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Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE : November 21, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Shane Bergdahl
Edo Nyland
Sandra Mueller

Gunda Murray
Fred Powell

Bob Gerlock
Rocky Feroe

EFCL Staff:

Russ Dahms

Gulshan Jiwaji

Guest:

Kathy Barnhart, CS, CoE

Absent

Don Kuchelyma

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Shane Bergdahl at 7:20 pm.

2.0 Agenda Review

11-21-01 Moved: "That the EFCL Board approve the November 21, 2006 Agenda as circulated."

By: Bob Gerlock / Fred Powell

Carried

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2006

11-21-02 Moved: "That the EFCL Board approve the EFCL Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2006."

By: Sandra Mueller / Bob Gerlock

Carried

4.0 Urgent/Protocol Items

There were no Urgent / Protocol items for discussion.

5.0 Exemptions

11-21-03 Moved: "That the recommendations on all items be passed with the exception of the following (which are exempted for debate)."

By: Rocky Feroe / Sandra Mueller

Carried

Exemptions:

- 6.1 Financial Report**
- 6.2 Community Services**
- 6.3 Executive Director**
- 6.4 Planning and Development Report**
- 9.1 EFCL Structure Review**
- 9.2 Human Resources Policy Detail**
- 9.3 2007 March AGM**

6.0 Reports

6.1 Financial Report Summary

11-21-04 Moved: "That the EFCL Board receive the financial report for October 2006 for information."

By: Rocky Feroe / Sandra Mueller

Carried

Community Day Volunteer Appreciation expenditure issue was again brought up by Rocky and further discussion took place. Shane suggested to bring this matter up at the January 2007 Board meeting for further discussion whether to continue with the Community Day in future. Shane also assured her that the 2007 event would be closely monitored as far as the expenses are concerned.

6.2 Community Services

11-21-05 Moved: "That the EFCL Board receive the Community Services written report for October for information."

By: Rocky Feroe / Edo Nyland

Carried

Kathy Barnhart distributed copies of report on 'Edmonton's Children and Youth' produced through a partnership between Success By 6®, The City of Edmonton and the United Way. She added that the report has very good statistical information that the community leagues could use and plan their programs accordingly. She also added that this report is available online as well.

Shane thanked Kathy on behalf of the EFCL Board for making the report available to the board members and added that he was sure that the information would be put to good use. Kathy concurred with Shane's suggestion that the EFCL and the City could partner together in the future on another joint project.

6.3 Executive Director

11-21-06 Moved: "That the EFCL Board receive the Executive Director's written report for October for information."

By: Rocky Feroe / Fred Powell

Carried

Russ went over his report and addressed questions raised by members on Community Garden Network, Talent Show, etc. Pros and cons of the EFCL running a Talent Show event particularly were discussed at great length. Shane and Russ requested the board members to promote the 2007 Talent Show in every whichever way possible.

Russ reported on the District G meeting he attended and also stated his intention to attend the next District G meeting on February 1st, 2007 at the Alberta Avenue Community League Hall.

6.4 Planning and Development Report

11-21-07 Moved: "That the EFCL Board receive the Community Planning Advisor's written report for October for information."

By: Edo Nyland / Sandra Mueller

Carried

Edo Nyland reported that the Mature Neighbourhoods Action Group is progressing well with the formation of the Steering Committee now in place.

Planning initiative process is making progress thoroughly.

He gave an update on the contaminated sites issues, Policy C521 and also referred to a letter he has written to the City after attending the general meeting. He stated that he would recommend to the Planning Committee that they reject the ramification of the C521, that the board had proposed tentatively, on the grounds that the City did not meet with its promises. Kathy was of the opinion that different avenues of resolving these matters should be explored. Shane suggested that a meeting be set up with Edo, Ben Henderson, Russ and Brian with a view to having further discussion.

Kathy Barnhart left the meeting.

7.0 Work In Progress

There were no updates to report.

8.0 Decision Items

8.1 December Board Meeting and Christmas Open House

RECOMMENDATIONS

11-21-08 Moved: "That the EFCL Board recommend

1. That the December 14th Board meeting commence at 6:30 pm to be followed by a Christmas Open House at 7:30 pm
2. That City Council, Edmonton MLA's and representatives of EFCL's committees, partner organizations and business affiliates be invited (approx. 150 total) to the Open House."

By: Edo Nyland / Bob Gerlock

Carried

Russ enquired if everyone had looked at the invitees list emailed earlier and if any names needed to be added or deleted from the list prior to mailing. The list was altered by board members to include some more names.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 EFCL Structure Review

Shane gave a brief update of the meeting held on November 6, 2006. From his point of view it was a good initial meeting except that had the attendance been better it would have had a greater impact and perhaps some different insights. He stated that there were varying opinions as to whether the EFCL should be involved and likewise whether the Area Council, Presidents Council should be involved and in what way they could contribute. Lots of ideas were discussed and dismissed. No solutions were found and at this initial stage none were expected but at least it was the start of the dialogue. Another meeting was scheduled before Christmas failing which in January 2007. Russ added that most of the discussion centered around what it would look like but there was no opportunity to discuss how this could be achieved. Shane said that if we have two meetings in January then he would like to put it before the membership at the 2007 March AGM to give them a chance to make some comments.

9.2 Human Resources Policy Detail

The Human Resources Policy was discussed and Russ answered questions raised by the members.

Russ also announced that Jody Harries has been hired as an Administrative Assistant as from December 1st, 2006 as Rebecca Uloth was leaving.

9.3 2007 March AGM

Shane informed that he has invited Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) Society to give a brief presentation at the 2007 March Annual General Meeting. He stated that since they are just starting out in Edmonton and as they are offering a much needed service we should give them an opening to talk at the AGM as well as to go to other community leagues for presentations. At the same time Shane requested the board members for suggestions for key note/anchor speakers for the 2007 AGM and RGM.

Discussion on awarding door prizes, a tradition at the EFCL AGMs and RGMs, took place. It was decided to discontinue this tradition but comments, if any, regarding its omission be gauged.

With the Council Election on October 15th next year and the RGM a week thereafter, Russ queried if he should put in a request through the Mayor's office to prebook whoever is appointed the Mayor and invite him to come to our October Regular General Meeting. It was agreed to go ahead with Russ's suggestion.

Bob Gerlock left at 8:35 pm.

A copy of the *'Parliamentary Procedure At A Glance'* (New Edition) was distributed to the Board members.

Gunda Murray walked in.

Russ also presented samples of the visuals of the revised EFCL logos for the new EFCL website to the board members for their feedback.

10.0 Notice of Motion (next meeting)

There were no notices of motion.

11.0 Private Matters

There were no private matters for discussion.

12.0 Next Meeting/Announcements

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2006 at EFCL Office at 6:30 pm followed by a Christmas Open House at 7:30 pm

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Approved:

Shane Bergdahl, President

Gulshan Jiwaji, Recorder