

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2013 January Community Meeting

January 8, 2013

Call to Order

JANUARY meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:04 p.m. on January 8, 2012 by Kirt van der Woude. Seconded by Bill Fischer.

1. Review / Acceptance of 2012 December Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to Accept

Meeting Update – minutes were circulated over the weekend. Motion to accept by Kirt, seconded by Natalie Kwadrans. Passed unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Report from Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

Meeting Update – no update.

2.1.1 Membership Fee Increase

As reflected in the membership survey of ECA members conducted in 2012, there is support from the community for increasing the membership fee for 2013-2014 going forward to \$10 per member from the current \$5. This is being proposed to ensure annual operating costs are adequately covered without a major spending deficit.

Meeting Update – review of survey results (see December ECA Community Meeting notes for results). Question around whether seniors pay. Membership clarifies that senior payment is optional and by donation only.

Motion Passed

Kirt: motion to proceed with \$5 increase for 2013, seconded by Bill. Passed unanimously.

2.2 Treasury

Report from Bonnie Fischer, Treasurer

Meeting Update – no update.

2.3 Development

Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.3.1 Update on Active Development Permits

- 3020 Erlton Road – The 4-plex conversion at 3010/3020 Erlton Street has been approved by the City. The neighbours and ECA's planning committee and Board of Directors are reviewing the approved plans and relaxations to determine if an appeal is required. The plans and other materials will be available at the meeting.

Meeting Update – drawings made available to ECA members for above property.

Question around whether development contravenes, based on door positioning and parking. Clarification from community member that (City of Calgary) Planning has some flexibility to ease requirements.

Bill clarifies the developer could have accommodated the changes during their development, but did not

Noted that current plans have small revisions since plans were released last time community input was sought

ECA Planning Committee to meet after meeting closes for update.

Question re: 55 28 Avenue. Bill Fischer: no updates from City.

2.3.2 Budget for 2013 Appeal Expenses

Motion
Passed

Motion be made that the ECA membership authorize a \$200 budget for 2013 to enable the Planning Committee Chair to pay for any appeal filing fees and associated expenses.

Meeting Update – motion proposed by Bill, seconded by Jeremy Yawney. Passed unanimously.

2.3.3 Update on Anthem Development

Anthem Properties advises that the Land Use Amendment for their property in North Erlton is expect to receive a public hearing by City Council in May 2013 and discussions with our community regarding a Development Permit should be held at approximately the same time.

Meeting Update – question re: what the development is. Planning clarifies a tower/grocery development is planned. Amendment is to change land use to accommodate grocery store. Anthem info site:

<http://www.anthemproperties.com/property-detail/homes/Erlton-Road/2213>

2.3.4 Traffic

Report from Jeremy Yawney, Traffic Subcommittee Chair

Written: No major updates to report for the upcoming meeting.

As previously mentioned, survey will be available shortly, following community engagement survey. Survey proposed for end of January.

Meeting Update – question from community member re: 25 Ave interchange and whether any updates available. Traffic says suggestion from last community meeting was to engage City Traffic Dept. to make a presentation.

Concerns raised about putting a playground at top of Erlton Rd, particularly around traffic. Continued feedback about making changes to traffic patterns (perhaps parking restrictions) before putting in a playground.

Re: Anthem, Mission development that would see a pedestrian bridge over the Elbow (easing access to C Train)

Kirt mentions that Natalie and himself will be at the CBMCA meeting later this month and will ask.

2.4 Parks & Recreation

Report from Denise Dixey, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair

Meeting Update – no update.

Question from Bonnie re: 25 Avenue park by river and plants. Specifically, whether Calgary Parks will put plants and lawn back in after flooding incident and bridge upgrade. Denise unsure. John Merriman to follow up with Denise to see whether Parks will put in new vegetation.

