

Southland Park Residents Association Inc.

Minutes for April 18, 2022

In attendance: Michelle Friesen, Don Blasko, Tanya Vincent, Adriana Suver, Duana Joubert

Regrets: Darryl Knockaert

Meeting started at 7:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Approved by Duana. Seconded by Don.

New business added by Don: budget for flower bed, establishing of SPRA Executive inventory.

Last meeting's minutes approved by Duana. Seconded by Don.

Community Garage Sale

The Annual Community Garage Sale will take place on May 28th.

Michelle will create a poster. Adriana will put posters up on community mailboxes.

Garage Sale will be advertised:

- Duana will post on Facebook and on Kijiji
- Tanya will post on NextDoor
- Michelle will post on SPRA website
- Don will put up flyers at Co-op, Sobeys, MLCC and other area retail locations

Duana and Tanya will put up signs at the entrances to the neighbourhood.

Cleanup day

- Michelle will confirm with Audrey Gordon if date's been postponed due to weather
- Audrey Gordon will post this announcement on Facebook and Michelle will post it on the SPRA website

Outdoor Rink and Winter Carnival update

The Winter Carnival did not take place due to weather challenges.

A number of residents were able to enjoy the ice rink. It is hard to assess the success of the ice rink due to the challenge of the weather this past winter and additional covid measures. Access via a path was also difficult and a report to 311 must be made next winter if paths aren't being cleared.

The rink needs to be dismantled; this will take place once everything is melted and accessible.

A review of future location, set-up and maintenance of ice rink will take place at a later date. Michelle will provide a finance update at the next meeting.

Website update

There were challenges using the current website company NetFirms. An alternate program will be used for a new version of the SPRA website. Michelle will provide an update at the next meeting.

MUAS Update

Maple Leaf Construction has stated that the construction area must first be free of snow and dry before construction can begin.

Michelle will confirm if any updates on permits and grants need to be made.

SPRA Executive will discuss at a later meeting a possible purchase of a portable pickleball set that can be available for all residents.

Newsletter update

A newsletter will be published once there is more information to share with the community. Michelle will follow up on outstanding invoices for advertising in previous issue.

Association dues

SPRA Executive will present a clear visual on how association dues are being spent to enhance the community.

Michelle will put out Facebook post reminder about association dues. Membership cards/certificates have been printed and will be handed out to each household renewing their association dues.

An SPRA table will be set up in the neighbourhood during the Garage Sale where residents can stop in and pay their fees.

Finance update

Michelle will follow up with the Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the front signage to ensure that the grant is received in a timely manner.

There has been little spending so far this year. Due to covid health and safety measures and a harsh winter, few activities compared to the previous year have been done at this point.

New Business

Michelle approved a budget of \$350 for continued improvement and upkeep of the front entrance; money will be used for annuals, fertilizer and water. Tanya seconded the motion.

Adriana will attempt to communicate with Darryl. Darryl has not responded to SPRA Executive communications in several months.

SPRA will create a list of its inventory. Items at this point include: signs for garage sale, lights for front entrance remote, material for rink, laminator, voting sticks

SPRA will continue looking into boulevard enhancements:

- Tanya will contact a greenhouse to discuss planter options.
- Adriana will contact Shelley Napier to continue the conversation that began at an earlier SPRA Executive meeting.
- We may consider creating a sub-group to lead a fundraising event.
- SPRA will look into tree stump removal for the common greenspace area.
- We are considering the possibility of removing paved grates that surround trees on the boulevard on Royal Mint drive and replacing these with top soil and flowers.

Next meeting: Monday May 16th 7:30 pm