



Date: February 16, 2023

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m MST via Hybrid (via Zoom and In Person)
Avonmore Community League Hall

Attendance:

Jenn Parsonage, (District L), President / Chair (IP)
Giselle General, (District E), Vice President Internal (IP)
Jon Morgan, (District J), Vice President External (Z)
Kemoh Mansaray, (District A), (Z)
Steven Gaudet, (District C), (IP)
Joshua Wolchansky, (District F), (IP)
Morgan Wolf, (District G), (IP)
Lesli Olsen, (District I), (IP)

Guests / EFCL Staff:

Carla Johnson, City of Edmonton (Z)
Suprabha Shrestha, U of A Practicum Student (Z)
Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director (IP)
Sandra Jonston, Board Development Advisor (IP)

Minutes Recorded by Marjorie Stefanyk

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

Joshua Wolchansky delivered the land acknowledgement, adding the importance of being mindful of the reasons for and purpose of this practice.

2.0 Welcome and Introductions

J. Parsonage welcomed everyone and introduced Suprabha Shrestha, a U of A presently doing her practicum with EFCL. She was invited to speak briefly about her background and area of study, which include specializing in mental health issues, in particular depression and anxiety. She will be working with 70 Leagues over a year.





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3.0 Review of Agenda

L. C-Shpeley added an in camera session on the Camrose Casino to item 13.3.

Motion 23-02-16-01: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of January 12, 2023

4.2 Letters - PDC Letters

Motion 23-02-16-02: That the consent agenda be approved as written.

Carried

5.0 News From the City

- The City currently is running a survey on possible future changes to the Community Sandbox program up until March 10, 2023.
- Pop-Up Community Gardens is taking applications until March 1, 2023.
- The Safe Crossings Program is expanding to include 100 more projects for 2023 with the goal of 400 safety upgrades by 2026.
- The ACT Aquatic and Recreation Centre will be reopening on February 14, 2023 after major renovations.

Following her report, C. Johnson was asked several questions by Board members on varying subjects which she promised to look into with the City and have responses for the next Board meeting. She then left the meeting.

6.0 WGM Debrief and Special Meeting

6.1 SGM for Budget Approval

6.2 Parkallen Community league Motions - Proposed Next Steps

Board members provided feedback on the WGM including positive comments about the breakout rooms.

At the WGM there was a commitment made to hold a special general meeting to approve the budget prior to the AGM in June. As well there arose three notices of motion from Parkallen to vote on which were:





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- b) Review and update Conflict of Interest Guidelines to reflect the Province of Alberta's guidelines, Identifying and Managing Conflict of Interest.
- c) The EFCL organize workshops on residential zones of most interest to leagues (for example RS Zone, RSF Zone, RM Zone) to equip for advise level engagement on the final draft of the proposed Zoning Bylaw to be held in September 2023.

Responses from EFCL:

- a) Item 8 on the agenda addresses this motion.
- b) EFCL has a Conflict of Interest Policy and a Code of Conduct, which also deals with conflict of interest. The policy defines conflict of interest as both real and perceived and, therefore, meets the standard outline in the document provided by Parkallen. It was noted Parkallen did not have access to the policy when formulating their motions.
- c) Currently there is one workshop on the zoning scheduled for March 28, 2023. If there is sufficient interest, another workshop can be scheduled for mid-April. If EFCL can shift the March 28 workshop to more closely fit the need identified in the motion to provide Leagues information on the proposed residential zones allowing Leagues to provide input to the City consultation, this would meet the requirement of the motion.

It was recommended that Parkallen be provided information on the Planning and Development Working Group (if passed by the Board), the Conflict of Interest Policy, and the agenda for the March 28 and potential mid-April workshop in order to understand if these actions satisfy their motions.

Motion 23-02-16-03: Be it resolved that the EFCL hold a Special General Meeting on April 4, 2023 with 2 agenda items: the 2023 EFCL Budget and the three Parkallen notices of motion.

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L. Olsen / S. Gaudet

Carried

Next steps: The meeting package will be sent on March 15, 2023 to comply with the necessary 21 day notice period. J. Parsonage, L. C-Schpeley, L. Olsen, and S. Johnston will arrange a meeting with the Parkallen executive.

7.0 Audit, Finance and Funding Committee

7.1 Amended TOR

7.2 Budget Presentation for SGM

The amended Terms of Reference were provided by A. Lunden. The phrase “**and revenue sources**” was added to the Mandate and number seven “**(identify and evaluate new sources of EFCL revenue for approval by the Board)**” was added to Responsibilities.

Motion 23-02-16-04: Be it resolved that the amended Audit Finance and Funding Committee Terms of Reference be approved as written.

J. Wolansky / G. General

Carried

The Q3 Financials Budget was shared with the Board. L. C-Schpeley offered to review the document with the Board, but it was decided members could do this on their own in preparation for a vote at the March Board meeting.

