



Village Community Association

Annual General Meeting

April 17, 2024

Vice-President Report

By Carol Perrin

1. Nominating Committee

In accordance with the VCA By-laws, a Nominating Committee was formed following our General Meeting in October. The committee consists of three members: Mona Babin, Pat Klotz, and myself. The positions up for election in 2024 are: Vice-President, Treasurer and Recording Officer. We are happy to report that we have secured nominations for all three positions.

We are however saying goodbye to Ann Hill who has been in the role of Recording Officer since early 2023, and has decided not to seek re-election due to her schedule. We would like to thank Ann for all her work and contributions to the VCA! See you in the hood!

2. The Village Round Table Committee

In October 2023, as VP of the VCA, I joined the Village Round Table (VRT) Committee and attended their meeting. In terms of background, the VRT was formed as a result of the report of the Forward Planning Committee in 2016, and was established under the umbrella of the VCA to provide a forum for Village residents' "street-level" concerns. Having a member of the VCA participate in this committee provides a good liaison between the two.

3. Wildlife in The Village

Many of you will recall the Spring of 2022 when coyote interactions in The Village were frequent (and unsettling to say the least). At that time, a

Coyote Task Force was created, and rifled attention was paid to this issue over the course of several months. Many initiatives were taken, of which the most important was arming our residents with knowledge on how to prevent coyote interactions, and 'what to do' if you encounter a coyote. Since then, the situation has greatly improved with few issues reported in 2023, as well as 2024 (so far). It is not to say that coyotes no longer roam our community, or that they have not been seen at all, but there have not been any reported encounters or interactions with them.

Our ongoing focus is to remind and encourage our residents to be vigilant with respect to eliminating food sources. We continue to publish newsletters and remind our residents of the VCA's website which houses invaluable resources in a page dedicated to this topic. We have clearly been successful but we will continue to monitor this situation and we will act accordingly. We are grateful to all of you who have adhered to the recommendations and who have worked with us to mitigate this matter.

4. The Village 25th Anniversary

The 25th Anniversary of the Village was definitely a personal highlight for me. I was able to sit with Sally Harmer, one of the "founding residents" and go over numerous photos of the building of her home on Elizabeth Street, all while listening to the tales of construction in this new development. These photos also showed the Village as a field in 1998, before any ground was broken. I was able to collect many photos of "then" and "now" which now reside on the Village website as an amazing archive. It was also an absolute pleasure to meet resident Nigel Napier-Andrews, an established writer, producer, blogger (etc etc!) who volunteered to write the story of The Village, which also resides on our website. The crowning moment was the gathering organized by our fabulous Social Committee in Dietsch Park in July, where several of the original residents were recognized, cake was served, music played, and heartfelt words were conveyed.