

**Forest Terrace Heights Community League  
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

June 2, 2015

**Start:** 7 pm    **End:** 9 pm    **Location:** Forest Terrace Heights Community League    **Recorder:** Connie

<u>Present</u>		<u>Regrets</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Rae Hall Jeremy Anthony CoraLee Lechelt Kathy Hamacher Angela Mao Connie Lussier Michael Gurnett Lyndsey Peters Sharon Travnik Yvonne De La Fuente Alanna Brochu Liz Zook Mike Juchli	Tyler Brown Heather Scott Bonnie McNeil Anna Krall Heather Scott	Chris Hardeman Justin Sinclair Cole Lynn Ferguson	Darlene Gurnett Michelle Brewin Nicole Karam Molly Book Bev Zubot Dr. Kevin Jones David Hamilton Jason Yeung Sean Lee Ben Henderson -approximately 50 community members attended this event

**Meeting minutes:**

ITEM	ITEM AND MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM	Motion to approve minutes <b>Moved: CoraLee</b> <b>Seconded: Bonnie</b>
2.0	Approval of the Agenda Additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bingo license renewal</li> <li>● Third guest speaker will be David Hamilton</li> </ul>	Motion to approve agenda with additions <b>Moved: Alanna</b> <b>Seconded: Bonnie</b>
3.0	<b>Directors reports</b>	<b>Actions/ Updates</b>
3.1	President – Rae It was noted that the bingo license is up for renewal this year. A motion was made by Heather to renew the bingo license with Parkway Bingo from September 1 2015 until August 31, 2017. Motion was passed.  The AGM Report was provided for review. Rae gave some highlights of the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● new civics director position is being created. Angela will be taking this position.</li> <li>● a number of fitness events are offered, e.g. community walks, fitness classes such as Zumba.</li> <li>● The furnace, hot water tank and flooring have been replaced. The interior and exterior lights have been upgraded.</li> <li>● This year a Porta-potty will be on site over the summer since the washrooms in the hall cannot be used unless the hall is open.</li> </ul> plans for next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A garden committee is hoping to have a community garden approved</li> </ul>	Motion to renew bingo licence: <b>Moved: Heather</b> <b>Seconded: Sharon</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board is thinking of having an outdoor kitchen/ barbecue area built at the back of the hall. We are looking for interested members of the community to start this project.</li> <li>Infill is likely to be a topic of ongoing discussion. Having a new civics director board position will help with this.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Treasurer – Kathy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The casino later this year is projected to bring in approximately \$70,000</li> <li>Kathy advised she is retiring from the Treasurer position this year.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Presentations - Jeremy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathy was presented with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her many years of acting as Treasurer with the board.</li> <li>Angela was also presented with flowers in appreciation from her fellow board members for her volunteer work this past year.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Re-election of positions</b>	
4.1	<b>Babysitting</b> Anna agreed to continue in this position	all in favour: passed
4.2	<b>Bingo</b> Heather agreed to continue	all in favour: passed
4.3	<b>Grants Director</b> Lyndsey advised she is stepping down from this position. Bonnie McNeil was nominated several months ago, and agreed to let her name stand for the next term	all in favour: passed
4.4	<b>Building Maintenance 1.</b> Justin was unable to attend but Rae advised that he has agreed to let his name stand	all in favour: passed
4.5	<b>Membership Director</b> CoraLee agreed to continue	all in favour: passed
4.6	<b>President</b> Rae agreed to continue	all in favour: passed
4.7	<b>Program Coordinator</b> Sharon agreed to continue	all in favour: passed
4.8	<b>Rink Director</b> Chris H. was unable to attend but Rae advised that he has agreed to let his name stand	all in favour: passed
4.9	<b>Secretary</b> Connie advised she is stepping down from this position. Nicole Karam volunteered for this position	all in favour: passed
4.10	<b>Soccer Director</b> Michael agreed to continue	all in favour: passed
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Election of Vacant positions</b>	
5.1	<b>Hall Rental Director</b> Molly Book volunteered for this position	all in favour: passed
5.2	<b>Treasurer</b> Kathy advised she is stepping down from this position. Kathy nominated Michelle Brewin	all in favour: passed
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Guest speakers</b>	
6.1	<b>Bev Zubot (EFCL)</b> Bev works with EFCL and answers questions about infill, policy changes	

	<p>related to development, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bev mentioned that the City passed a municipal development plan approximately 6 years ago, that is aimed toward a more compact transit oriented city. The goal is to have 25% of new housing development happening in the established neighbourhoods and downtown.</li> <li>• In 2009, there were rule changes to facilitate higher density outlined in the Residential Infill guideline. In 2012, additional changes were made to facilitate infill, such as garage suites, garden suites. 50 foot lots can now be split into 2 x 25-foot-wide lots.</li> <li>• at the upcoming July City Council meeting, it is expected that the City will look at increasing the maximum height for low rise apartments from 14 meters to 16 meters, and that they will eliminate the idea of stories and just measure height. In mature neighbourhoods, the building height limit for houses is currently lower than in new developments, and it is expected that the city might re-visit the height restriction in the mature neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• Bev encouraged community members to get involved in discussion about these types of matters.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Dr. Kevin Jones (Director, City-Region Studies Centre, U of A)</b>  Dr. Jones indicated his research looks at how to make sense of infill information for communities. They look at trends, types of infill, and how to make good decisions for neighbourhoods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonton has had quite homogeneous neighbourhoods up until the last few years. The issue in many areas now is how to take those neighbourhoods forward - different issues to consider such as density, affordability, whether there is a need to improve the quality of building stock, types of housing, decisions about fringes (building outward will have financial, agricultural, capital impacts).</li> <li>• Communities have a role to ensure that the types of infill match the values of the community. Doing nothing makes decisions as well, about the future of the neighbourhood.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>David Hamilton (architect with GMH Architects)</b>  Mr. Hamilton advises that his company specializes in condo apartments, primarily for seniors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on research they have done in 4 different quadrants of Edmonton, it is their estimation that if 800 more suites were created in neighbourhoods such as ours, there would be enough houses to bring schools back to the community (i.e. seniors currently living in houses in the area would move to the suites, freeing up housing stock). Their experience also shows that they don't need to put the suites exactly where the houses are, since seniors generally want to be close to shopping and other facilities.</li> <li>• There are typically very low rates of seniors housing in neighbourhoods - this hasn't been part of the planning.</li> <li>• Mr. Hamilton gave some information regarding the development proposed for the Patricia Heights motel site. The developer has brought plans before the league twice before, and at this time they are asking for extra height for the building. The building will be for age 55 plus, and it is planned that there will be 300 suites, with 180 suites in the first phase. When a question was raised about as to whether there would options for rental, Mr. Hamilton advised they will probably be purchase or life-lease options only. These will be upper-scale condos with underground parking.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When asked about more affordable housing for seniors, Mr. Hamilton advised that much of what his firm designs is economical. He gave examples of buildings he has designed in other parts of the City.</li> <li>• This building plan has not yet gone before City Council. Since the plans do not comply with current zoning (20 stories tall), it will definitely need to be reviewed and approved by Council before it could proceed.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Additional infill meeting planned</b>  Since this AGM meeting did not allow enough time to discuss infill and the proposed development on the site of the current Patricia Motel, another meeting is planned by the community league specifically for this issue. The event is scheduled for July 11th from 11 am to 1 pm. The developer will be present at this meeting.</p>	

**Meeting adjourned: 9 pm**

Next AGM: June 2016