

Attending

- Laura Dudas
- Ian Chamberland
- Joe Zebarth
- Kaitlyn Demasi
- Brent Lawrie
- Satinder Sahota
- Lisa Margeson
- Bill Horne
- Ali Yassine

6 p.m. - Laura called meeting to order and provided brief summary:

- Splash pad history:
 - o Previously on three separate occasions the BCA has put out a call to residents to develop a working group, while assessing public interest. In all three instances, expressions of interest on social media didn't translate into attendance at a meeting or response via email.
 - o The BCA established a Facebook survey to gauge public interest in particular locations.
 - o BCA board member Ali Yassine previously did preliminary work to determine the feasibility of a splash pad and potential location.
 - o Recently a resident indicated interest in a splash pad via Facebook. She attended a regular BCA meeting, a which time Councillor Jody Mitic indicated he had approached City staff and confirmed that funding was available. He committed \$100,000 from the Cash-in-lieu of parkland fund, another \$100,000 from the city coffers. He requested the BCA match contributions with an additional \$100,000 making a total investment of \$300,000.
 - o No other details were available at the time.

The following discussion items were broached by the board members present:

- A splash pad would be a welcome addition to the community. A large number of people in the community would be thrilled. IF we could make a splash pad and a dog park happen we could make a significant impact.
- Why 300,000? Why so much? What is the breakdown of costs and what happens if the project is under or over budget?
- Does this match our strategic priorities. Are we throwing out other priorities? The reason it was a medium priority item was due to the cost, so does that mean with it costing less do we adjust our priorities.
- IS IT EVEN ON THE PRIORITIES LIST - ? (The answer was yes it is, but ranked as a medium priority based on the time and cost associated with a project of this nature).
- FREE is a requirement. Maintenance. Are "we" committing to long term cost? Who is liable if someone gets injured?

- What is creating this urgency? Is it simply because the money is being offered. Are we being forced to spend money other communities. Is this funding available beyond this year, does it have a time limit or any other limitations?
- Interest on Facebook does not translate into real support.
- Where would this be?
- This is a make spend... other community associations would not get this offer because we have the funds. It is a long term benefit for a significantly lower cost than at any other time. If you build it – they will come.
- For every dollar you spend, you get 2 invested. Make sure the BCA required investment doesn't go over 100,000 or the agreed amount when things are finalized.
- Do we need mass approval from the public or can we proceed with approving the investment as a board?

In summary:

- The city supports a splash pad and is willing to allocate these funds. The councillor is willing to contribute. The BCA is interested and is willing to match those funds.
- However, the BCA must do it due diligence and shouldn't make a decision without looking at all the priorities. And then reassess and see what we are giving up or what will have to be reduced/delayed.
- It will be a requirement of the BCA funding that the BCA is recognised as a large part of this project.

Action items:

- Laura will find out the councillor's deadline for a decision.
- We can set the date for a follow-up meeting for the BCA with more answers and set aside time to hammer out the details and possibly event vote.
- Laura will send out the previously approved strategic priorities document that we will be amending.
- An article will be submitted to the BANAR about the BCA's participation in the splash pad and next steps depending on the outcome of the next BCA meeting and vote.
- The BCA will be a partner with the city in public consultations going forward.