3. Engagement Survey

Report from Natalie Kwadrans, Vice-President

- Finalized the survey and sent out to the community.
 - Initial survey sent out on December 20, 2012
 - Reminder sent out January 8, 2013
- As of 8:30 p.m. January 7, 2013, 20 responses have been received
- Results will be summarized for the next meeting
 - Will be used as an input at the Board's strategic planning session

Meeting Update – survey open until January 15.

4. Strategic Plan

Board of Directors Strategy Meeting to kick-off Strategic Plan planned for late January, upon completion of Community Engagement Survey

Meeting Update – no update.

5. Future Playground

Report from Kirt van der Woude

Meeting Update – met with representative from Calgary Parks Foundation (CPF) and walked through the steps to get playground built. Right now we have a few places to place the park, chicane seems to be coming up, but waiting for City for feedback. CPF has a generous grant program available (25K available) and they manage much of the admin overhead (accounting, financials, banking, donation receipts, etc.). Other funding options exist.

Question around where demand is coming from and Kirt clarifies that this was an idea that came from a personal need, but believes the wider community stands to gain. Clarification that a playground can act as a meeting spot and can help with home sales, particularly with attracting younger buyers.

Mention of how playgrounds in graveyards in another part of Calgary was experimented with as well.

Current state: input from City and site assessment of the proposals. This will drive next steps and potential funding requirements. More updates for next meeting. John Merriman to check in with Parks and check back with Kirt.

6. Newsletter

Discussion on publishing a community newsletter this spring

Meeting Update – Natalya Nicholson volunteers to help with managing newsletter project, assuming the content comes from others.

Thoughts on what kind of content to put into the newsletter; challenge is to get content, will need to validate.

Suggestion to perhaps solicit ads from local businesses.

Past experience has seen it released before river clean-up around March/April.

Natalya volunteers to spearhead project going forward.

7. Website

Report from Kirt van der Woude, President, update on pricing and options from Michael Kwadrans.

Here are a number of options available for website hosting and domain costs:

Provider	Monthly	Monthly Best	Domain	Term on best (yrs)	Regular annual	Best annual
Host Papa	\$9	\$7	\$15	3	\$123	\$99
Go Daddy	\$6	\$6	\$10	3	\$82	\$82
iPage	\$9	\$7	\$15	3	\$123	\$99

Taxes not included

Some domains available:

erltoncomm.ca

erltoncalgary.ca

erltoncommunity.ca

erlton.info

erlton.co

Meeting Update – domain (erltoncommunity.com) was purchased by Andrew Sparke based on guidance from ECA, but site was not activated. Questions around ownership of website and moving forward. Concerns around reimbursement of website costs due to lack of activity. Kirt says amount could be re-imbursed based on a pro-rated amount.

Andrew agrees to a pro-rated amount.

Andrew to meet with Michael and Kirt to change ownership tomorrow night. Payment to Andrew to proceed after successful transfer.

Natalya volunteers to assist with site design.

8. Community Sign

Report from Andrew Sparke, Community Sign Committee Chair

No written report submitted.

Meeting Update

- Met with City Roads and Bill Longstaff from the CBMCA, met at the north side to discuss possibly locating sign at this location
 - Concerns raised around locating sign here, particularly since south side had been selected by ECA members before
- Clarification from Andrew: we have a development permit for the SE corner of the street; this was the initial proposed site, based on availability. After the consult with Roads, the north side seems to be less of an option.
- Back to SE corner (25 Ave and Erlton):
 - CBMCA had laid the groundwork, putting in for a survey and development permit. Survey determined that land is owned by ATCO.
 - Permission was granted from ATCO to locate sign there.
 - Parks permit has been granted
 - Some concerns around sign placement and angling earlier on, changes were made
 - South side of 25 Ave where foliage is located is where the sign will go; tree may need to be removed. ATCO owns the land and permission would need to be sought from them before work can be done. Parks Calgary could potentially assist.
- Locating sign on the north side of 25 Avenue came up again last year when Gian Carlo suggested locating sign here
- Costs for the sign were previously approved, but most of the expenses have yet to be spent
- Motion proposed to have ECA halt participation in proposed sign by Bill, seconded by Michael. (Motion not formalized and debate continues)
 - Kirt: there are some concerns around relationship with CBMCA and ECA if we decide to leave outright.
- Question from community member on whether the north side was still being pursued. Andrew: yes, but at this point there is too much work to proceed with north side

