MRCA Meeting
September 12, 2011

Attendees: Bob Weaver, Gwen, Debra Hogarth, Charlene Prickett, Susan Hearn, Susan Peterson, Tina Dargan, Martha Pinzon, Elisa Iozzo, Laura Brown, Mary Lou McCormick, Candice Selby, Krista de Silva, Megan McCarthy

Meeting Commences at 7:11 pm

Minutes for June 6, 2011 : Pertaining to the email discussion regarding request for cotoneasters, $600 was correct in the June minutes. It was later in the month that the request for $1600 was made by Jeff Holloway and approved via email. His actually expenditure was $836. Motion : Tina Dargan, Laura Brown

Treasurer's Report (Laura) General Account $76,536.42
Casino Account $125,757.10
- Working on the audit right now.
- The Assoc. has to approve the financial statements. New Canadian audit standards, so FCC can sign off.
- Need to sign them off before AGM. Hopefully at next meeting.

Debra – Attended a meeting about gaming commission, they talked about procedures, do's and dont's, need to find someone (CA)who knows the actual 'hands on' of how to use casino funds.

Director's Report
AGM Nov 16th, 2011 Agenda will be formalized (be ready) at next meeting.
- How much time will every one need? We need a formal letter in regards to which positions are staying and going. Candice will send an email.
- More community support. Need to recruit people. Does anyone need help for their respective positions?

Charlene: Beautification Committee (BC), Graffiti Brigade,
- Would like to improve Traffic Circles, Gardens in the park (Not the city's responsibility), Urban Forestry (Taking care of existing trees and adding new ones)
- Recruited Susan Hearn and Val McFarland. This could be a tri-chair committee.
- Bruce dropped of graffiti remover and Charlene would like to give a bottle to participating people in the community to help clean the graffiti with the BC.

Elisa - Community Events : Held June 18th, 2011

- Barbecue : We were within the budget. Glad she ordered the tents, they were a big part of the budget ($2300). The food from Sunterra was $1400. $5000-6000 Budget. Total was $5600. And gave honorariums as well. Don't know the number of people. Same in expenses as last year. Very good turn out.

Maybe move the June barbecue to another month. Or have another type of event some other time. But the barbecue was great!

Laura : We need to have a receipt book when exchanging money (Cash, not cheques). Everyone needs a receipt for tax purposes. There has to be a paper trail.
Elisa – Tents need to be booked months ahead of time. She likes the idea of a block party. Could sell tickets, but maybe not. Just have munchies and maybe a potluck. Have a raffle (for flowers, etc.) and membership table.
Tina – Has to have a receipt for everything rented and Laura needs a copy of all the receipts every 6 months. Tina has her own books.

Progressive dinner - Mary Lou
October 22nd Saturday
Cocktail house is at Susan Peterson's house.
One house has committed so far.
$125 a person
Cocktails and appetizers 5:30-7pm
Dinner is at a pre-assigned house, till 10:30pm. You can have it catered or do-it-yourself.
Would like to extend the cocktail to 8pm and maybe continue dessert at the dinner house.
Dessert house is nice to have (opinion from some).

Highlander ceremony was short notice, but they would like to repeat this every year, so we need to include this in the newsletter.
Tina- had the windows fixed, wondering about the insurance. Megan sent an email, Tina is not sure if she received it.
Tree fell in Community park – Yard guy picked it up.
Community Station was very busy in the summer. Added regulars (yoga, art nights, etc.)
Cheque for art from Laura.
The Station is very, very booked. Weekends are opened, Friday morning for Mini-Mountaineers. Mount royal members don't have to pay for the playtime when attending the Mini Mountaineers.
Yard guy did clean up and Fall clean up soon. He's great!

CD (Community Development) Since June
Condo on Royal Avenue, the neighbours and community development were against the city in the appeal.
Hope Street House, appeal was backed by CD and the City and therefore the development was turned down and has to be re-submitted.

Canvassed the neighbours about the deck, need 80% approval and we have that.
One person wants to see the plans. Need to get DP and quotes on the deck.
Urban Castle $70,780.
Markus Kottman $67,000
Still need one more.

Candice –Newsletter, Tomorrow at noon, deadline
Students of Journalism from Mount Royal University will contribute sometime.
Keep the newsletter timing the same. January 12th is the next deadline.

Charleen –The City helped with the Gutter Service signs in the neighbourhood (they were too high).

Bob – Can we have an inventory of the green spaces that are to be cared for and what the guidelines are for the spaces?
Volunteer program falls under the BC umbrella.

Bob – Traffic : Getting stats and traffic counts updated by the end of the month.
Put together the background material. Writing up report (Inventory and photographs) about the status of the work that has been done and how it's affecting the community.
We need to open dialogue with the city. We will document where we are and where we want to be. It will include the Beautification initiative.
Would like to make a 2 page summary and send it around to the community.
Where we are, here are the stats and some suggestions. Bottom line is that we would like to start some dialogue.
Hoping to have report finished by the AGM (but for sure, he will have a verbal report).

Megan – update of new liaison officer : Nadia Patterson

Lease agreement – Have to complete lifecycle proposal, lifecycle, Need many documents and business plan.

Documentation on Historic Mount royal on the website (Anonymous author)
Public library would like permission to include it in their archives.

2012 is a 100 anniversary of Calgary and the building boom. Giving banners to the houses that are 100 years old, etc.

Adjourned at 8:58 pm.