8.0 Planning and Development Committee

8.1 Planning and Sustainability Committee Proposal

8.2 Amended TOR

At the WGM interest was expressed by Leagues to once again have a Planning and Development Committee. Notice of Motion was presented: “**Revive the Planning and Development Committee with one member from each EFCL District appointed by the EFCL Board upon recommendation from Leagues in the District pending review of potential candidates for real or perceived conflict of interest.**”

The recommendation was for the EFCL Board to consider moving forward with a committee that addresses both areas of planning and sustainability which have many areas of common interest such as bike lanes, walkable neighbourhoods, and neighbourhood planning.

It was agreed by the Board to include the term “sustainability” in the title and add the word “Community” to the title for clarity. It was noted that a working group is an ad hoc committee established by the EFCL Board of Directors pursuant to the EFCL Bylaws.





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Motion 23-02-16-05: Be it resolved that the EFCL approve the Terms of Reference for the Community Planning and Sustainability Working Group.

J. Wolansky / A. Lunden

Carried

9.0 Board Development and Nominations Committee

9.1 Committee Membership

There were Board member vacancies on the following committees: Audit, Finance and Funding; Human Resources; Board Development and Nominating Committee; Recreation Development; Planning and Sustainability. There were volunteers to fill these vacancies and motions to accept followed.

Motion 22-02-16-06: Be it resolved that Joshua Wolansky be appointed to the Audit, Finance and Funding Committee.

J. Morgan / G. General

Carried

Motion 22-02-16-07: Be it resolved that Steven Gaudet, Giselle General and Kemoh Mansaray be appointed to the Human Resources Committee.

M. Wolf / J. Morgan

Carried

Motion 22-02-16-08: Be it resolved that Kemoh Mansaray and Anita Lunden be appointed to the Board Development and Nominating Committee.

J. Morgan / M. Wolf

Carried

Motion 22-02-16-09: Be it resolved that Morgan Wolf and Lesli Olsen be appointed to the Recreation Development Committee.

J. Wolansky / J. Morgan

Carried

Motion 23-02-16-10: Be it resolved that Jenn Parsonage and Anita Lunden be appointed to the Community Planning and Sustainability Committee.

G. General / S. Gaudet

Carried





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10.0 Recreation Development Committee

Report Update

J. Morgan provided an update. A meeting was held on January 20, 2023.

Priorities established for the year are:

- Continue to connect with new sports organizations to benefit Leagues, the EFCL and Edmontonians to bring local sports closer to home.
- Support arts-based opportunities to connect with Leagues.

L. C-Shpeley attended a one-day SPARC conference. SPARC is a collaborative initiative working to strengthen community grassroots sports in Alberta.

11.0 District Updates

- Meetings: Regular District Area Council meetings were held. District C held an election and their representative on the EFCL Board was confirmed. District A has not held an election yet. District J has started rotating chairing by different League presidents at their district area meetings. Some districts have begun planning for their AGMs.
- Sport and Recreational Events: Some Leagues have begun planning for soccer, as well as community gardens. The bowling night in District G was a success, resulting in interest shown in future volunteering and good connections made with League members. Planning for Community Day has also begun. District E is looking into arranging fireworks.
- Plans and Projects: District G is proposing purchasing and setting up a “Street House” in the form of a winterized greenhouse. Casino proceeds could cover a major part of the expense. Several districts are planning fundraising projects.
- Connections: District representatives have been making efforts to connect in person with Leagues. Volunteers and new board members are being sought. District J has been focusing on building membership, aiming for inclusion and representation and greater diversity.

12.0 Upcoming Provincial Election

12.1 Advice to Leagues

A document entitled “Your League and Navigating Federal, Provincial and Municipal Elections” will go out to all Community Leagues as a guide to following EFCL’s Code of Ethics in preparation for the upcoming provincial election. It warns against promoting or supporting a candidate or party running for office during an election.





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13.0 Reports

13.1 President's Report

J. Parsonage reported on meetings she attended during the past month, including one on External Complaints and Reviews, to be discussed in camera.

13.3 Executive Director's Report

- New initiatives: Flag Football (Northern Alberta Flag Football Association). Attended SPARC Alberta Leaders Roundtable.
- Meetings with external stakeholders: Antiracism grant funding co-organizations; Tamarack; Night Economy consultants for Explore Edmonton; Arts Council (Sanjay Shahani); Africa Centre Open House (with J. Parsonage and J. Morgan); United Way Community Impact Strategy Consultation; Camrose Casino.
- External presentations: Community Planning Advisor (to the Urban Planning Committee); Insurance session hosted by NFP and Markell Insurance; Community and Public Services Committee regarding the award to EFCL for the Anti Racism Community Safety funding.
- Engagement with internal stakeholders: Met with District C/Clareview Area Council Representatives and Horse Hill Community League to present an update on Steven Gaudet as District Representative as well as new boundaries.

13.2 External Complaints Report (In Camera)

13.3 Camrose Casino (In Camera)

The Board went into camera at 8:59 p.m and came out at 9:22 p.m

14.0 Termination

The meeting terminated at 9:22 p.m.