

West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association AGM
June 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Calgary French and International School

Board members in attendance: Lars Lehmann, Sandra Dragich, Wayne Kubasek, Carrie Smith, Tom Malyszko, Don McLeod, Dionne Batchelor, Don Nicholson, Trish Cardell- Robertson.

Regrets: Sheldon Ibach, Chris Tattrie, Cara Griffeth, Kevin MacDonald.

City of Calgary Community Representative: regrets-John Merriman.

Ward 6 Alderman: Richard Pootmans

Community members in attendance: Mary Mcleod, Mario Forcinito, Jayne Holmes, Roger Holmes, Julianna Brandee, Malcolm Brown, Brian Seo, Ansley Wenburg, Michael Waslychuk, Sandra Waslychuk, Wendy Miller, William Hayes, Gertie Hegholz, Mike Soloway.

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Lars Lehmann at 1900 HRS.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes from AGM held June 8, 2010: The WSCR agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion made by Wayne Kubasek to accept the minutes from WSCRCA AGM June 8, 2010, seconded by Tom Malyszko motion carried.

Agenda/Presidents Report

Agenda: New item added to agenda Ward 6 update-Richard Pootmans.

Presidents Report: Lars

Highlights of the past year:

- Large amount of man hours spent on development issues this past year- see development for summary. Thanks to Wayne for all his hard work this year.
- WSCRCA Stampede Breakfast held at West Springs Village and sponsored by Fergus and Bix and the merchants of West Springs Village raised \$3,737.85 with \$2000.00 donated to Alberta Children Hospital and balance of proceeds applied to WSCRCA sports programs. This year's breakfast will be held on July 9, 2011 at West Springs Village please join us.
- Charitable Chuck Wagon Stampede Breakfast held at St. Joan of Arc fields in Springside last July went well. Thanks to Corbin and his crew for organizing a successful breakfast.
- Soccer program was a huge success this year with 500 kids registered and saw the addition of U10.
- Lots of garbage collected at our annual Community Clean-up held on June 18, 2011. Approximately 250 vehicles came through. Thanks to Don Nicholson for organizing.

Presidents Report continued:

- In-roads have been made with Winsport to provide WSCR CA membership holders with a 200.00 discount on a Winsport family pass. The family passes is regularly priced at \$1200.00, WSCR CA members can purchase a pass for \$1000.00. We hope to work with more winter sports groups for community discounts.
- There are plans for some ice time to be set aside at COP for WSCR CA use, which may be dedicated to a grass roots hockey program & family skate time.

Agenda Item

Treasures Report: Dionne

Financials for the past fiscal year

- Creation of a second bank account was required by AGCL regulations to hold the casino funds raised. The casino nights raised \$66, 000 for the Association. No money has been allocated or spent to date.
- Membership income up 12% mainly due to an increase in soccer registration.
- Stampede Breakfast saw \$3,737.85 raised and \$2,000 donated to the Alberta Children's Hospital with the remaining amount – to WSCRCA sport programs.
- Expenses \$2000.00 to ACH, \$1200.00 to soccer and \$10,000.00 donated to West Springs Elementary School for their playground.
- 30 % increase in soccer costs this year due to additional equipment purchased for the U10 age group (soccer nets).
- Revenue breakdown added to spreadsheet to reflect donations by local business. Many thanks to our local merchants who sponsor us.
- Motion made by Mary McLeod to accept the financials for 2011, seconded by Don Nicolson, motion carried.
- Next Casino planned for first quarter of 2012.

Agenda Item

Development Report: Wayne

Since last year's AGM, there has been a lot of activity within our Community boundaries:

1. Traffic lights finally went in at 85th St SW and 9th Ave SW making this intersection much safer for all, especially pedestrians and cyclists. Twinning of 85th St north to Old Banff Coach Road has finally been completed, thanks to cooperation from neighbouring landowners in providing the ROW necessary to get the job done ahead of when street construction normally occurs (at parcel re-development time).
2. Development permits were recently approved for the commercial and retail (western) portions of the two 5 acre sites on the NE corner of 85th St SW and 9th Ave SW. Construction is expected to start this year on one or both parcels. This will create some traffic disruptions from time to time on northbound 85th ST SW north of 9th Ave SW. Development permit applications are also in progress with the City for the central portions of these two properties. The central portion of the parcel adjoining 9th Ave SW would consist of a multi-family residential development while the next parcel to the north would consist of a 3 storey office building in the central portion of that parcel. Development of these two parcels will be a key part of what will be the vibrant commercial and retail core of West Springs/Cougar Ridge.

