

EAST VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn (711 4 St SE)

CHAIR: KEN PEACH – WELCOME

Land Acknowledgments – *honoured to live and work in Treaty 7, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, comprised of the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations; the Tsuut'ina First Nation; and the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations. The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.*

- Thanked everyone who joined in person. Informed attendees that we are recording this meeting and video will be available on our website in the upcoming weeks.
- Presented Housekeeping Items & Safety Moments
 - Please keep masks on for the duration of the meeting.
 - Light Refreshments are in the back of the room.
 - Washrooms are to the left of the room and down the hall.
 - Reminded attendees to sign in and pick up the documents available; the agenda, the Report to Community booklet, 2019 AGM minutes, blackline Bylaws, and a voting placard.
 - Clarified that you need to be a registered member to vote at the meeting.
- Reviewed agenda and noted the process for voting.
- Requested that if possible, save non-agenda item questions to the end Q&A.

INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD

- Tom Jenson, Vice President
- Jenn Machin, Secretary
- Allison Hay, Treasurer
- Ashley Rode, Marketing & Communications Director
- Alain Dupere, Member at Large (sends regrets)
- Chris Greenwood, Member at Large (sends regrets)

Made first call for Board Nominations from the floor.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion to call meeting to order:

Motioned: Jenn Machin

Seconded: Tom Jenson

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

- Confirmed that Jenn Machin will record minutes of October 2020 AGM.
- Confirmed that Terry McKenzie will act as Scrutineer for the meeting.

QUORUM

Scrutineer confirmed that we have quorum; 18 voting members & 5 Directors. A quorum of members is present at a general meeting if there are at least five directors and 12 voting members, other than Directors, present.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2019 MINUTES

Motion made for minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting to be approved and accepted into record.

April 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motioned: Jenn Machin

Seconded: Alexandra Chan

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

Made second call for Board Nominations from the floor.

- Thea Panaguiton joined via Teams and put in name in for nomination to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MOTIONS

- The Financial Statements and the Report, consisting of unaudited financial statements are available for examination on pages 10 – 12 of the Report to Community.
- EVNA finds itself in a good financial position as a not-for-profit society. With continued prudence we will be setup to support the community for many years to come.
- We saw a healthy increase in our portfolio for the twelve months of 2019.
- The board has taken the time in 2020 to review our finances, confirmed all filings are completed and up to date, reviewed policies and procedures, and have updated our accounting software.
- Additionally, we have contracted a firm, Evergreen Business Solutions, to maintain our records.

Motion for the Board to be given authority to appoint an Auditor prior to the next Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 7.3.

Motioned: Allison Hay

Seconded: Shelly Tupper

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report and the unaudited Financial Statements of the East Village Neighbourhood Association for the year ending December 31, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Motioned: Tom Jenson

Seconded: Shelly Tupper

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

REPORTS TO COMMUNITY & COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECOGNITION

Planning Committee, presented by Tom Jenson:

- EVNA received and responded to ten (10) Development Permits in 2019, and four (4) in 2020 so far. The majority of these have been changes of use, outdoor patios/cafés, and signage.
- 2019 saw the opening of The Hat, EV's first purpose-built rental tower, the new cycle tracks along 4th Street SE, the Bounce Games Park and M2 also opened its doors.
- 2020 has seen 5th&Third, EV's big-box shopping centre, & its anchor tenant, The Real Canadian Superstore, opened its doors in May.
- Still to come:
 - Arris tower construction is scheduled for completion this winter.
 - The Platform Parkade and Innovation Centre, on 9th Avenue at 3rd Street, has reached its full height and aims to be completed in early 2021.
 - Earlier this year, Carya announced Village Commons. Renovations to the space within EV Place have begun, and it is scheduled to be open in early 2021.
 - The new Green Line LRT alignment has been finalized, bringing an underground station between 4th and 5th Streets SE along 11 Avenue in Victoria Park.

