

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

December Community Meeting

December 11, 2012

Call to
Order

DECEMBER meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:06 by Kirt. Seconded by Bobbie Clark.

1. Review and Acceptance of 2012 AGM Meeting Minutes

Meeting Update – any issues, things to change? Consensus: good.

Bobbie: you don't need to accept AGM notes until AGM 2013.

Deferred.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership – Shirine Lund

Report from Membership Committee Chair

Meeting Update – membership:

131 members.

- 104 members have emails
- Considered good coverage
- 14 senior members have accepted our offer of free membership, 4 paid

During canvassing in August, we did a survey to gauge people's feelings with us increasing membership fees to \$10 from the current \$5.

Feedback:

- 80 yes
- 20 no
- 17 missing data
- 117 participated

Survey results will be reviewed by the board and a decision will be made by the board whether to increase fees in time for the next membership drive in August.

From our membership drive, we collected \$595 from membership fees and \$130 in donations, for a total of \$725. Funds have been handed to the treasurer.

A question was asked about raising membership fees. Response from board: our expenses exceed our revenues today. Kirt: DLI is the main expense

which puts us into deficit (\$585 expense, per annum); Natalie investigated to see whether it makes sense for us to continue with DLI.

2.2 Treasury – Bonnie Fischer

Written Report - Kirt and I met at the Bank of Montreal to change the signing authority to the Treasurer (Bonnie Fischer) and the current President (Kirt van der Woude) because of the elections at the AGM in November.

Martina and Michael audited the 2012 financial statements in November. Once the audit was complete I gave the originals to Kirt to be submitted along with the Societies Annual Return to the Registrar of Corporations, which has been done.

The bill for the FCC (Federation of Calgary Communities) membership is due January 31st, 2013. Last year it was \$236.25 based on a membership between 100 and 299 members.

The deposit required for the community sign is \$1400.

The bank balance is \$23,343.01.

Written Report - Erlton History Book - The reproduction of the History Book turned out very well. I have wrapped a copy to present to Alderman Carra for his help with developments and other projects in Erlton. I had 22 copies reproduced. There were orders for 16 paper copies and 6 CD's with a possibility of 2 more paper copies to be ordered.

Meeting Update – Since Alderman Gian-Carlo could not make it, will deliver the book at next meeting.

2.3 Development

2.3.1 Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

Written submission - Bill Fischer is unable to attend this meeting. He has provided the following update on development in the community:

- 55 - 28th Ave SW - 3 unit multi-residential - on hold, the City is waiting for a response from the applicant as the result of the review and comments
- 3020 Erlton Street - semi-detached to 4-plex conversion - on hold, the City is waiting for revised plans from the developer
- 78 - 34th Ave SW - 2 building 3 unit multi-res - the City is reviewing revised plans submitted by the developer

If anyone wants to see the original plans we received, or discuss these developments, please contact Bill Fischer at 403-266-2842 or erlton@shaw.ca

Meeting Update – no updates.

2.3.2 Report from Jeremy Yawney, Traffic Subcommittee Chair

Written submission - I will be spending the next couple of months:

- Putting together a survey that will be sent to members of the Erlton Community Association. The survey will be designed to (a) establish what

traffic issues exist in the community (if any) and (b) suggest potential solutions to assess the appetite for solving traffic issues.

- Sending out the survey and analyzing the responses

Meeting Update – issue regarding upgrades specified in Macleod Trail Study ([link](#) –editor), particularly regarding proposed overpass at 25 Avenue SW. Some ECA members attended open house and the overpass was mentioned. The problem with an overpass is that it as an overpass. The city’s justification seems to be that higher C-Train traffic would justify. Community is very much against the concept but it is still on the books, as a long-term item.

At the same time, the long-term plan is for 17 Avenue to go through grounds and connecting with Olympic Way. Perhaps an alternative is to bury the C-Train all the way from the cemetery to downtown. No one in the city has been too keen to adopt this idea to avoid the 25 Ave/Macleod proposal.

Consensus is that the city should be more creative.

Jeremy to follow up.

Kirt suggests we speak with Gian-Carlo to come up with a presentation for the community association for next meeting.

Kirt has concerns with the chicayne having parking on both sides. In the old days, parking was allowed on the west side, but not east side. Parking introduced on both sides to slow traffic down. Some parts are still limited. Some potential solutions about not parking in specific parts of Erlton.

Jeremy has concerns about speeds on Erlton.

Natalie to Jeremy: let’s coordinate and put some thought into something in the survey we’ll be sending out. Question about timing, Natalie response: in January, potentially.

Jeremy: what kind of response have we seen in the past? Shirine: 41 responded to sign survey (1/3 of membership). Kirt volunteers to assist.

