

Southland Park Residents Association

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

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

Introductions, Approvals and Duties of the Executive

The meeting agenda was approved.

Members introduced themselves. SPRA received Tom Suver's resignation. SPRA thanks Tom for all his work and dedication over the last 3 years.

Don motioned for approval of AGM Minutes and Michelle seconded. AGM Minutes approved.

Directors, officers and members-at-large were appointed as such:

- Michelle stays on as President
- Don stays on as Vice-President
- Adriana stays on as Secretary
- Tanya stays on as Treasurer
- Duana stays on as Events Coordinator
- Darryl takes on the position of Member-at-large

Tom is no longer Admin on Facebook. Michelle, Duana and Adriana will have Admin capabilities on Facebook. Tanya will continue overseeing NextDoor.

Review of garage sale

The community had a good turn-out. Next sale is planned for spring, hopefully the weekend before free give-away weekend.

Precinct J proposal

A resident proposed that the SPRA get involved in communicating with Precinct J developers to construct a path behind existing residences, as opposed to new residences backing directly up onto existing properties. There are pros and cons regarding having a public path directly behind properties. Michelle will communicate with Shawn Nason to see what our options are for getting involved and having a say in the development of the new community.

Outdoor rink proposal

Based on a suggestion from a resident, Michelle will take the lead on considering an Adopt-a-Rink project. Public Service is not supportive of skating on a pond and so we will consider installing a rink in the public park space. SPRA may need to look into insurance. We will also consider using haybales for seating, which can then be reused to deter weeds in gardens.

CN Rail noise

Several residents have voiced concerns about the increasing noise from CN Rail. Don will send a letter to Dan Vandal to inquire about what can be done to minimize noise.

Newsletter

Sub-committee consisting of Michelle, Darryl and Adriana will meet to begin work on the newsletter.

Future Event - Winter Community Activity

To be discussed at next meeting.

Collection of association dues

A flyer for collection of dues will be sent out with the newsletter. Future plans for collecting dues may be altered. Options such as a benefit card, dues being collected at AGM or by the end of a fiscal year are being considered.

Communicating with residents

Sub-committee consisting of Tanya, Adriana and Darryl was created to ensure responses to residents' requests via email. All correspondence will be responded to in a timely manner and residents will be informed if their question requires a discussion by the full Executive, in which case a reply will take longer.

Update on MUAS

There is no update on the court project at this time.

Other items

Michelle will inquire about the possibility of using the dirt that is excavated as part of the construction of the multi-use activity space to create a hill that could serve as landscaping or a toboggan run in the public park area.

Michelle donated tulip bulbs and Don planted them at the front sign.

Shelley Napier would like to discuss the creating of a group of residents for the beautification of our community. Adriana will invite her to the next meeting to talk about her proposal.

A proposal was made to build a community sharing library for books and puzzles. Michelle will look into the costs of having one built and contact the City to see what steps we need to take to set this up.

Other items to discuss and consider in the future: pond fountain, fire pits, picnic table upgrades, playground equipment improvement, lighting improvements, refreshing of gravel paths, planting of trees, more garbage cans and doggy bag disposals in the neighbourhood, boulevard clean-ups, wildflower plantings, holiday lights contest, community bulletin board.

Next meeting

Monday, October 25th at 6 :30 pm at Adriana's house