

## Mount Royal Community Association

### Meeting Minutes

Sept 10, 2012

Attendees: Rosanne Woods, Geraldine Nolan, Debra Hogarth, Tina Dargan, Mike Smith, Susan Petersen, John Merriman (City of Calgary), Sarah Hall, Val McFarland, Al Fowler, Laura Brown, Megan McCarthy, Jeff Nichol, Gwen Yaholnitsky, Krista de Silva, Darlene Bruce, Jim Waugh, Marlene Cameron.

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

#### 1. Minutes from June 4, 2012

**Motion to approve June minutes amended with Darlene Bruce in attendance - all in favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

#### 2. AGM

- Each director should provide a synopsis (5-8 min) on the happenings over the year
- Include \$ spent if applicable
- These budget numbers will be needed for business plan as required under new lease
- Notice for AGM must be given 21 days prior and notice of any open positions and/or incumbents
- Susan P to contact all current directors to confirm status

#### 3. Directors Reports

##### Treasurer's Report

- General account      \$70,945.63 (\$16K invoice outstanding)
- Casino account              \$95,038.04 (\$6K invoice outstanding)
- Outstanding invoices are for Foothills on remaining work to be done on the deck
- New casino funds will arrive in November
- FCC will have audited statements ready for AGM

##### Community Developments

- Deck is open, space is great, no complaints from neighbours to date
- Waiting on framers to finish posts so stone work can be done
- Railing needs some reinforcing
- Staying roughly on budget
- We have paid approximately \$31K, outstanding invoice \$6K plus \$23K for framing and stonework
- 3 new development files, a few meetings have been scheduled, overall about ½ number of applications as 2011 but more difficult discussions re: lower MR development

## Community Events

- Wine & cheese (Sept 8) went well with 85 people in attendance
- Current licensing only allows 77 people for liquor consumption
- Clean-up was criticized by Sunday morning renters; Debra and Tina handled the situation as best as possible
- Walking Tour – Thanks to Megan and Al, great turnout
- BBQ – great event, over 300 people, lots of work due to learning curve re: permits
- Highlanders – community to supply coffee/refreshments
- Progressive Dinner – set for Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, no confirmed houses yet
- Possibility of a December event depending on Progressive dinner success

## Newsletter:

- Hard deadline for next newsletter is Sept 12<sup>th</sup> in order to get it delivered by October
- 2013 deadlines – Jan 12, May 12, Sept 12
- Theme for this month – finish historic houses, HMRB update
- Next – projects/people in the neighborhood
- Great comments on last newsletter – have we considered different publisher even though Glencoe does it for free? Glencoe is very slow

## Membership

- Currently 330 members
- Will finish drive next year
- Current members will be sent a renewal invoice early next year
- Marlene is resigning

## Facilities

- Security system is for water and smoke only
- Skateboarders appear to have moved on from our park
- Signage has gone up
- Tennis court door is broken again, there were no takers for lessons this summer

## HMRB

- Focus this year was on graffiti and gardens
- Most of the gardens have disappeared except South MR park
- Only 3 volunteers showed up for spring clean up
- Fall clean up schedule for Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
- City considering rocks for end of Prospect at 14<sup>th</sup> street to minimize illegal turns
- Roads will put bushes in strategic spots on Premier traffic circle to deter illegally driving across circle
- Royal ave buttons will be properly landscaped with shrubs
- Met with city re: taking over mgmt of parks, HMRB will discuss with other communities currently using this model

- Upcoming year – bring in more resilient plants, reduce # and size of beds in South MR Park, work with city re: Elm trees, put together a catalogue of our spaces and a plan to manage them, cleanup unnamed parkland and glencoe hill, 2014 is 100 years of parks so maybe a commemorative event, establishing a subcommittee on public art and the available grant money, collecting oddball bits of MR history (ie. Elm tree planted by William Reader at south end of Amhearst at Prospect)

#### Safety

- Information sent to newsletter,
- Police Fair Sept 22 at Mewata stadium

#### Old Business

- Digital Signage at Earl Grey School – cost estimate to be sent to directors for review
- Bylaws – Jane checking on submitting to Alberta Registrar
- Life cycle – completed but not yet reviewed by Board
- New Lease agreement with City of Calgary

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MRCA TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CALGARY BY DARLENE BRUCE, SECOND MIKE SMITH. ALL IN FAVOUR. NONE OPPOSED.**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned 8:59 pm.

Next Meetings – Oct 1, 2012 at 7pm. (upcoming - Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and AGM Nov 14<sup>th</sup>)