of Royal Mint boulevard, revitalization of the front sign, 2 food drives, winter clothing drive, spring community clean-up, community garage sales. SPRA also incorporated, created and distributed several newsletters, created a Facebook page and a group on NextDoor. SPRA also requested and received results of a traffic survey, completed a community-wide survey in 2019 and a canvass on the multi-use activity space in July 2021. Fee drives also took place to help support projects.

Michelle thanked all the volunteers who made these initiatives possible.

Michelle reviewed the results of the vote on the multi-use activity space. Due to a majority approval, SPRA is moving ahead with the project. Final Approval has been received from the City of Winnipeg. SPRA selected a contractor and paid a deposit. Permits have been applied for.

### Financial Summary

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Pam asked Michelle for the Financial Report.

Michelle provided a review of the Operating Bank Account. She specified annual costs, association fees, and the SPRA Executive approval of transferring funds from this account to the Investment Account. Michelle then gave specific information on funds in the Investment Account and that \$10000 was approved for the multi-use activity space project. Finally, the budget for the remainder of 2021 and for 2022 was explained.

Dave Harrison requested to speak. Dave spoke of his opposition to the court project. Pam reminded Dave that he needed to ask questions pertaining to the Financial Report. Dave continued speaking and some residents voiced their objection from the crowd. Adriana called a point of order.

Marie Anne Wsiaki requested to speak. She spoke of her opposition to the court project and that only residents who back onto the park should have a vote for this project. Pam reminded Marie Anne that this is a time for questions regarding the financial report.

Chelsea Knockaert requested to speak. She asked about husbands and wives being on the executive board. Pam replied that directors each have one vote, regardless if they share the same household. At AGMs, they only have one vote. Chelsea expressed concern about not having an AGM in 2020 and would like more transparency.

Linda Bateman requested to speak. She asked if there is a time constraint regarding grants. Michelle explained that, yes, grants do need to be used within a specific amount of time.

Pam asked for approval of the Financial Report. Adriana moved to approve. Tanya seconded. Residents who opposed were: Chelsea Knockaert, Gabi Head, Nikki Sherwin, Cathy Harrison, Darryl Jeffrey, Charles Sirrell, Todd Bezak, Craig Armstrong, Leo Seniuk. The Financial Report was approved by a majority show of hands.

## Resolutions

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Pam asked for approval of resolutions

Resolution of No Appointment of Auditor was moved by Michelle and seconded by Don. Opposition came from Gabi Head, Cathy Harrison, Chelsea Knockaert, Nikki Sherwin, Charles Sirrell, Leo Seniuk and Jim Trann. Resolution was approved by a majority show of hands.

Resolution of By-laws was moved by Don, seconded by Duana. Opposition came from Gabi Head, Cathy Harrison, Chelsea Knockaert, Nikki Sherwin, Charles Sirrell and Leo Seniuk. Resolution was approved by a majority show of hands.

Resolution of community projects was moved by Adriana, seconded by Michelle. Resolution was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

## Elections

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Pam asked for nomination and elections of SPRA Directors and Officers. She explained that it is a 3-year-term with monthly meetings and sub-committee meetings as needed.

Adriana nominated Michelle. Don seconded. Michelle accepted.

Duana nominated Don. Michelle seconded. Don accepted.

Michelle nominated Tanya. Tom seconded. Tanya accepted.

Michelle nominated Adriana. Don seconded. Adriana accepted.

Don nominated Tom. Michelle seconded. Tom accepted.

Adriana nominated Duana. Michelle seconded. Duana accepted.

Terry Watson nominated Darryl Knockaert. Kevin Lysholm seconded. Darryl accepted.

## Other Business

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Pam asked for Other Business

Don spoke about Resident Association Fees. He explained that memberships are annual and allow households to vote at AGMs and special meetings. Don talked about how many members we have and explained how funds are allocated. Don explained how residents can pay and also reminded residents to keep their walkways shovelled for safety (canvassing for funds door to door).

A resident suggested that we accept fees at the Annual General Meetings.

Duana spoke about the Community Garage Sale coming up. The garage sale will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be put up on Lagimodière and at the entrance. SPRA will advertise on Kijiji and Facebook Marketplace. Residents are encouraged to also place signs and ads.

Adriana spoke about a request from Glen Lawn Funeral Home for residents to not trespass on private property. Glen Lawn has seen people using their private property for walking dogs and leisure activities. Glen Lawn will be posting signs to remind people that it's private property. Adriana asked residents to be courteous and respect the property lines.

Adriana gave a summary of the Precinct J update. This new residential development will be a mix of single and multiple family dwellings, with some park space and 2 lakes. Only single family homes will be built directly behind Southland Park properties. There will be 2 main roads in the new development so a major increase in traffic is not expected within our neighbourhood. Construction is expected to start in 2022 and the development will be completed within 10-15 years.

## Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned and residents were asked to return their voting sticks to the registration table.