

Dunmore Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 7, 2020

Rusty's Bar & Grill

Present: Olivia Whenham, Jody Phillips, Nicole Johnson, Shevaun Perrault, Donna Basso, Scott Plouffe, Angela Adby, Jenna Riess, Dawn Day, Amy Edmonstone, Alyssa Stork, Steven Toews, Dan Hamilton

Meeting called to order by Shevaun at 6:37pm

New Business:

Rotary Club Tree Project – Krista Notenbomer & Chris Perret presenting

Walking Trails – Dan Hamilton presenting

BMX Track – Steve Toews presenting

Review of Previous Agenda and Minutes:

Motion: Amy made motion to accept the agenda

2nd by Jenna – passed

Motion: Scott made motion to accept the previous minutes

2nd by Donna - passed

Treasurer's Report:

Nicole reported current balance of \$39,716.70 (September Statement)

Two City of Medicine Hat bills, water – all auto-debit

Treasurer's bin was explored, society returns back-logged – not filed since 2018

Sept/20 GST not filed yet – will get code to website

Action: Nicole to get the returns up to date

Action: Nicole to file GST (usually receive approx. \$15 back quarterly)

Motion: Olivia made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

2nd by Dawn - passed

New Business:

Rotary Park Tree Project – Presented by Chris Perret:

2 years ago a project was conceived to plant 100 trees. City of Med Hat was not responsive, but Cypress County came on board. At the time, the project stalled but is now back in motion. The County, with Wood Engineering drafted a plan South of the track from Eagle Butte School. Park is going in with a trail that connects both sides of Dunmore by the mailboxes.

Plan is to move mail boxes off the road and create 4 parking spots. At a “Y” in the trail, add a seating area and lights along the trail. The rest of the park will be native vegetation, with irrigation installed for trees (drips).

Project set to implement Spring 2021 with an estimated budget of \$170-\$180,000. Financing of project by Rotary Club, Cypress County, and a grant (\$90,000). If grant is not approved, project may be split into phases, or fundraising may come into play.

Community Grass Roots – supplying trees and digging in roots

Community volunteers may assist with planting and staking of trees. Also may implement a “buy a tree” program (\$200-\$350/tree depending on type), may put in a monument for the project.

Path through park will have asphalt and solar lights. Asphalt will hopefully come out of project funds, but Dan stated that there are additional funds earmarked by the County for paths that could be designated for this if necessary.

Walking Trail – Presented by Dan Hamilton:

County is doing maintenance on the trail from Eagle Butte High School to the Co-op. Will be raising it to avoid watershed, and may tie the West to East sides of Dunmore. Eventually, paths may extend from Dunmore all the way to Redcliff uninterrupted.

Adding a walking trail adjacent to Tshp 120 is not feasible as the speed limit would have to be dropped from 80km/hr to 60 km/hr and the AB Gov won't allow this.

Discussion of path on the outskirts of the East side of Dunmore. Dan said this would be under Wild's development plan and may come to fruition in the future. Another 185 lots to go in E of Dunmore (minimum half acre lots for septic requirements).

Overall, paths goal set for Spring 2021 to coincide with Rotary Park program above. Also working on a cross-walk (flashing lights) where paths cross from E to W.

BMX Track – Presented by Steve Toews:

Steve has been involved in building the Medicine Hat BMX track, as well as another one by spearheading volunteer efforts. He reviewed the BMX track proposal and cited a few concerns:

1. Proposed track is for older, more experienced riders requiring a higher skill level (this is a twin track to the one at Elkwater)

2. Safety concerns for younger riders
3. The jump section is facing directly into the wind, as opposed to having the wind at the rider's back (optimal)
4. Cost is much higher than need be, there are opportunities to do it much cheaper
5. Footprint – too small (current is 26x29m, recommends double)
6. Design – boring lines, recommends a clover leaf design for variety

Explained that track is maintained with rakes, with portions paved (hills and turns), and there needs to be a water source nearby to keep dust down. Recommends a soil tack (like Elmer's glue) that keeps the dirt waterproof for a year or 2 and saves on maintenance.

Group discussed that track should be designed in a progression for all ages/capabilities, with a focus on the 7-12 yr demographic.

Steve is willing to take the lead on this as a community project if we can get volunteers for equipment and labour. DCA will need to cover cost of clay, clean landfill, and soil tack. Estimates project could be done for approx. \$5000.00.

Action: Dan to find out about insurance/liability

Action: Jenna to post FB poll to find out level of community interest in project

Motion: Nicole made motion to approve FB poll on behalf of DCA

2nd by Amy - passed

Old Business:

Authorizations:

Shevaun reported that the utility bills have been changed over with the City of Medicine Hat, and last meeting's minutes have also been provided to Cypress County with new director names in place. The new board can now make changes/request info as needed from either group.

Bylaws:

Donna reported that reviews are ongoing. Obvious changes/updates have been noted so far, but there will be upcoming discussion of the more complicated issues.

Park Maintenance:

Shevaun reported that she has been in contact with Kelly (last name TBA), who has been doing the park maintenance for the DCA for a few years. He is paid \$1500/mo from May-Aug seasonally. He receives 1 cheque for the season (not installments). This covers mowing, weed eating, emptying garbage cans, ball diamond maintenance, and overseeing AquaSpray who blows out the sprinklers in the fall (approx. \$65). Kelly advised that the sprinklers on the W side stopped working in 2016 due to crumbling irrigation. Est \$50,000 to repair. He wants to know if he can count on the contract for next season.

Dan confirmed that the operating grant for this maintenance is paid by the County.

Suggestion made to leave contract with Kelly at minimum for the 2021 season until we have a better understanding of the DCA's responsibility for maintenance. Decisions on putting position out to tender for following years can be made once all information is at hand.

Motion: Nicole made motion to approve Shevaun and Scott to have more detailed discussions with Kelly, work out a clear scope of work, and create a contract for Kelly which will cover the 2021 season.

2nd by Donna - passed

EagleRidge Sign:

Olivia updated on the Eagleridge Sign North of the School. Cited concerns over the sign size and impediment to sight lines. Discussion arrived at the creation of a "Sign Committee" to further look into the matter and enter discussions with the County as needed. Will also look into pedestrian/crosswalk signs. Olivia and Jenna volunteered.

Motion to approve Olivia and Jenna for the Sign Committee by Amy

2nd by Angela – passed

Next meeting: November 12, 6:30 at Rusty's Bar & Grill

Adjourned by Shevaun at 8:10 pm