Development Continued:

3. Westland Estates on the south side of 9th Ave SW is under construction. That will pose some traffic difficulties for some time on 9th Ave SW but is an inevitable part of a developing community.
4. Less visible is the start of residential developments in Coulee Way Estates and the Landings at Cougar Ridge, both on the escarpment north of Old Banff Coach Road and east of 77th St SW.
5. Construction of the subdivisions west of 85th St SW and north of 9th Ave SW are nearing completion. These neighbourhoods are a major addition to the fabric of our community. Construction has started on the Petro-Canada gas bar/car wash and convenience store at the corner of 89th St SW and Old Banff Coach Road.
6. The Paskapoo residential development adjacent to Cougar Ridge is also under construction. As part of this development, the north end of 85th St SW will be re-built as well as a new street westbound bordering the COP/teahouse area. This road (with access to COP facilities down the hill) should be available for use later this summer. Also, the AltaLink overhead transmission lines within the area of development will be buried by year end.
7. Development is underway on the 20 acre West Grove development of single family housing by Bri-Mor on the south side of 10th Ave east of 77th St. Land Use approval for the most easterly 5 acres was just recently approved in a public hearing on June 13th.
8. City Council passed a motion June 7th, 2010 calling for the City to proceed with the potential closure of 10th Ave west of 73rd St to about the 76th St alignment to vehicular traffic. That resulted in a Land Use application by Bri-Mor, developer of adjoining West Grove Estates to close that section of roadway. WSCR CA has supported the application as consistent with Council direction (approval of Bylaws and ASP Amendments) along this corridor since annexation, and consistent with the creation of scarce green space within a regional pathway corridor. The public hearing for this application is expected to be July 4th, 2011.
9. A Land Use application was approved for the re-development of the 10 acres north of 10th Ave SW and west of 73rd St SW. This approval includes the construction of the extension of the 9th Ave SW collector road between 77th St SW and 73rd St. SW, all as contemplated and provided for in the ASP for our community. Construction of the 9th Ave SW extension would relieve traffic pressure on Weston Drive SW and provide a direct link to our community core.
10. A land use application was filed to re-develop the 5 acre parcel on the SE corner of Old Banff Coach Road and 85th St SW. The application for a mixed commercial, retail and multi-family redevelopment would require an ASP amendment to increase residential density. The application is on hold pending a much broader initiative from 20+ landowners and the City to create a broader plan (and ASP amendment) for most/all of the remaining acreages north of 9th Ave SW and between 77th St SW and 85th St SW. Any ASP amendment to increase density would require extensive public consultation before being submitted for approval. WSCR CA is interested in a more comprehensive plan for this area rather than piecemeal re-development of 5 acre parcels and awaits more details from both landowners and City Planning on this initiative.

Development Continued:

11. Also, we are receiving queries about the re-development of an acreage along 11th Ave east of 77th St SW. There are 14 acreages along this strip that are within WSCR CA boundaries and one or more of these could be re-developed at any time. When re-development occurs, 11th Ave SW will re-open to Wentworth Drive to the west and access to Coach Hill Road will be closed. The key question along this corridor is whether to support staying within current ASP density, i.e. 3-5 units per acre, or to consider an ASP amendment for higher density of say 5-7 units per acre.
12. The latest land use application involves re-zoning of 4 acres on the SE corner of 77th St SW and 10th Ave SW into a variety of R1 detached home lots. Some aspects of this application, e.g. houses with front garages that would have driveways crossing the regional pathway for access to 10th Ave SW, are unacceptable to WSCR CA.
13. The commencement of construction on the Global Centre for Human Values, a teaching and spiritual retreat, based on Tibetan values, is not yet known. This will be located on the east side of 85th St between existing Cougar Ridge homes and the escarpment. Most of the area will be environmental reserve with relatively low profile institutional buildings below the escarpment, pretty much out of sight lines of existing Cougar Ridge homes.
14. Development progress for the Paskapoo Slopes Natural Environment Park on the escarpment has remain stalled this past year due to negotiations with WinSport on the proposed transfer of much of the Open Space within COP to the City to significantly enlarge the effective footprint of the proposed Paskapoo Park from a public perspective. Some of the open space to be transferred would be dedicated to cycling and cross-country skiing trails in partnership with WinSport.
15. The ongoing use application (and related ASP amendment) to re-configure and expand Winsport re-development along the Highway 1 corridor (per February 2011 Open Houses) to include retail and commercial development appears to be finally going to Calgary Planning Commission in July. Re-development and expansion of WinSport facilities will provide additional recreation and sport opportunities for our community.
16. Provincial open houses were held in 2010 regarding Ring Road (Stoney Trail) extension between Highway 1 near COP and Highway 8. This freeway will eventually run north-south in the Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) along the western edge of our community and would involve an extension (and expansion) of Bow Trail westward to connect to the ring road. Construction is unlikely to start on this segment until the SE portion of the ring road is completed circa 2013.