2.4 Parks & Recreation – Denise Dixey

Written submission - I will be spending the first few months of winter:

- Establishing contacts with various City groups (ie SW Parks Superintendent, Natural Areas, Urban Forestry, etc.)
- Making myself aware of any programs that may be of advantage to Erlton (ie planting, City Parks Foundation)
- Looking at potential areas for a prospective Tot Lot in an effort to expand our playground amenities
- River Clean Up will likely be held in May 2013. Some thought will be given to how we will organize the event. Contacts will all interest groups will be established (Talisman, CBMCA)

Meeting Update – question about tot lot. Kirt: update later in playground section.

3. New Business

3.1 Community Engagement Survey (AKA Needs Assessment Survey) – Natalie Kwadrans

Written submission - This is a survey that will allow the ECA Board to better understand the community's needs. This information can then be used to develop a short and long-term strategy for the Association.

Completed

- Reviewed the “Community Programs and Services Needs Assessment 2012”
- Reviewed two other community surveys as examples:
 - West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association 2012 Survey
 - Aspen Hills Recreation Survey Summary January 2012
- Reviewed the [Alberta Recreation Survey](#)

In progress

- Drafted needs assessment survey and circulated for Board for input
- Timelines to be confirmed

Summary of key statistics for Erlton

- Population change (2011)
 - Dropped 2.5% (to 1,231) between 2007 and 2011
 - Expected to grow 11.4% (to 1,371)
- Age distribution (2011)
 - 48.0% are between 25-44 years old
 - 30.8% are between 45-64 years old
 - Only 5.4% are 14 years old or younger (67 children)
 - This number dropped from 2006 (80 children living at home that 14 years old or younger)
- Housing (2006)
 - Only 13.8% are single family homes
 - 76.6% of households in Erlton are owned, not rented

Source: Community Social Statistics: Erlton, available on the City of Calgary, Community & Neighbourhood Services website.

Meeting Update - want to send the survey out sooner rather than later, but January is a better option. Feedback from the community seems to be stick to January.

How long will survey be open? Still being defined.

Potential of using reminders.

Looking at mid-January for cut-off. Consensus seems to be OK to send out soon and send a reminder later.

Kirt: drive seems to be to focus on open-ended comment boxes rather than specific check boxes.

We won't stop here, hoping to feed into other “hot topics”

Natalie will send a copy to Jeremy to have a look and potentially put in a “teaser” to give an update to the traffic survey coming up after.

Kirt: idea to potentially insert a question about demographics in survey.

Action: Natalie and Kirt to finalize and send out ASAP so that we receive results back for mid-January.

3.2 Community Strategy Plan (Kirt van der Woude)

Meeting Update – not much to say at this point, but the hope is to use survey results to drive this planning in the new year.

3.3 Future Erlton Playground (Kirt van der Woude)

Meeting Update – some of us were thinking we utilize the park area by the top of the chicane on Erlton St for a playground. Interestingly, Wayne Bishop from City Parks suggested the new cemetery in the SE actually has a new playground as a model as well. Too early to tell whether this is viable in Erlton, particularly since this is an older cemetery. Other thought was Henninger Park could be potential (end of 34 Ave and Macleod Tr, SE end of cemetery). Kirt investigated this option and this spot is smaller than chicane lot on Erlton. Other concerns around steep hill and proximity to Macleod as cons for Henninger Park lot.

The idea is the proposed playground is not supposed to compete with Lindsey Park playground.

Fairly small playground, can also be a neighbourhood meet-up location.

Could be good amenity for community to attract young families.

Michael and Kirt attended playground show to find out about funding, vendors, financial support from various sources.

Question asked about grassy area at bottom of 25 Ave. Kirt: concern around high traffic and potentially ownership of ATCO. Could compete with Lindsey Park. Alternative: forest park down at the bottom.

Action

Denise and Martina to lead investigation. No motion required. Kirt to talk to Wayne Bishop to get specifics on sizing of possible locations and report to Denise and Martina.

4. Old Business

4.1 Erlton Sign (Andrew Sparke)

Meeting Update – Kirt: board has requested an update from Andrew from last week for today’s meeting but we have yet to receive. Natalie said Andrew wrote in just before meeting to inform he will not be able to attend to provide an update.

Motion

Kirt: offer to extend deadline for written report to Dec 18 as communicated by ECB previously in email. Bobbie seconded; carried unanimously by community members.

Action

Natalie to follow up with Andrew to offer extension and receive report and brief board. Updates for next community meeting.

5. Other Business

Meeting Update – no other business.

6. Guest Speakers

6.1 Ward 9 Update

Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra or representative

Meeting Update – none.

6.2 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman – John is away on vacation and will not be in attendance

Meeting Update – none.

6.3 Other Guests

Meeting Update – none.

7. Closing Comments

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Kirt at 8:14 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Natalie. Voted on; unanimous.

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2012 December Community Meeting Agenda

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8. Attendance

Time: Talisman Centre, Parkview Room; scheduled 7:00 p.m.

Actual: 7:06 p.m. commence / 8:14 p.m. complete

8.1 Board

8.2 Community Members

8.3 Guests