

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 19 March 2024 - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Board members present: Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ted Bennett, Ray Boomgaardt, Sean Flynn, Kostyantyn Frolov, Chris Straka, Karen Squires

Unable to join due to technical issues: Gail McEachern, Sean McNulty

Absent: Sharon Nyangweso, Cindy Parkanyi, Katherine Hall, Jason Tavoularis

Guests: Lorna Bernbaum, Councillor King, Erin McCracken (Councillor King's office), Eileen Olexiuk

1. Welcome (Ray)

- Delivered land acknowledgment
- Agenda approved
- February 2024 meeting minutes were approved

2. Councillor's Report

- **Emergency preparedness at the Fieldhouse** - City staff met with City staff to confirm installation of an electrical transfer switch for an emergency generator (\$12-15K to come from the community capital fund). This is a pilot project as most smaller fieldhouses don't have access to this kind of setup as a baseline. This could set the groundwork for future projects of a similar nature across the City.
- **Three stream waste system** – New Ed park has been selected as a location for the next installation of three types of waste (black, blue and green bins) as part of a pilot project - Overbrook was selected last year. There will also be signage and a meeting will take place with Friends of the Park to determine the best location in the park. Will continue to work with staff to accelerate pick up for overloaded trash receptacles. Chris Staka asked about the timeline for installation. Councillor King is hopeful for this season.

3. Encampments/Neighbourhood Watch (Lorna Bernbaum)

- Area across from Guardian Drugs where people used to put up tents – none there lately. She had asked NCC if we could put something up to dissuade future tents. The answer was 'no'.
- Neighbourhood Watch - she has information on how it works. If anyone want to set up a block, it requires just a simple exchange of phone numbers and addresses of at least 10 people.

4. New Edinburgh emblem re-design (Kostyantyn)

- Ray noted proposed changes to the agreement as suggested. He asked if there were any concerns or comments. Ted asked for confirmation of the total cost and that it is in the agreement. Answer is yes.
- What are the next steps? The plan is for the artist to come to the neighbourhood to do a walk through. Kostyantyn asked who would like to be included in the group. Karen is very interested in participating. Ray suggested sending an email to Cindy as well given her interest.

- Karen recommends that the artist be encouraged to go onto the community website and look at recent editions of the NEN.
- Question was raised about whether there needs to be a vote to approve the funds. There was a question about whether there was quorum.
- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - o Ray will sign and send the agreement to Kostyantyn. Ted will prepare the cheque (perhaps to give to him when he comes for the walk through).
 - o Sarah recommended sending a written motion around with a hard deadline for the approval. This was agreed.

5. Committee and working group updates

Heritage and Development (Gail): No report.

Friends of the Park (Karen):

- April 21 will be the park cleanup day in the park - rain date April 28. Connected with Ottawa Riverkeepers and will work together on the event.
- Along with the RVCA, a floodplain restoration project was started last fall, but much had to be pushed to the spring - date TBD. RVCA has put together a cost for planting approximately 15 trees - our cost will be approximately \$300 (we are cost sharing with RVCA). Karen wants to confirm that we can move forward with this at a cost of approximately \$300.
- **MOTION:** Motion for approval of expenditure of \$300 was approved.

Traffic and Safety (Jason): No report.

New Edinburgh News (Karen): In good shape to print this Sunday. Have good updates on Beechwood. There are a few staff transitions which will be noted in the edition. Advertising revenue is slightly lower this edition, but there are new advertisers coming on board.

Chris wanted to confirm the graphic that was submitted includes the update with the path. He will send the updated graphic to Karen the next day.

6. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): Notes a few upcoming events, including a couple of ticketed events for Jim Bryson concerts at the Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$30. Regarding programming in the community, he wanted to flag that the fieldhouse is being used for free yoga twice a week until the end of June. There is also a renewed playgroup on Thursdays. Rubber floors will be very welcome for sound attenuation. Have begun reaching out to groups such as Girl Guide (who are now using the fieldhouse once a week) and Rotary.

CCC is still struggling to find a director/secretary.

7. Other Business:

- No other business.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at around 8 pm.
- Next Board meeting is April 16 at 7 pm.