

Prince Rupert Community League Executive Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 7:00 pm
Virtual meeting
Minutes

1. Call to order:

Present: Tony S, Roman Augustyn, Ralph D, Mel L, Kristy B, Denise and Ilia B, Marilyn D, Angela S, Mo A,

Regrets:

2. Welcome:

3. Approval of the agenda:

MSC: Ralph/Mel

4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting

MSC: Ralph/Ilia

5. Next Door community connection Guest - Evan Spencer

- a. Ralph contacted Evan, the community engagement coordinator with the NextDoor app. Some people were concerned that there were security issues with the app.
- b. Evan is a community association in Calgary. He was part of the abundant communities initiative in Edmonton and Calgary.
- c. NextDoor app is akin to a neighbourhood hub, an ally to creating a gift economy.
- d. Purpose: To cultivate a kinder world where everyone has a neighbourhood they can rely on.
- e. Trust-based platform. Yes, mail shows up out of nowhere, but they want to serve our community to become more connected.
- f. People are asked if they want to share their contacts; however, we have the option to choose not to do so.
- g. Feedback was given to Evan re: the letter that residents received seeming unprofessional and perhaps questionable.
- h. Possible to send a newsletter out
- i. How can NextDoor collaborate to support promotion? How might we help community members understand the value of the app, so that we can get more people connected? NextDoor people are willing to support an event with dollars, swag, and presence.
- j. It is possible to toggle the language, if people choose to do so.
- k. Tips to get people involved in the app. Treat map. Face-to-face. Email. Mail out. Copy a link to text. Put on FB. Customizable flyers. Use a reason to bring people to the app.

6. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator - Kristy

- a. Report attached
- b. Community engagements are on hold, so we will need to put our 211/homeless persons conversation on hold.
- c. Operating grant due April 30th.
- d. Kristy can do a presentation on abundant communities if we are interested.

7. Matters arising:

- a. Playground update: update
 - i. Playground crew (Tony, Tyson, Katherine, Mo, COE Project Manager - Ryan Andres, COE Landscape Architect - , COE Parkland Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator - Brenda) met 2 weeks ago to share ideas and possibilities for design
 - ii. Playground crew is meeting with the COE on Thursday to refine design possibilities
 - 1. Many of the designs are coming from the open house conversations, but these conversations are specific to the playground area.
 - iii. Tony will send a report after the next meeting.
- b. Skating rink donation: update
 - i. Deal with Amiskwaciy Academy fell through because they no longer have the ability to take the rink.
 - ii. There is a community south of Sherwood Park who is interested, but they need more consultation.
- c. Blatchford
 - i. There are no numbers being given for resident/building.
 - ii. Residents should be moving in soon.
 - iii. Surrounding communities are still interested in being part of the stakeholder group, even after Blatchford has its own members.

8. Director's reports:

- a. President:
 - i. Nothing to add.
- b. Treasurer:
 - i. Report shown via screen share

M/S/C: Angela/Mo and Mel

- c. Secretary:
 - i. Nothing
- d. Ways and Means:
 - i. Working on application for the annual operating grant. Just working through some of the requirements.
 - ii. Will apply for Big Bin event application.
- e. Membership:
 - i. 80 members this year! The most members we've had in a long time!

9. Sign Message

- a. NextDoor, next meeting, call for nominations

10. Other Business

- a. May Day event
 - i. At this point, we are not allowed to have this event at this time; however, we can plan to have the event at a later time.
 - ii. Board and other members will do some planning to support members in getting creative in finding ways to connect during social isolation.
- b. Annual General Meeting
 - i. Promotion - Newsletter, NextDoor, Email,
 - ii. Send info re: job descriptions, time commitment required, etc.
- c. Proposed development on 114 Ave and 119 Street
 - i. The COE has sent information to neighbours within 60 metres of the development. Those members have signed the petition.
 - ii. Marilyn has sent in the petition with a 6 page letter.
- a. Proposed development of a seniors complex on 111 Avenue and 118 Street
 - i. HonestDoor.com reveals that all six of the homes have been recently sold.
 - ii. A member contacted Sierra Lane to ask about turning lane radiuses and developers, but the company did not share answers
 - iii. Roman has agreed to be a liason with Sierra Lane and bring back information.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12th 2020 (Probably Zoom)

Adjournment