

ELBOW PARK RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION
800 - 34 Ave. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
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February 20, 2007

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The regular monthly community meeting was called to order by past president Barbara Mathies.

2. Motion to move in camera to discuss personnel item made by Carolyn Dahl Rees and seconded by Deborah Ambrose.

Motion to rise and report made by Deborah Ambrose and seconded by Dave Mackie.

3. River Valleys Committee

Motion: Susan Bennett will act as the EPRA's observer on the River Valleys Committee and terms of reference will be drawn up. In the meantime she will be required to report back to the board as needed. Motion made by Deborah Ambrose and seconded by Carolyn Dahl Rees.

4. Motion to accept January 2007 minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Deborah Ambrose and seconded by Nancy Larson.

5. Insurance

- Our insurer tried to insert the "Athletic Participant Exclusion" clause into our insurance this year. This clause would apply to everyone using the park and could undermine the insurance the EPRA currently carries.
- Alderman Erskine is waiting to meet with the City lawyer on this matter.
- If the EPRA relinquishes the lease on the property due to the lack of insurance coverage, we have no control of what happens on the property.
- It was determined we need to bring in some people to talk to the EPRA regarding insurance issues (ie. CRC rep., insurance company for the FCC, our insurance company, a litigation lawyer). We need to have a better understanding of insurance issues and our lease with the City.
- It was suggested we look at other cities/ municipalities to see who they use for insurance. Dave Mackie volunteered to investigate what South Calgary is doing. Deborah Ambrose volunteered to do look into some other communities/municipalities.
- Barb Mathies will talk to Tom O'Leary about giving us a presentation on risks and reasonable coverage.
- The question was raised as to whether individual organizations that pay to use the park or clubhouse must prove their own insurance coverage (particularly Grassroots Hockey and EPMH). What about individuals who use the rinks without helmets? We will revisit this question after we have had the insurance presentations.

6. Traffic

- We still need to install the plaques on the bollards and lamp posts on Elbow Drive. Bollards are no longer being used by the City but we haven't had all of ours installed. Where does this leave us? The traffic committee representatives and Ald. Erskine need to approach the right people with this issue. Ald. Erskine would like a pre-meeting to ensure issues are nailed down. Dave Mackie will organize this.
- Motion to thank Susan Bennett for her work on the Traffic Committee (she has stepped down) made by Dave Mackie and seconded by Deborah Ambrose.

7. River Park – Ald. Erskine

- There have been new plantings where the trucks were driving in and out. To protect these, they have instituted a 3 year no entry into the area. Please observe this no entry rule.
- They would like to re-construct the original creek and wetlands down into the river.
- The bike path through the park is high on the list of priority projects for the City. This would include paved paths. Some people want these paved paths and some people don't.
- River Park is currently dying.
- The City and Ald. Erskine are trying to sort through the competing interests and come up with a plan for River Park.
- The groups that are currently involved include environmental groups, dog owners/handlers, and community residents. These are all competing interests which makes this a difficult task.
- The EPRA does not have a representative on the River Park Review Committee at this time.

8. Other Issues Reported by Ald. Erskine

- William Reid: Ald. Erskine has met with Nancy Close and the CBE is changing their direction a bit. There are lots of meetings and discussions going on with the parent association at the school. Dave Mackie will ask the parent council chair to come to the next meeting to update the board.
- CFB West is meeting with South Calgary on Monday, Feb. 26. Ald. Erskine will explore transportation issues with the community at that time.
- Both 5 St. and Elbow Drive S. are set to have dedicated bike lanes. The proposals will be ready soon for community presentations.
- Snow Removal: The cost is \$15M to clean other than the major roads. This would amount to \$40/ house for the average household (keep in mind our area is at 6x the average house). There were only 100 accidents that happened on non-plowed streets.

9. Hockey Boards – Tom Plunkett

- He has sold one set of boards. These boards were stored in the boat house.
- Tom has another interested party who will pay for the second set of old wood boards and will help take these boards down. .
- There was a motion for 2 or 3 quotes for the second set of new hockey boards. Tom has these.
- Signal Hill has had issues with breakage of their plastic hockey boards. Nancy has not had a chance to talk to them yet. We can apply for the grants but we aren't committed to purchase the boards. We can always give the grant money back.

10. Tennis

- Belinda B. will form a committee to look at the renewal of the tennis courts. Jamie Noakes would like to be on this committee. Jane Virtue should also be involved to represent streetscape and trees.
- Issues: trees, standards for size/master plan, relationship with the Glencoe Club.

11. **Clubhouse – Jamie Noakes**

- He will look into putting up some barriers to keep people off the clay courts when they are soft. This will mean less repair work in the spring

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Next meeting: March 20/07 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse