

# SLP Residents' Association

## Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm

1. Minutes from the last meeting – approved
2. Michelle and Steve met with president of Sage Creek Residents' Association (SCRA)
  - They discussed the structure of SCRA. It's a much larger community and so the association is also larger and includes member positions such as manager of operations, media relations, chair for newsletter, chair for playground
  - For fundraising, one of the things SCRA do is a membership drive: members contribute \$10 to be able to vote at meetings. Members also receive a membership card, one per household.
  - Other fundraising ideas: charge food trucks during BBQ, corporate sponsorship and donations (ex: Qualico)
3. We brainstormed some fundraising ideas
  - Charge for advertising on Facebook when we've grown
  - Bud, spud and steak
  - Ask for donations and get a ticket into a draw (\$20 donation/entry)
  - WestJet tickets
4. Michelle shared the SCRA bylaws with the association
  - **Action: Michelle** will bring Sage Creek bylaws to her work legal department for perusal; section 3 may not apply to our association
5. We confirmed the top community issues/concerns to be pursued with the city. They are: pathway, bulletin board, and a possible fence
6. Meetings with officials
  - **Action: Steve** will connect with Councillor Allard
  - Steve has attempted to contact Councillor Wyatt; there's been no response
  - Brian Pompquest (not sure about spelling...) contacted Steve and a meeting will be set up for early April
  - A meeting with MLA James Teitsma will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30
  - Items for discussion at meetings:
    - Top community issues
    - Alternate surface for walkway (paved)
    - No parking sign to be put up past the condos on Royal Mint Dr.
    - Enclosure of playground and possibly a part of the greenspace
    - Request regular cleaning of pathway
    - Bulletin board: do we need a permit and can some funds be provided?
  - **Action: Steve** will update at next meeting on the information he was able to gather

7. Steve shared some concerns that he learned about regarding naturalization of the pond. Our pond is deep. For naturalization, dirt would need to get dumped into it; we'd need permits; this may prove to be too costly. We need to consider alternate solutions for geese: organic spray, coyotes, fencing.
8. Community event: BBQ
  - Date: Saturday, Sep 15<sup>th</sup>
  - The BBQ will be combined with the Halloween party
  - **Action: Duana** will lead the planning for a Fall BBQ and will organize a sub-committee. Having it in the fall gives us time for soliciting donations, booking bouncers, etc.
  - Subcommittee meeting: Wednesday, May 23rd 7pm 344 Royal Mint Drive
    - **Action: Duana** will post a FB message and **Michelle** will send e-mails to residents to inform them of the meeting
9. Community Event: Garage sale – pick a date
  - Date: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8am-3pm
  - Duana, Kevin, and Darcy will organize the event
  - **Action: Tommy** will create a Facebook Event to advertise the garage sale
  - **Action: Duana** will create a post on Kijiji
  - **Action: Kevin** will send the flyer to Michelle
  - **Action: Michelle** will print out copies for every house (total number of houses: 424)
  - **Action:** some neighbourhood kids will deliver the flyers after spring break (tentative date: April 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Action: Kevin** and Brad will put up signs early morning on May 5th
10. Communication with residents: Facebook page
  - Tommy updated the association on Facebook page. The page will remain closed and members will be approved. The reason for the FB page is to inform residents about what's happening during association meetings (short updates of what we're working on). It is also being used by residents for recommendations, advertising local businesses, community events, finding subcommittee members
  - **Action: Steve** will send Tommy his President's Message
  - **Action: Tommy** will update the Facebook description to include the President's Message
  - **Action: Tommy** and **Kevin** will look into ideas for beefing up membership
  - **Action: Tommy** will contact Chris Jensen to set up a photo session for association members in May
  - Other items to consider in the future:
    - Adding aerial footage
    - Tommy and Kevin will look at advertising options in the future
11. Communication with residents: Website
  - **Action: Kevin** will set up a meeting with Steve Dearth
  - Once the website is updated, we will be posting meeting minutes on it

12. Communication with residents: Bulletin Board

- Bulletin Board will be located at the entrance to the park, beside the condos
- Some association members are willing to do the labour for free
- **Action: Michelle** will look into her father designing the bulletin board

13. Communication with residents: Community Newsletter

- We will consider starting an electronic newsletter and involving Andrea Martinez at the next association meeting.

14. We discussed fundraising for a playground upgrade or addition. Adriana shared fundraising ideas that were provided by the École Van Belleghem PAC.

- **Action: Members** will read through the provided documents and be ready to discuss at the next association meeting
- We proposed going door-to-door (face-to-face) for fundraising. Residents could donate money and have their name entered to win a pair of tickets to a Jets game (donated by Kevin). The draw would be done at the BBQ.
- **Action: Tanya** will share design possibilities for the playground.

15. Michelle has created an SLP resident database

- **Action: Tanya** and **Kevin** will provide additional contact information from previous committee

16. Tanya provided an update on committee finances: Checking account \$200; Savings account \$12 953

- Michelle cashed \$175 for church, \$25 for domain name
- We have made a change to one authorized signer to make it easier to do internet banking. Any changes to the account will still require 2 authorized signers.
- Purchases must be pre-approved. Members should set a budget and submit it to the association for approval.
- We will use some funds from the account to pay for lumber for the bulletin board.

17. Miscellaneous

- Andrea would like to join some of our meetings. Do we need to vote on this? To be discussed at next meeting.

18. Next meeting: Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm at Duana's and Steve's house at 344 Royal Mint Drive