






Allard Community League
Board Meeting MINUTES
December. 11, 2024, 6:09 – 5:08 p.m., Google Meet


1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Steve Pittis, who welcomed board members Tricia Jenkins, Manoj Gupta, Mike Moran and Akosua Akude and guests Mary Jean Chapelsky, Prabhat Chaturvedi and Ryan MacNeill. Jess Pittis and Param Chahal were absent with notification.
1. **MOTION** to approve minutes  October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 November 23, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Moved: Tricia Jenkins
Seconded: Mike Moran
CARRIED
2. **MOTION** to approve agenda
Moved: Manoj Gupta
Seconded: Tricia Jenkins
CARRIED
3. Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - i. Total Assets of \$24,741.40. No liabilities - Uncle John's Fireworks cheque hasn't been cashed. Insurance was paid \$4495.
 - ii. **MOTION** to approve treasurer's report
Moved: Manoj Gupta
Seconded: Mike Moran
CARRIED
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. Recently, inquiries have been about the Allard Rink, specifically skate tags. We also had an inquiry about the deadlines/process for newsletter submissions.
 - c. Membership - Currently, there are 175 members. We assume the rink is driving recent membership signups.
4. Old Business
 - a.  2025 Budget Proposal for Approval
 - i. The executive made some adjustments to balance income/expenses. We know Insurance will be more. We dropped budget amounts for postage, website, and some events. For Diwali to go ahead it definitely needs an education component because the CL purpose is community safety. We decided not to proceed with the Park Sign but earmarked \$100 for the hall committee and \$7000 for the garden. We noted that we have a bank balance of \$21000 to start the year. The AGM may bring more volunteers and ideas/initiatives. Increased the fundraising target to \$9000 because we know that Garden will have a fundraising component, and Akosua has a plan for canvassing businesses.
 - ii. **MOTION** to approve the adjusted budget
Moved: Mike Moran
Seconded: Tricia Jenkins
CARRIED
 - b. Allard Community Garden

- i. **MOTION** to approve the
 Allard Community Garden Terms of Reference R1.pdf
Moved: Tricia Jenkins
Seconded: Ryan MacNeill

CARRIED

- ii. **MOTION** to approve the
 Allard Community Garden Community Led Business Case.docx
Moved: Akosua Akude
Seconded: Mike Moran



CARRIED

- iii. Letter of support for the league. **ACTION:** Tricia will type up, and Steve will sign
 - c. Neighbourhood Canvas and Survey
 DRAFT - What We Heard (2024 Allard Community League Survey)
 - i. Allard and Cavanagh's door-to-door campaign is done but not complete. The survey has 61 responses and will be open until before the AGM
 - d. Communication committee. Several community members are interested. **ACTION:** Tricia will form the committee and chair it until the Engagement Director position is filled, starting with terms of reference.
 - e. Events
 - i. Diwali debrief
 - 1. Some people were confused by the timing "8-9 pm," while the show was from 8 to 8:15 p.m. It was a good initiative that met the objective of disseminating information about safe fireworks. Tricia was left to do the cleanup with one other volunteer. Some people were too close. We needed to do a better job of securing the perimeter.
 - ii. Winter Fun Day - February 1, 2025
 - 1. Steve organized vendors, tents, food, sleigh rides x3 hours, skating, and firepits. **ACTION:** Permits next, and volunteer call out.
 - iii. AGM - March 5, 2025
 - 1. Tricia is negotiating school rentals. The school offers 7:30- 9:30 p.m., and we prefer to use the Library space. **ACTION:** Tricia will send notice to members by email and on the website by Feb 12. Steve will work on the Annual Report, and Manoj will work on the audit.
5. New Business
- a. Allard Traffic - 41st Ave
 - i. Mike reported on recent meetings with Councillor Rice and City of Edmonton staff. 41st ave might get an expansion in a decade. Allard, Chappelle, and Desrochers were represented at the meeting. The last time a traffic assessment was done was in 2022 (during pandemic conditions), so the next step is a new traffic assessment which is planned for 2025. NRC can provide other community contacts. Community member and former board member Diana Powell has been working on bringing attention through local media interviews and meetings with Councillor Rice. Cavanagh traffic is being driven through Allard. Rutherford is avoiding Henday at 111 St. We could explore other mitigating measures, like reducing cars on the road, providing traffic course/driver training/road safety as a membership benefit, or sand/gravel for icy conditions (perhaps HOA role).

ACTION: Mike will prepare something to advocate for higher priority with the City. Mike will contribute information to the January member update.

- b. Rink Shack repairs
 - i. Steve reports that roof repairs cost \$300 and were completed by a professional roofer, but we still need to demo the interior. The window in the door will also be repaired. **ACTION:** Steve will start permit and community-led project
- c. Outdoor Rink season start.
 - i. Dec 1st start is the earliest in memory for Allard Rink! Volunteers will be flooding tomorrow.
 - ii. Steve applied for and was granted an EPCOR grant for \$800. Purolator will deliver it. As part of the program, we must post about stormwater safety on social media.
 - iii. **MOTION** to ratify applying for EPCOR Grant
Moved: Tricia Jenkins
Seconded: Ryan MacNeill

CARRIED

- d. Allard HOA AGM was Nov 18
 - i. Tricia left the Allard Survey at the HOA AGM. Chelsea is the new Secretary of the HOA and is actively communicating with us. It sounds like they have a full board. We would like to have a liaison at each other's board meetings, and Ryan is interested in taking some turns.
 - e. EFCL Regular General Meeting Nov 28  RGM 2024 Package.pdf
 - i. The Code of Conduct for Leagues was on the agenda, which might impact us in the future. Jon Morgan is stepping down from EFCL and SWAC and is looking for a replacement.
 - f. Community Assisted Snow Removal Grant / General Information
 - i. For Information only, as no volunteer stepped up to lead the initiative for Allard
6. Round table.
- a. Tricia - covering Communications, Membership/Volunteer, wrapping Canvas committee,
 - b. Manoj - nothing to add
 - c. Ryan - getting caught up
 - i. The Essential Allard AGM was recent—snow removal was a topic there, too. There are 86 units right next to the park.
 - d. Mike is looking forward to growing the league
 - e. Akosua's recent focus has been on the Allard Community Garden
 - f. Steve reports there are a bunch of new rink volunteers willing to help. The rink keys have been shared. Two guys are flooding.
7. Future Agenda Items
- a. Rink Shack repairs
 - b. Outdoor Rink open/closed updates - Duggan has it right at the top of their website
 - c. Communication channels via HOA, condo boards, apartment management
 - d. Newsletter
8. Date of Next Meeting - we will figure it out on What's App  Jan 15, 2024
1. Adjourn 7:30 pm