Questions from the floor:

Q: Is a sidewalk planned for the south side of 9th Ave SW east of 85th Street SW?

A: There will eventually be sidewalks on each side of 9th Ave SW, but unfortunately, it is each developer's responsibility to pour sidewalks and that only happens when development takes place. We hope to have development begin on the NE corner of 9th Ave and 85th St SW begin this year and thus a sidewalk on the north side as part of that.

Questions from the floor continued:

Q: No sidewalks in place on the west side corner of 85th Street and Bow Trail SW, any plans for one?

A: That will depend on when development takes place and the expansion of Bow Trail at that intersection. It is up to city how that will look and when. Expansion of 85th St to two lanes just before the intersection at 85th St SW and Bow Trail will depend on the owner who lives there as this is private land.

Q: There is a traffic bottle neck at the lights on 85th Street and Wentworth Drive SW- west of St Joan of Arc School before and after school hours. Cars parked on the north side of Wentworth Drive SW are holding up the queue to exit left onto north 85th Street, what can be done about this?

A: The city is looking at installing no parking signs at this area between the westernmost access point to the townhomes there and 85th St SW. Additionally once 81st Street SW re-opens there will be residential street parking available on 81st St for ad hoc drop off and pick up for the school (there will be access to the regional pathway at the south end of 81st St). This should alleviate some traffic congestion.

Q: Any plans for an off leash dog park in our community? Also, an increase in dog feces has been seen on the pathway system and green areas.

A: There was some City indication of an off leash park at the south end of our community months ago but status is unknown. Check with the City of Calgary regarding new off leash areas via 311 or check www.calgary.ca. There is not much we can do about dog feces as it is up to individual dog owners to remove dog feces and deposit them in the garbage.

Q: What about signs indicating dogs must be kept on leash like there is in some communities, e.g. to the south of us?

A: We will look at the possibility of funding such signs as the City does not provide such signs – they only provide signs that identify ‘off leash areas’ because the default standard is otherwise ‘on leash’. We also may need more strategic placement of garbage cans so that dog owners do not dispose of their dog feces bags along pathways and streets.

Q: How do we get rid of graffiti?

A: Call City of Calgary’s 311 number to report it. If removing yourself, please see graffiti removal tips at the City of Calgary website at www.calgary.ca.

If graffiti is on public property, phone 311 to record it and/or remove it within 72 hrs yourself, this way it will discourage more graffiti and it is easier to remove fresh paint. If on private property, phone 311 right away for similar reasons as the owner of the property has the responsibility for removal. If on a power box call Enmax, or postal box- notify Canada Post – or call 311 as well as these are also private property. WSCRCA held a graffiti workshop sponsored by the City of Calgary a few years ago that was successfully attended by community members. If anyone is interesting in spearheading a graffiti committee for WSCRCA speak to Lars after the meeting or send an e-mail to president@wscr.ca

Questions from the floor continued:

Q: Can more garbage cans be placed in public areas?

A: This is a responsibility of the city. Call 311 to request.

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Ward 6 update: Alderman Richard Pootmans

- Graffiti is a precursor to bad behaviour “broken window theory” District 2 Police encourage removal. If not removed, it encourages the graffiti to go further-please report to Graffiti Abatement Program. Graffiti is enforced under the Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004 (68KB)section19. See link at: <http://content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Animal+and+Bylaw+Services/Bylaw+Services/Bylaws+of+interest/Graffiti/Graffiti.htm>
- Meeting with 9th Ave Homeowners group June 22, 2011 at 0830 am.
- Bicycling strategy-City of Calgary plans to enhance pathway systems over next 2-3 years getting more people to the core via bicycle. Currently 4% of traffic is by bicycle.
- New solar powered pedestrian crossing pilots to take place in selected communities. If successful this will cut costs as installation of the old signs involve digging and pouring of concrete and installing electrical connections. 85th Street and Cougar Ridge Drive SW may be the site of one new crossing pilot.
- New technology out for noise snares. Calgary has a high threshold for noise levels the new noise snares will de-politicize noise complaints and be more objective. Data will be derived from 311 calls.
- Bow trail extension downgraded from an artery to major road and will likely be 4 lanes west of 85th St., not 6 lanes when and if it is built. City policy is not to have interconnections of streets like 73rd St or 77th St SW to arterial or major roads like Bow Trail.
- Three open houses have been held for the new West LRT Line. This is a 1.4 billion dollar expansion; there will be no more express routes. Any concern with the feeder routes please send in your comments, community input is needed. City of Calgary Police Service providing information sessions on public safety regarding the south west LRT they are addressing concerns about platform safety and vagrancy.