Event Committee, presented by Ken Peach

- During 2019, EVNA's events committee planned and hosted six summer events:
 - Spring Bicycle Clinic,
 - Neighbour Day | Tea in the Square,
 - Kite Day,
 - 5th Street Square Movie Night,
 - King Eddy Hotel Rooftop Movie Night, and
 - Purge & Splurge, our community garage sale.
- Our EV Street Fair Committee planned and successfully ran our 2019 EV Street Fair on Canada Day. We have already engaged an Events Management Consultant to work with our Events Committee to plan, manage, and run our 2021 Street Fair.
- Our 2020 events were cancelled due to COVID but we maintain a positive outlook for much more community involvement and events in the upcoming year.

Garden Committee, presented by Susan Hooper

- Thanked Stan, volunteer handyman, and Tina, garden register, for the support and help they have given, and continue to give, for the maintenance and administration of the garden.
- Noted that Allison Hay will be the garden register for 2021.

- Thanked Tom Jenson for the redevelopment of the website that allows residents to register and includes lots of information.
- Referenced the Report to Community on page 17 & 18 for more details.
- Returning gardeners on November 17th, new on March 1st. Currently have 11 plots available for 2021.
- Allison Hay noted the work and organization that went into making the garden COVID 19 compliant.

Discussion from the floor:

- Question about expanding the number of plots.
 - Response from Board:
 - Looked into about three years ago and to add about 10 – 12 lots would be quite expensive, exceeding \$25,000 and would need an approval process through CMLC.
 - Will continue to look at the possibilities.

Volunteer Recognition, presented by Allison Hay

- Susan Hooper is an integral resident of the East village for many years, in fact, it was Susan who as Secretary in 2011 helped establish and then filed the East Village Neighbourhood Association with the Province! Susan gives freely of her time, experiences and skills, serving in various roles on the Board and within the neighbourhood.
- Congratulated Susan on her retirement in June of 2020.
- EVNA also thanked Stan Furber and Tina Furber.
- Honoured the hours of organization, the volunteers they've provided, the equipment that has been quietly fixed. EVNA and the community thanks each of them very much and extend our gratitude.

Business of the Week Initiative, presented by Ashley Rode

- As a board, we were looking for ways to support our local businesses and provide something fun and interactive for our EV neighbours.
- EVNA came up with the Business of the Week Event Series that ran from August 3rd to October 18th.
- This program provided support for local business and gave our East Village locals chances to win prizes. We had a total of 29 winners and showcased eleven local businesses!

Revitalization Committee, presented by Ken Peach

- In June 2020, EVNA established an ad hoc committee to review and examine the functioning and operations of the association for the purpose of how these can be clearly established, committed to, and communicated for the revitalization of EVNA.
- The team started meeting weekly on June 18 and here are the current efforts:
 - New vision, mission, and values statements, and a new website - yycevna.org!
 - Established and rolled out Microsoft 365 as our in-house toolset for EVNA.

- Engaged a new web-hosting service to provide an updated website, manage our memberships, and supply other functions for communicating with and supporting our members;
- Engaged a financial accounting firm to provide bookkeeping services for EVNA; and
- Engaged a marketing and communications firm to provide EVNA with a branding structure that will be consistent across print and digital materials.

VOTING OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Tom Jenson presented and read out the bylaw amendments being proposed. EVNA also provided attendees with blacklined documents, and the changes were presented on the screen.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EVNA Bylaws be amended as follows:

1. Section 3.1.1 (pg 5) be repealed and replaced with the following:
 - 3.1.1 There are two (2) categories of Members in the Association, being:
 - a) Resident Members; and
 - b) Business Members.
2. Section 3.2.1 (pg 5) be repealed and replaced with the following:
 - 3.2.1 A Resident Membership may be obtained by an Individual living within the established borders of the Association. A Resident Membership in good standing entitles a Member and their Dependents to:
 - a) participate in any and all programs of the Association if eligibility and space allow;
 - b) access to any paid activities of the Association for a discounted fee relative to persons who are not Members;
 - c) the right to participate and vote at any duly constituted General Meeting; and
 - d) the right to audit meetings of the Board, subject to clause 7.5.1; and
 - e) stand for nomination or appointment as a Director, provided that any such Resident Member must have paid the applicable Membership fee and be registered with the Director responsible for Membership a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to that meeting, nomination or appointment.
3. Section 3.3 (pg 6) (Associate Members description) is repealed. This term is repealed in Section 3.3 and any subsequent articles.
4. The term Corporate Members will be replaced with Business Members. This term will be replaced in Section 3.4 and subsequent articles.
5. Section 3.5.3 (pg 6) (Membership cards) is repealed.
6. Section 3.8.1 (pg 8) be repealed and replaced with the following:
 - 3.8.1 Each Member shall give notice to the Association in a timely manner of any change of that Member's postal address.
7. Section 5.1.1 (pg 14) be repealed and replaced with the following:

