

Southland Park Residents Association Inc.

Minutes for May 1st 2023

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

Regrets: Tanya Vincent

Guest: Jason Wallace

Agenda approved by Duana and seconded by Jason.

Previous meeting's minutes approved by Don and seconded by Jason.

Finance Update

Michelle shared the state of finances.

Community Garage Sale

The date for the Community Garage Sale has been determined. It will take place on May 27th. Duana has put a post on the Southland Park Facebook page. Closer to the date, Duana will advertise in other media.

Duana will purchase new signs for the garage sale.

Community Clean Up

The community clean up day, organized by MLA Audrey Gordon and in collaboration with SPRA, will take place on May 13th. This has been advertised on the Southland Park Facebook page.

Adriana will put up signs on all community mailboxes.

Playground and Lighting Update

The playground upgrade is an ongoing project. A portion of the budget will be covered by the Province and another portion by the City. There are some conditions – the new design must incorporate fitness equipment and the community must also raise funds. If the grant that Michelle has applied for is approved, SPRA will begin fundraising planning.

Michelle is following up on the timeline for the lighting upgrade along the walking path that has already been approved.

Construction around the community

Jason communicated with the City about dump trucks using our streets to carry loads to the dumping area. Following his communication, trucks have now rerouted to use Fermor and Lagimodiere.

New developments for Precinct J are in the works. SPRA residents have received notifications by mail and/or email and an announcement was posted on the Southland Park Facebook page.

CN / Canada Transportation Update

Don is continuing in his communications with CN and Canada Transportation to deal with the noise concerns coming from the rail yards.

Boulevard Planters and Front Entrance Signage

Residents from the condo community along one of the boulevards are ready to purchase plants and maintain the planters this season.

Michelle has contacted a resident who identified interest in maintaining the planters along Royal Mint Drive by Morning Glory Crescent to see who will be in charge of those planters.

Don will continue maintenance of the front signage garden.

Outdoor Rink

The outdoor rink has been dismantled.

A Facebook poll showed that a large number of responders did not use the ice rink. Some residents did and some would like to in the future. Comments on the post and the use of the rink were overall positive.

Set-up, maintenance and take-down of the rink is time-consuming. The SPRA Executive is not able to continue with this on their own. Before next winter, SPRA will look for volunteers who are willing to take this project on.

BBQ and AGM

Michelle will apply for a grant to help cover costs of holding an upcoming community BBQ.

Welcome Package Update

No update needed at this time.

Newsletter

A newsletter is coming up and will include information on: garage sale, community clean up, review of activities and projects, request for volunteers and awards received by residents.

New Business

- City of Winnipeg periodically changes community boundaries. Residents who are interested in engaging in this process can do so by contacting the City.
- To add to SPRA inventory: reflective sticks (for the planters) – stored at Don's.

Next Meeting will be on June 5th at 7 pm at Jason's house.