Questions from the floor:

Q: Snow and ice removal was a problem this past winter at the north side of 17th Ave and Sirocco Drive SW.

A: When you observe an issue with snow and ice removal at city bus stops please notify my office.

Q: Any plans for snow clearing of regional pathway systems in the winter time?

A: Not at present but it is an issue that the city is interested in as part of the City of Calgary bicycle strategy.

Questions from the floor continued:

Q: Who is looking after many of the small environmental reserves in our community? Small patches of trees have become over run with briar bushes many of the trees are rotting and falling over.

A: Initially this is the developer's responsibility to look after green spaces until handed over to the area's Residents Association.

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Fund Raising and Sponsorship Report: Lars for Kevin

Sponsorship:

The West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association (WSCRCA) contacted local businesses to offer sponsorship opportunities. In 2010, a total of \$8644.30 was raised through the sponsorship campaign donations.

- Recognition was provided to all of our sponsors.
- Every publication of the WSCR newsletter included the sponsor's name.
- Our website www.wscr.ca hosted sponsors logo to our home page.
- A link from our website to the sponsor's website was placed on www.wscr.ca
- All community event hosted our sponsor's logos.
- All sponsors were able to display a sticker/crest stating they were a "proud 2010 WSCR CA sponsor" on their front door and their website.

Through the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to purchase our soccer uniforms, to run the children's summer camps, to donate supplies and funds for our community cleanup, tournaments and other events. Many of our 2010 sponsors' played a key sponsorship role in the Charity Stampede Breakfast.

Fundraising:

Charity Stampede Breakfast

A charity breakfast was held July 10, 2010 in the parking lot in front of Fergus and Bix. Attendees paid a 5 dollar donation which raised a total of \$3,737.85. The merchants of West Springs Village (NW corner of 85th St. and 9th Avenue) with a few other key sponsors covered all the costs of hosting the event. A \$2,000.00 donation was made to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and the balance of the proceeds was applied to WSCRCA sports programs.

Charity Casino at Stampede Casino:

Under the auspices of the Alberta Gaming and Lottery Commission, WSCRCA was assigned to operate a charity casino at the Stampede Casino on October 24 and 25, 2010. Twenty-five dedicated WSCRCA members volunteered to cover shifts for two days. The result of their volunteer efforts provided \$66,104.22 to the West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association (WSCRCA).

Fundraising and sponsorship report continued:

In our original application to AGCL, the WSCRCA stated, "The proceeds of the charity casino will underwrite the expansion of the social, recreational and community programs plus develop new programs and services which will benefit greater numbers of residents.

A formal poll of the association members and information collected will be conducted later in 2011 to determine which new programs and /or expansions are highly desired by the community association. The proceeds of the charity casino will cover the costs of this poll as well as the support the resulting programs."

Another charity casino has been booked for 2012.

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Sports Report: Lars for Sheldon

- We had another successful soccer season for ages U4-U10 with 500 kids enrolled this year. New to the program this year was the addition of U10 boys and girls team.

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Membership Report: Carrie

- Membership increased by 12% this year mainly due to soccer enrolment.
- Current membership number is 462.

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Election of Officers and Directors

President: Lars Lehmann 2 year term

Vice President: Wayne Kubasek 1 year term

Secretary: Sandra Dragich 2 year term

Treasurer: Dionne Batchelor 1 year term

Directors at Large

All 1 year terms

Carrie Smith

Chris Tattrie

Tom Malyzsko

Don Nicolson

Trish Cardell-Robertson

Cara Griffeth

Brian Seo

Nominations from the floor:

Mike Soloway nominated Mario Forcinito and seconded by Jane Holmes for Director At Large.

Roger Holmes nominated Mike Soloway and seconded by Mario Forcinito for Director At Large.

Election of Officers and Directors continued:

All positions acclaimed members of the Board.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Wayne Kubasek, seconded by Sandra Dragich, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2043.

Signed by the President _____ on _____ 2012

Signed by the Secretary _____ on _____ 2012