Motion
(further
consideration)

Motion
Passed

- Treasury point: we never agreed to any ownership on the side, including maintenance of the side (ie. costs)
 - Andrew: we voted on letting them have the sign in Erlton. Our involvement expanded when we were given the option to put our graphics on the back and we would pay for the design
 - Treasury: somewhere along the way we got into the construction cost
 - Some questions remain regarding cost and ownership
- Kirt: whether or not they want to proceed with north or not, the ECA has 3 specific options:
 - 1. End project
 - 2. Proceed with proposal as is
 - 3. Commit to the north side – not sanctioned at this point
- Considerations
 - We need to consider whether we want to spend the \$3000 as is currently approved or go for more under 3 above
 - Consider the relationship with CBMCA as part of this consideration, though we're not suggesting we abandon them completely.
- Another option: go with south side, wait for CBMCA to build sign and then we put up our sign.
- Natalie put forward motion to pursue sign project on the SE side of bridge on 25 Avenue as currently approved by the ECA. Seconded by Natalya.
 - Yea: 7
 - Nay: 5
- Motion passes
- Kirt: Andrew to proceed as per mandate, inform Bill Longstaff of ECA's decision to support SE side. To create a report with details relevant only to south side only. Report on feedback from CBMCA after report.

9. Other Business

Meeting Update –

Shirine: John Waters, former president of the ECA, left some old ECA-related paperwork. Kirt and Bonnie to review.

10. Guest Speakers

10.1 Ward 9 Update

Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra or representative

Meeting Update – concerned that we need to go through a land use amendment in order to accommodate something like Anthem (see earlier).

City before Christmas passed "Investing in Mobility" (AKA TIPS list) designed to holistically approach infrastructure spending and planning. We expect funding to slow down and are planning accordingly.

Re: proposed interchange at Macleod is unlikely, since funding will be difficult.

What expect in the short term that Anthem will build a pedestrian crossing across Macleod (most likely overpass). This is currently reflected in Anthem's development proposal. Some questions around funding, but priority is to get this built as part of the development.

Question from planning re: traffic impact study. Gian-Carlo thinks Macleod should get more of a boulevard treatment (similar to 16 Ave NW). Feedback from community that ideal is to minimize traffic on 25 Ave.

Last item: City is engaged in a series (21) of transformation projects, we're looking to have some brand to unify. My priority is to transform urban planning and development and I'm engaged in a committee to see this initiative proceed.

Feedback from community: looking at the plans, Anthem's design seems to assume that the interchange comes in. Gian Carlo: we will have to start talking about this interchange as part of the development permit and planning overall.

Bonnie Fischer checked in with Gian Carlo to see if he received a copy of the Erlton History book, he did and appreciates it.

Gian Carlo: trying to nail down a community association meeting with Rolan Stanley, Erlton will be engaged.

General feedback from community seems to be to nix the interchange. Some felt the plan was dead, but not the case.

- Gian-Carlo: Stampede is interested in burying C Train line all the way to downtown and a number of other factors

Finally, charter negotiations are underway with the City to give the city more ability to manage finances better.

10.2 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman

Meeting Update –

Thanks to Kirt and Natalie for the tour of our community earlier this week.

You have a great community, even the sign issue is fairly mild, Erlton is looking good.

Really keen on strategic direction for the ECA and Erlton in general. Good to do this planning now before it gets busy, too many CA's miss this and then get too busy.

10.3 Other Guests

Meeting Update – no.

11. Closing Comments

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Kirt at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mark Clement. Unanimously supported.

12. Attendance

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

Actual: 7:04 p.m. commence / 9:12 p.m. complete

12.1 Board

12.2 Community Members

12.3 Guests