5.1.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than five (5) and not more than nine (9) Voting Members, and shall be elected on the basis prescribed under this Article 5 by those Voting Members as are present at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Section 6.1.2 (pg 15) be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.1.2 If fewer than nine (9) members are elected at the Annual General Meeting, the Board shall have the power to appoint additional Voting Members to the Board, to the maximum of two (2), upon two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the Directors present at any duly constituted Board Meeting.

9. Section 6.4.3 (pg 18) be repealed and replaced with the following:

6.4.3 Every Officer shall be a Resident Member of the Association.

Discussion from the floor:

- Susan Hooper suggested the following edits:
 - Under 3.4.1 specify that Business Membership should include registered society or charity to make it clear.
 - After a bit of back and forth, the new wording is:
“Business membership is defined as a registered business, society or charity. Business Membership shall be open to one (1) representative, representing one (1) business which actively conducts business within the boundaries of the Association. A Business Member may not vote in an election or participate in any other determination at a General Meeting, and may not seek or hold office in the Association, but otherwise has the same rights as a Resident Member.”
- Question asked if the meetings are open to the public.
 - Response from Board:
 - Yes they are. They are held the last Tuesday of every month. If you have a specific discussion item, contact us and we will add you to the agenda.

Updated Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EVNA Bylaws be amended as read with the changes as discussed.

Motioned: Tom Jenson

Seconded: Shelly Tupper

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

Discussion from the floor:

- Questions from the floor confirming that Directors need to be resident members and that there needs to be 7 members. Noted that two of our Directors have not had the best attendance and our bylaws note possible removal if they have missed three consecutive meetings.
 - Response from Board:
 - Confirmed that the board bylaw regarding removal of Directors is at the “discretion of the Board”.
 - The Directors have had more than acceptable reasons for their absences that the current board wholeheartedly accept.

- Those Directors also have an extensive history in the community and the association. The knowledge that we gain from them outweighs any absences.

Motion to accept the Community Reports as presented into official record.

Motioned: Allison Hay

Seconded: Terry McKenzie

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

PRESENT BOARD NOMINEES

- The following slate of names is being presented for election to the Board for a term serving until the Spring 2021 AGM.
 - Ken Peach, Tom Jenson, Jenn Machin, Allison Hay, and Ashley Rode are standing for re-election.
 - Addie Suchorab and Thea Panaguigon are standing for election.
 - Addie and Thea presented brief verbal bio to the board and the attendees.

Made third and final call for Board Nominations from the floor.

VOTING ON BOARD

Motion for Ken Peach, Allison Hay, Tom Jenson, Ashley Rode, Jenn Machin, Addie Suchorab, Thea Panaguigon, be elected as Directors of the East Village Neighbourhood Association for the ensuing six months or until their successors are appointed or elected.

Motioned: Shelly Tupper

Seconded: Susan Hooper

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

Ken notes that two of EVNA's current Directors have decided to step down this year. They have all served on the Board in a variety of capacities for many years. We thank Alain Dupere and Chris Greenwood for their outstanding commitment and hard work over the past years.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Shelly thanked Ned as he is here reporting and taking pictures for the November 2020 Community Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Board notes their thanks for the business that helped this AGM happen; First on Colour and the Hilton for hosting.

Motion for the meeting to be adjourned.

Motioned: Ashley Rode

Seconded: Jenn Machin

Accepted: All in favour. Motion is carried.

Secretary Note: The full video of the AGM is also available for viewing on our website: yycevna.org