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Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 — QACL Hall

The Queen Alexandra Community League will hold its Annual General Meeting on May 28th, 2008 at 7:00pm. The AGM will be held at the Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue).

Under its bylaws, and its registration under the Societies' Act, the League is required to hold an Annual General Meeting to report to the members on past and future years' activities. These reports will include the audited financial statements for the 2007 fiscal year.

Elections for the League's Board of Directors will also be held. To help ensure continuity, the League Executive is elected to two year terms on a staggered basis. This year, the Executive

positions of President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary are up for election. The 1st Vice-President and Treasurer have another year remaining in their term. The Chairs of all Standing Committees are elected every year. If you are interested in serving on the League Board, please forward your interest to info@qacl.ca. Nominations from the floor of the meeting will also be accepted.

Members' Appreciation Dinner

The Annual General Meeting will be preceded by the Annual Members' Appreciation Dinner at 6:00pm at the Community Hall. Please RSVP to Judy Troyer at 433-9258 or membership@qacl.ca.

Hall Renovations Complete Hall Use Policy to be Reviewed

With the completion of the renovations to the Community Hall, we are once again actively renting the hall. To ensure that the hall is being used to enhance our community, a committee has been struck to review & recommend changes to our Hall Use Policy. In the interim, rental fees have been increased to \$60 and \$150 depending on hall use.

The renovations included a refit of the kitchen and washrooms, the addition of an accessible washroom, and installation of a garden door.

The kitchen refit included the installation of a commercial dishwasher and fridge, new electric and gas stoves, new vent hood, sink, and stainless steel island.

In the washrooms, water-conserving fixtures such as dual-flush toilets, and sensor-activated faucets were installed.

Thanks again to Ann Brown for making these renos happen.

Come to the AGM and check out the new and improved Hall!

For Hall rental inquiries, please contact Carl at 439-9046.

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vacant

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Diane Millar

Membership

Judy Troyer

Building and Grounds

Ann Brown

Publicity

Russ Miyagawa

Program

vacant

Sports

vacant

Social

vacant

Hall Rental

vacant

Meeting Notes

Synopsis of the March 26, 2008 QACL General Meeting. Full minutes are available on request from info@qacl.ca

Volunteer & Board Recruiting

Kim reported that, at the next AGM, the terms of president, 2nd vice-president and secretary expire. Diane reported that she would continue to serve as planning chair if she can populate her committee. Judy and Russ tentatively indicated that they will continue in their current position.

Annual General Meeting

AGM is scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, May 28th. Member Appreciation Dinner will precede the AGM at 6pm.

Lead Pipes

New 15ppb Health Canada lead in water guideline puts 5000 homes in Edmonton in non-compliance. Edmonton Sun reported that some of these homes are in Queen Alexandra. Inquiries should be directed to EPCOR at 412-6878.

Treasurer

Kim reviewed financial reports distributed earlier by e-mail. There is a need to develop a sports program subsidy policy. Kim thanked Russ and Diane for their work related to a Revenue Canada inspection.

Membership

Judy reported that QACL currently has 99 members.

Publicity

Community Endeavours (special needs adults) program will distribute for 10 cents per unit and require a one-week delivery window. CE will also provide cleaning and snow clearing services. Delivery to all residences will begin in the fall. Website is up at qacl.ca or queenalexandra.ca.

Building and Grounds

Contractors have submitted their final invoice. Ann has requested permits. Windows have not been adequately completed. Payment will be held pending satisfaction. New mat service is in place.

Blues Society has been locking cupboards without permission. They've requested permission to locate a storage cabinet in the hall. Northern Lights has permission to lock cupboards in the kitchen. Ann will inquire with fire department about the official hall capacity. Myles will draft a letter to Northern Lights requesting assurance of compliance with fire code regulations.

Planning and Development

Debaji's application was introduced to City Council today. Developer requested postponement until April 28th to remedy their issuance of a deficient notice. Developer has no plans to change the application. Judy reported that two new members are interested in planning and transportation.

OSACC News

Weaver's Guild has moved into

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Queen Alex Planning Report

by Diane Millar

On April 28, city council unanimously approved the "Brownstones" development between 108 Street and the Breast Centre on 109 Street, between 72 and 71 Avenues. They made a few amendments to the developer's proposal, none of which served their stated purpose of lessening the impact on the neighbours.

