***MRCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

**Date:**  June 2, 2015

**Minutes:** Steve Kelly

**Attendees:** Jeff Nichol, Geraldine Nolan, Susan Peterson, Jodi Morel, Debra Law, Charlene Prickett, Jim Waugh, Diane Vertz, Sarah Shaikh, Solange Dunn, Alexis Haliburton, Peter Haley, Steve Kelly

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm

**Business of the Meeting**

1. Approve agenda:
   1. Moved by Susan/seconded by Geraldine/approved
2. Approve May minutes:
   1. Moved by Geraldine/seconded by Charlene/approved
3. Committee Reports
   1. Treasurer (Susan)
      1. No major items to report
      2. AGLC – funding request has gone in; awaiting response
   2. Traffic (Jodi)
      1. Preliminary proposal for 8th Street reconfiguration
         1. Opportunity to work with City as they re-do 8th Street underground infrastructure (timing uncertain … within a year?)
         2. Funding
            1. canvassing door-to-door
            2. amended casino fund application seeking $10k, with balance from private sources
         3. Q&A
            1. connection to Safer Calgary (Dutch group)
            2. what is being provided in $20k study
            3. ability to integrate Safer Calgary design with City project
            4. implementation of 8th Street project (Bow R to 17th Avenue)
         4. Action items
            1. Peter to provide questions re. 8th Street proposal and Jodi to work with Safer Calgary (Greg) prior to discussion with Councillor Woolley
   3. Events (Sarah/Solange)
      1. Wine & Cheese (May)
         1. ~48 attendees; broke even
         2. Some feedback suggested less of a sales pitch would be preferable
      2. Stampede BBQ (June 30)
         1. Food will be hot boxed meals (beef on bun, beans, etc) & Fiasco Gelato truck
         2. Budget similar to 2014
         3. Non-member ticket price set at $25/pp if accompanied by members; no charge for members
         4. Estimating attendance of 300; caterer is flexible
      3. Progressive Dinner (October 24)
         1. Looking for hosts
   4. Public Open Spaces (Charlene/Jim/Diane)
      1. Neighbourwoods (June 13)
         1. Trees will be delivered to MR Station; small team engaged for delivery help
      2. Parkland meeting at site (Parks, Cliff Bungalow CA and MRCA (Jim)) on May 30
         1. Parks keen to get moving on project
            1. Clear hedges, rehab around large spruce, work with communities
            2. Question about basketball net left on property
         2. Katherine Evamy letter
            1. Trees blocking view; site completion; dead trees
      3. Park/connectivity
         1. Jim has info on connectivity to Elbow Park & river; Glencoe hill
         2. Trail has already been cut for most of the route
      4. Minor clean-up (June 14)
         1. Targeting traffic circles; planting in island on 10th Street
   5. Safety (Steve)
      1. Reviewed crime statistics through May 2015
         1. Assaults, thefts, theft from vehicles all up, due to playoff crowds on Red Mile
         2. Arrests of Calgary vehicle theft ring in mid-May; multiple charges laid
   6. Newsletter (Jeff on behalf of Michelle)
      1. Next deadline September 12
   7. Facilities (Alexis)
      1. No change to rental fees for fall bookings
   8. Membership (Geraldine)
      1. Membership count 353 as of June 2; ahead of last year
      2. 30 more for tennis through end of year
   9. Development (Peter)
      1. Appeals
         1. Murphy property (707 Royal)
         2. Another project on Montreal
4. Business Plan (Jeff)
   1. Cathi Groves (City) will need priority line items
   2. Community wellness
      1. Discussed how to help community members who have suffered serious hardship
      2. Use of resources (newsletter/membership list) to direct efforts
      3. Board members encouraged to consider options to enhance community wellness
5. New Business – none
6. Next Meetings
   1. Monthly meeting – September 14
   2. AGM – November 18
7. Adjourn at 8:45pm