

Prince Rupert Community League Executive Meeting
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, @ 19:00
Virtually via Google Meet

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Vision:

An inclusive, healthy, and thriving community where residents feel connected to one another and the land on which we live.

Mission:

- *Facilitate and encourage diverse opportunities to connect.*
 - *Maintain and nurture our urban environment.*
 - *Increase community involvement.*
 - *Foster a sense of safety within the community.*
 - *Advocate for the community to other organizations and governments.*
 - *Keep residents up to date with community-relevant information.*
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1. Call to order: 19:02

Present: Rajah, Marilyn, Sandra Lee, Angela, Cindy, Tony, Ralph, Ashley, Denise B., Kathy, Gary Redmond, MP James Cummings, Stephanie, Mark Bowman

Regrets: n/a

2. Introductions (Let's not forget this and email collection for Kathy's sake)

3. Thank yous and updates:

- a. Stephanie and team for Edmonton Ski Club
- b. Ralph - Communications with Alberta Airshed

4. Approval of the agenda - motion to approve by Ashley, seconded by Denise

5. Approval of the Minutes from March Meeting - motion to approve by Ralph, seconded by Sandra

6. Treasurer's Report - Deferred to May

7. Playground update

- a. Tony/Ashley - Clarify current stage and next steps
 - i. Meeting with the city April 8 to go over company proposals/layouts to pick one.
 - ii. April 12 - Fitness equipment meeting to make decisions
 - iii. Communication to be sent out to the community when all updates are set up. Provide an initial update to the Board April 9, 2021.
- b. City/PRCL Discussions re: Licensed land for school grounds.
 - i. No update. Kristy is still working on this. This will impact what and where we can use the tractor as we will only be able to use the tractor on licensed PRCL land.
- c. Fruit trees and shrubs on school grounds
 - i. City originally said no to planting on public land (liability if anyone becomes ill from eating fruit)
 - ii. City and EPCOR now open to planting edible shrubs and trees around licensed/school land.

- iii. Around the dry pond shrubs may be allowed. Trees may interfere with pond function (note that trees have already been planted by EPCOR).
- iv. Ralph to continue discussion with City and EPCOR

8. Priority Planning- Creating connections

- a. Social Committee
 - i. Next meeting to be announced, more members needed, come **join** us.
 - ii. Edmonton Ski Club event update - Stephanie
 - 1. Success. Great turnout, roughly 50 people (15 families).
 - 2. Stephanie signed in and signed out families
 - 3. Distributed coffee/tea
 - 4. Total cost \$1350.00 (Budget was \$3000.00)
 - 5. Will try again next year
 - iii. Future Event(s)
 - 1. Will possibly be a virtual event
 - a. May Day
 - b. Flowerpots/seeds
 - 2. May/June hopefully an outdoor event
 - iv. Community Clean up (requirements, date, humans, advertising, incentives)
 - 1. Put a call out for volunteers on Website, Social Media and Nextdoor.
 - 2. Pick a street, alley, park
 - 3. Pick up equipment from Ralph's place
 - 4. Window of 2 weeks (April 16 to April 30)
 - a. Pick an area on next door (link to map) and clean it, take a picture
 - b. \$5 gift cards; possible major prize
- b. Communications - Stephanie continues to create great posters, Amy and Social
 - i. 12 designs for mugs.
 - ii. 3 to be picked and Board to vote on final design
- c. Membership -
 - i. Cards to be distributed in the next couple of weeks
- d. Community Garden Update - Sandra
 - i. First meeting was March 16 with Kristy
 - ii. Project proposal submitted, should hear back by April 27
 - iii. Committee of about 9
 - iv. Meeting Sustainable Food Edmonton April 8. They handle the grants/funding.
 - v. 39% of 28 would like a plot
 - vi. Carly applied for pop up gardens, not confident but worth a chance

9. Future Planning (AGM)

- a. Date - June 16th, 2021
- b. Interesting ways to engage/things to include
 - i. Audit required.
 - ii. Rajah to do a newsletter, put on next door (work with Angela)
 - 1. Printed by May 27
 - 2. Delivered by June 3 (can be put on Social Media prior)

- iii. Gift Card Membership draw for AGM
- c. Advertising for events/positions, newsletter.
 - i. Nominating committee (Tony, Rajah, Angela)
 - 1. To bring forth names for positions
- d. Presentation by Alberta Capital Airshed
 - i. Gary Redmond - contacted originally during rezoning for proposed (rejected) crematorium
 - 1. Air quality is managed by Airshed, uniquely Albertan
 - 2. 10 airshed organizations in Alberta - funded by members and grants
 - 3. 4 stakeholder groups; government, industry, non-gov organizations, public
 - 4. Focused on Air quality that affects human health
 - 5. Monitoring -
 - a. Continuous - operates always
 - i. Reports exceedances instantly
 - ii. About 90 stations
 - iii. Live streaming
 - b. Passive - measures 3 gasses (NO₂, SO₂ and H₂S)
 - i. Provides monthly average
 - c. Sensor Monitoring
 - i. Measures fine particulates which is greatest concern for human health
 - ii. Inexpensive
 - 6. Public Engagement - from Inform to Empower even at the Community level
 - 7. Recent PM_{2.5} sensor installed in Prince Rupert to measure fine particulate matter (dust, dust with other chemicals)
 - a. Data can be accessed by visiting www.purpleair.com
 - 8. ACA Membership - \$50.00/year
 - a. Table discussion for next Board meeting

10. Presentation by MP Cummings: Mark Bowman on call.

- a. Lifelong resident of Edmonton Center. NAIT alumni in construction engineering.
- b. Current role is Covid Economic Recovery in Ottawa
- c. Here for the Community League to hear what issues we have, what questions we have.
- d. Federal program assistance
- e. Contact information
 - i. Email: mark.bowman.714@parl.gc.ca
 - ii. Phone: 780-442-1888
- f. Questions
 - i. Vaccine Rollout - What should be happening?
Relying on pharmacists and announcements. Vaccination rate should be higher.

- ii. Federal Grants?
Possible Infrastructure fund.
Healthy Communities Initiative - Future
- iii. Climate Change
Accepts climate change and will come up with a platform for election.
- iv. Immigration - Migrant worker rights, what if anything is being done to support their rights?
Broader context - Canada needs greater immigration, supportive of unification and immigration. Contact the office and any specifics can be reviewed. Possible involvement at Provincial level.

11. Rezoning Update - Crematorium will not go forward.

12. Kristy - NRC update will be forwarded by email.

13. Sign message - "Community clean-up, prizes available - See Social Media!"

Next meeting: May 5th, 2021 @ 19:00

Adjournment: 21:02