The closest neighbours are a duplex in one corner and single family houses on the other, all of which share property lines with the Brownstones (6 apartment buildings between 3 and 5 stories high). They will be allowed to be built only 3 metres from the property lines. The impact on the existing properties and their occupants will be enormous both during the construction phase and when completed. I won't go into more detail as this rezoning has been described in great detail in past newsletters.

Most of us feel that inner city neighbourhoods like Queen Alexandra must accept high density in order to curb urban sprawl. That's true. What's missing in this latest approval, how-

ever, is any regard, respect or consideration for those living immediately next door and down the avenues. It is counterproductive and could discourage people who may be considering buying a home in an area like this when you have no idea what could go up next door.

Just before our hearing, council unanimously approved the rezoning of swaths of agricultural land for residential use. The city seems to have no method in place to curb urban sprawl other than intensifying the core. If the type of infill we are seeing was at least accompanied by real policy limiting outward expansion of city limits, it would be more palatable.

These are fascinating issues. If you are interested, let me know and I will add you to the Queen Alex Planning email list. There are many opportunities also to become involved more actively.

Diane Millar is the Chair of the Planning Committee. She can be reached via email (preferred) at dsmillar@telusplanet.net or phone at 439-2755.

Queen Alex Website Launched

Queen Alexandra Community League has launched its brand new website at www.qacl.ca.

Visit the site for the latest community news, events, and updates. Also available will be general information on member-

ship & community league programs.

League members will also be able log in and download meeting minutes and reports.

For more information, please visit www.qacl.ca or contact Russ at info@qacl.ca.

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Strathcona Community League Hall. OSF is going to issue a statement on The Trench. Terry Kettleson will utilize unspent funding. Trinity Lutheran Thursday dinners are continuing. Hope Hunter is retiring. Miro's April 11th volunteer recognition dinner. There will be a summer playground leader at MacIntyre Park. Ritchie School closure.

Central Area Council

Written report distributed by e-mail (available on website).

News from the City

There will be a feasibility study to determine if Queen Elizabeth pool can be accommodated at Kinsmen. Program information on May/June bike safety courses and Spring Break Camp was also distributed. Diane will bring wading pool retrofit information to the next meeting. \$185K is budgeted for each pool for six underground sprays. Tipton Area/Tipton Park site needs a re-development vision.

Upcoming Meetings

May 28, 2008 — AGM

June 25, 2008

The Community League holds its general meeting on the last Wednesday of every month except July, August, and December. All League members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held upstairs at the Community Hall, and begin at 7:00pm.

Bicycle Safety

The City of Edmonton and your Community League are teaming up to run the following programs:

Ride To Survive

For Children 5 – 12 years (ages vary depending on location)

Stay Safe While Having Fun! Basic Bicycle skills and rules of the road. (no training wheels please).

4 Wheel Drive

For Children 3 – 6 Years (ages vary depending on location).

This class is for children who love biking and are still on training wheels! Children learn how to stay safe while having fun on their bike!

For both programs participants are required to bring their own bike with a bell and helmet.

Dates and Locations:

May 10 Kenilworth Arena
8313 68A Street

May 14 Parkallen C. L.
11104 65 Avenue

June 1 Millwoods Park
23 Avenue & 66 Street

June 14 Millwoods Park
23 Avenue & 66 Street

June 18 Ritchie
7727 98 Street

Registration Information:

By Phone 496-4999 press 2

In Person Any City of
Edmonton Leisure
Centre

Online eReg.edmonton.ca

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City of Edmonton Summer Programs

The 2008 Registered Program Guide will be delivered to all elementary schools and public libraries in late April. Registration for all registered programs begins on May 5th at 8:00 a.m.

To register for a program please call 496-4999 Press #2, or go online to ereg.edmonton.ca or drop by any City Recreation Facility.

Didn't get a copy of the Guide? Visit www.edmonton.ca/daycamps

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Summer at

My Favourite Park

Queen Alexandra

By the playground

73 Avenue & 108 Street

Monday to Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

July 2 - August 21

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