

Prince Rupert Community League Meeting

Date: Monday, October 19th, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Location: Central Lion's Recreation Centre

Attendance:

Victor Dorian, Ralph Dyer, Tim Gourlay, Brandy Harris, Pam Chaillard, Chris Goossen, Lindsay Johnson, and Jody Nelson

Regrets: Demetrius Garanis, A.J. Chouinard, Tony Spencer, Roxanne Foster

1. Round Table Discussion
2. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:07pm
3. Attendance: Taken/ Brandy taking minutes.
4. Agenda: **MOTION:** Pam motioned to approve the agenda; Chris seconded; all in favour.
5. Minutes: **MOTION:** Lindsay motioned to approve the September 21st 2015 minutes; Brandy seconded; all in favour.
6. **Action Items:**
 - Victor to let Tony know about our willingness to contribute to the Lion's 50th Anniversary celebration, but we need more information.
 - We will make sure to follow up on the Casino Renewal Form.
7. **Vice President's Report:** (as submitted prior by Tony, read by Victor)
I have attended 3 meetings/sessions in the last month.

The first was an educational session on Board to Board Networking. The free Friday evening session was presented by Ruth McCambridge who is from Boston and editor in chief for the Nonprofit Quarterly magazine. Her presentation was on governance and boards and how there is less control of where the organization is going in the larger environment of funders and meeting the needs of the community. How we have the greatest impact of direction for the organization is through networking. The first is by reaching out to the community through surveys and face to face contacts, the second by reaching out to friends and family. A broader picture and direction is gained by connecting with the larger community beyond the local geographic area. The main message is not to limit the governance of an organization to boards only.

The next meeting was to the Central Lions Seniors Association for the 50th anniversary preparations for June 11, 2016. Prince Rupert and Queen Mary Community League s were represented as well as Lion's club, Marigold club, Canadian Legion, Military and "Valour Place". There were many activities discussed for both inside and outside. Some had a fund raising connection some just for exposure to the public. I suggested that we could host the Beer Garden in the Rink area, if it is still there! I need to get back to the organization to confirm our decision by October 22. Our presence would greatly boost our profile in the community and may influence when our AGM is.

The third meeting was on October 7th and another networking opportunity but for local areas. Organized by city Recreation Coordinators, we had a presentation from Nimir, he is a Community Engagement Social Worker with the city. Represented were two community leagues, the Chinese church, the Aboriginal Friendship centre, a fitness business and the public Library. We went through an exercise to show how we were able to accommodate diverse communities which gave everyone a view of what resources were within the individual communities. One resource we could learn from is the Chinese Church's large community garden and the problems of setting it up. This meeting was part of a series put on by the CRC's which could be helpful to maintain connections to.

Tony Spencer

Discussion about Tony's Report: We might be willing to run the Lion's beer garden in our rink area, but have questions about combining our 50th Anniversary with theirs, as well as conflicts with our May Day event. We would request that we be given more information about the activities being planned by the Lion's for their event and then we can go from there.

President's Report:

-Victor, Maurice (ATA) and Karen (Terra) had a meeting with Councillor Bev Esslinger to show her the concept plans and images provided by the Architects. Eventually there will be a need to take the project before City Council to request a 50 year lease for the land under the name of the Society.

-Ralph and Victor signed the papers to register the Society.

-The PRCL board had a meeting on October 15th to discuss the building plans by the Architect and from that we created a document of questions, concerns and comments regarding the space.

-Some concerns about the Partnership Agreement were brought up by members of the board. It was decided that the partnership agreement should be shared as a Google document that we can all add our comments and concerns to. It was also decided that all important documents should be shared and accessible in a Google folder for easy reference when needed by all board members. We need to make sure that the agreement is concise enough for future board members to know exactly what our intentions were when creating it. Lindsay volunteered to organize the material for us once Ralph and Victor send it to her.

-There may be additional costs associated with revising the agreement and the building drawings again, but it was generally decided that PRCL should be having their needs met before moving forward.

-Decided to revise the Conceptual Design Feedback document as per the following:

1. Remove last bullet and 'permanently' in second bullet under FCC Room.
2. Remove last bullet from Office Administration
3. Remove mention of grants and money needed for the new playground as this may be a City Requirement and not just a PRCL want.
4. Remove last bullet under Storage. (Do not want files in the skate room)

Original Motion by Victor: *"To conditionally approve the Concept Design for Aurora Place, pending changes requested in the Design Feedback by the PRCL Board, as stated in the PRCL Design Feedback document."*

AMENDED MOTION: *"Pending changes requested in the Conceptual Design Feedback from the partners on July 29, 2015, & clarified in the Design feedback document of October 15th, 2015 by the PRCL, the board approves the concept design for Aurora Place as tabled by Manasc Isaac Architects on September 29th, 2015."*

* This motion is to be made and voted on via email. *

Other discussion regarding the project:

-Jody will be in touch with the City planner regarding our project and will be relaying the information as soon as she can regarding the playground, etc.

-Should the FCC room be designated or shared space? Came to the conclusion that it should be Shared space but that Prince Rupert would have first rights for usage the way Terra has first rights for all other shared spaces in the agreement.

-Discussed how to clearly express PRCL's needs and wants for our spaces and Ralph mentioned that trying to do detailed discussions of such a major project during regular community meetings isn't working.

Tabled: Items 8 through 13 of the Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting date November 16, 2015