

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 11, 2022

5 p.m.

In attendance : Southland Park Residents (total of 40 households); SPRA Directors: Michelle Friesen, Don Blasko, Adriana Suver, Tanya Vincent, Duana Joubert

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

Welcome and Introduction

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.

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

Approval of Agenda and 2021 AGM Minutes

Adriana asked for a motion to have the Agenda for the meeting approved. Michelle moved and Don seconded. Agenda was approved by a show of hands of residents in attendance.

Adriana asked for approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM. Michelle moved, Tanya seconded and the motion was passed by a show of hands of residents in attendance.

Speeches by Invited Guests

Minister of Health and MLA Audrey Gordon thanked the community for their continued efforts in a variety of projects. She spoke of the challenges during covid restrictions and of the community coming together with many food-drive donations, and community clean-up efforts. Audrey thanked the SPRA and Councillor Shawn Nason for the joint effort of making the multi use activity space a reality. Audrey thanked residents for continued involvement in neighbourhood activities and invited them to visit her constituency office. Audrey mentioned that the Southdale District BBQ has been rescheduled to September 21st and spoke of upcoming improvements to the community playground. Audrey had provided a door prize for those who attended the Community BBQ and AGM and the winner of the draw was Bob Miller.

Councillor Shawn Nason said how great it was that we could all be together. He mentioned the planter project and talked of the need for residents to get involved in order to improve

communities. Shawn stated that a playground and path lighting project is coming up for Southland Park. Shawn hopes to continue building strong communities within the Transcona constituency.

President's Annual Report

Michelle provided the President's Annual Report.

The 2021/22 winter was challenging and spring came late; thus, the multi-use activity space construction was delayed. Maple Leaf Construction broke ground in June and finished the space in August. Since then, there has been daily use of the new court. City bylaws state that the space cannot be used after 9 pm. SPRA has purchased a portable pickleball set that will be available for loan to all residents.

SPRA vice-president Don Blasko and resident Gerry Labossiere are holding talks with CN over the Symington Rail Yard excessive noise complaints. A petition is available for signing by all interested residents.

Resident Shelley Napier lobbied SPRA to beautify community boulevards. Treasurer Tanya Vincent joined the efforts and researched options for planters. Councillor Shawn Nason and City of Winnipeg Parks Division approved the project on the condition that SPRA take responsibility for all plantings and maintenance. Councillor Nason presented the project at council and it was approved that the Transcona Parks and Recreation Enhancement Program would fund 100% of the initial project costs.

The Forestry branch of the City of Winnipeg has already planted new trees on the main entrance boulevard and will be replacing dead trees in the park in the fall.

All inquiries and concerns regarding infrastructure should be reported to 311.

Councillor Nason announced a New Park Pathway Lighting project, slated to begin in June and be completed in 2023. This project is federally funded and coordinated by the City of Winnipeg.

Thank you to Duana Joubert, Events Coordinator, for organizing the day's BBQ.

Thank you to Adriana Suver, Secretary, for coordinating the AGM.

Thank you to all community volunteers.

Financial Summary

Michelle provided a review of the Operating Bank Account and presented a balanced budget for 2023.

Adriana moved to approve the 2023 budget. Jim Smith moved, Bill seconded and the budget was approved by a show of hands.

Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments

Adriana presented the resolution "Appointment of Auditors" and asked for a motion for the Corporation to dispense with the appointment of an auditor for the fiscal years passed. Michelle moved, Bev McIntyre seconded and the motion was passed by a show of hands.

Adriana presented a resolution regarding the increase to \$50 of annual membership fees. Tom Suver moved, Bill seconded and the motion was passed by a show of hands.

Adriana proposed a bylaw amendment to decrease redundancy and clarify removal of an Officer. A question was asked regarding the period of time of non-communication prior to Officer removal and was answered: 3 months of non-communication can be cause for removal. Michelle moved, Don seconded and the amendment was passed by a show of hands.

Nominations and Elections

There were no new nominations.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.