

Mount Royal Community Association

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2011

Attendees: Debra Law, Darlene Bruce, Elisa Iozzo, John Merriman (City of Calgary), Candice Selby, Laura Brown, Jane Keyser, Tina Dargan, Bob Weaver, Krista de Silva, Rosanne Woods.

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm

1. Minutes from Mar 7, 2011

Amendments – Playground Committee – The grant for naturalization is for the conceptual drawing only.

**Motion to Approve March minutes as amended by Candice, second by Bob. Motion Carried.**

2. Treasurer's Report

Current balances:

Chequing        \$80,846.36 (outstanding accounts payable/receivable not included)

Casino            \$69,127.68

No update from AGLC regarding application for casino funds extension.

Colin Ogilvy reported to Laura that the casino had been completed. We received a cheque from AGLC for approximately \$1785 but we wrote cheques for food and fees. MRCA will donate \$6500 to the Rugby Club for their efforts at the casino.

3. Directors Reports

Debra asked all to consider succession planning and job descriptions. A binder was provided for each director to maintain for their current position enabling someone to step in as required for emergencies or successors. This should help each director to speak to their position at the AGM.

Community Development

Meetings were held on Mar 21, 28 and Apr 4. Have been very busy with applications and meetings.

Committee met with 14<sup>th</sup> street developers to present the Board's position of not supporting the application.

On Mar 28<sup>th</sup> and Apr 4<sup>th</sup> meetings were held with neighbours regarding a proposed condo unit on 9A Street which is turning into a very contentious issue. A second controversial proposal for Hope Street which required 3 hours of discussion to reach recommendations.

Peter Haley provided written record of his resignation which was read into record and is attached to these minutes.

A formal quote from Peter regarding the Station deck expansion was received and included \$1000 in engineering fees plus \$5000 in design fees. Second quote from Steve Petrovich included \$1500 for drawings and \$2000 in engineering time. Krista is working on a third quote.

The second round for the lifecycle grant is in October and we will require quotes for that as well.

**Motion for the Board to appoint Darlene Bruce as Director of Community Development by Elisa second by Candice. Motion Carried.**

4. Newsletter

Deadline for submission is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Any suggestions are welcome. Front cover will be BBQ notice.

**Motion to have Board approve the hiring of a Tom Capital employee to typeset the newsletter by Candice second by Bob. Motion Carried.**

Jane suggested considering adding extra issues throughout the year - perhaps another event or "Dear Denise" type column or a history item. Maybe consider a student for the summer to write a series of articles to be used throughout the year. Candace will explore this further.

5. City

John explained that our lease with the City will expire at the end of 2011. Every 15 years Council must renew all leases. The City will offer four workshops in May to explain some modifications that will be in the new leases. Darlene and Debra will attend at least one session. Laura will attempt to locate the hard copy of our current lease. The new lease will have a requirement to provide a business plan to the City specifically addressing programs, budget and operating expenses. John is happy to help with any bylaw work we feel is needed.

6. Membership

A one page membership flyer will be sent out shortly. Denise asked Debra via email if we required a motion to approve her son cutting the grass this summer. Discussion ensued regarding our liability for "family" hired to perform work for MRCA. Debra will check with John

(who had to leave the meeting early) and we will revisit next meeting.

7. Events

BBQ is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. Elisa presented a preliminary budget of \$4950 with most suppliers honouring price quotes from last year.

**Motion to approve a budget of \$5000-\$6000 for BBQ by Candice, second by Bob. Motion Carried.**

8. Facilities

New mailbox is now installed (same model as previous one). The tennis locks have been changed and the new keys are ready. Tina will connect with Denise to determine who has already signed up for tennis this year. Annual connector testing revealed one failed so it had to be replaced \$130 for the part plus \$170 for the repair.

9. Traffic

Bob prepared a letter accepting the City's proposal for volunteer program to maintain splitter islands. Letter attached to minutes.

Alderman John Mar hosted a meeting a requested "wish Lists" from inner city communities. In the late 90's MRCA commissioned a traffic calming study. Of the 21 initiatives, only 8 have been completed by the city at a cost of around \$600,000. Our position on these initiatives has not changed. We need to go back to the original plan, see what issues are still remaining and what new issues have emerged. We should send out a plan to interested residents, get feedback and send it to the City. We need to make our case very aggressively in order to be heard.

**Motion to approve up to \$5000 for a consultant to create and present a proposal to the MRCA and residents which will lead to a final plan to be submitted to the City by Candice, second by Darlene. Motion Carried.**

10. New Business

Perhaps we need a landscape/beautification committee? Maybe new Mount Royal type signage ie. Off leash areas? If anyone is interested in this please contact Debra. \$42 million has been allocated to the City for parks & playgrounds.

Krista wondered if we could set up a golf simulator or putting green in the basement for the winter months.

FCC Conference is the end of April if anyone is interested in attending.

11. Old Business

Debra spoke to Bold Signs and they added words on the website to indicate our location is in a residential area.

Bylaw update – Debra and Krista are working on it

Meeting adjourned by Debra at 8:58 pm.

Next Meeting - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 7pm.