

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2013 February Community Meeting

February 12, 2013

Call to Order

Motion put forward by Kirt van der Woude, seconded by Natalie Kwadrans at 7:06 p.m.

1. Review / Acceptance of 2013 January Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to Accept

Motion to accept minutes from previous session put forward by Kirt, seconded by Bill Fischer. Michael to update with corrections for filing, based on feedback from email. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Report from Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

2.1.1 Avenue Magazine's Best Neighbourhoods Survey

Link distributed to community before. Avenue is running their neighbourhoods survey. A prize is available, believe it's a block party.

More information at:

<http://www.avenuecalgary.com/the-avenue-best-neighbourhoods-survey>

The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete, according to one community member.

2.2 Treasury

Written Report: Nothing to report from Bonnie Fischer, Treasurer

Update at meeting: ~\$22,800 currently in the bank.

2.3 Parks & Recreation

Report from Denise Dixey, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair

2.3.1 Community Cleanup

Written Report: We can make application through City Bylaw Services to have a Community Clean up Event. Basically the City will provide 'packer trucks' which will remove household waste that is too large to be left for weekly garbage removal. They require a commitment of sufficient volunteers to ensure that items are appropriately disposed of and that traffic in and out of the area is managed. The timing is Saturdays and Sunday in the spring and fall. The clean-up will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items not allowed to be disposed of: chemicals/paint, tires, electronics, appliances, glass, liquids, metals, propane tanks, etc. (we would have to contract separately with any recycling companies).

We would be responsible for any 'dumping' during or after the clean up. We also must provide safety vests to volunteers (but there is a \$300 grant available for cost of safety and food).

The City also suggests that this can be combined with a 'poop scoop' of parks, membership drive, promotion of other ECA activities and perhaps a social event.

Opinion from community – the event is really geared towards a larger community. Perhaps its better to partner up with CBMCA and provide volunteers, etc.

Kirt: is anyone in the community interested in participating? Natalie: could be a good opportunity for us if we were to partner with CBMCA, since we could provide volunteers, something the CBMCA says they struggle with at times.

Availability: Some dates available in April, May, June, September, October. Dates not so good, many on long weekends.

Denise to follow up with CBMCA to see if partnership opportunity with CBMCA exists.

2.3.2 River Cleanup

The 46th Annual River Cleanup takes place Sunday, May 5, 2013.

We have applied February 11 and asked for the area of Lindsay Park – from Macleod Trail to 25 Ave Bridge on the east side of the Elbow River. Our application should be confirmed in the next two weeks.

As a new leader, I have to attend an orientation April 18th.

Opinion from community – nothing, updates to come.

2.4 Development

Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.4.1 Community Visioning Meeting

Update on February 7 meeting with Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra, chief city planner Rollin Stanley, other city representatives and leadership/development representatives from Ward 9 communities to open dialogue on community visioning and development.

2.4.2 Update on Active Development Permits

- The 4-plex conversion at 3010/3020 Erlton Street was approved by the City. Our community appeal due to the lack of resident parking will be heard on February 14th.
- The plans for DP2012-5266 @ 26 - 31 Avenue SW (change of use to a tri-plex) will be available for review and discussion at the meeting. Deadline for comment is February 19th.

- The plans for DP2012-5065 @ 90, 94, 98 Mission Road SW (2 buildings, 48 units – 43 condos, 5 townhouses) will be available for review and discussion at the meeting. Deadline for comment is February 19th.
- An architect will be presenting plans for review and discussion of a 4-plex proposed for 61 - 30th Avenue SW at the end of this meeting (around 8 p.m.). Architect: Marian Liptak.

Meeting update: Kirt and Bill attended Community Visioning Meeting to partially talk boundary roads. 15 major roadways were the focus for densification and increased commercial activity. Minimal impact to Erlton.

Kirt: Gian-Carlo and Stanley presented and was an opportunity to have a discussion about community concerns. Inglewood and Ramsay, for example, have a lot more commercial and was interesting to hear some of their challenges, which could be interesting when Anthem comes into play in Erlton.

Q from Community: inquiry about DP2012-5065 (see reference above). Bill has document, community comment draft as well. Will share later.

Significant concerns around development. Size (particularly height), scale (relative to other properties), access to parkades.

Summary of concerns:

- From the charrette, there should be a commercial component, but ceiling cannot accommodate
- Units are small, should be more 2+ bedroom units to
- Main entrance on 34 Ave, counter to intent of fronting on to Mission
- Parking garage entrance on 34 Ave difficult to see
- Height of condo, particularly on the top will overshadow other properties

This is our community comment which will be submitted to City, they will probably ignore and once application is available for review, we will be given a formal opportunity to respond.

Further review to come after session.

2.4.3 Traffic

Report from Jeremy Yawney, Traffic Subcommittee Chair

- Traffic Survey

Update from meeting: Jeremy was waiting for community survey to finish (end of January) before proceeding with traffic survey. For now, just started on initial questions to identify concerns.

- 25 Avenue/Macleod intersection

Much concern in the community, Jeremy is looking at bringing in a representative from the Roads Dept to present to Erlton community in the future.

- Parking on Erlton Road chicane (S-curve at top of hill)

Some thoughts were shared on limiting parking around this area. Question from community member regarding process for having this done. Response from Bill

Fischer: S-curve parking - we have to engage with the neighbours - not City Traffic - since the neighbours would lose their access to street parking.

Heesung Kim: in the 1980s there was no parking from the cemetery to 25 Avenue. There was lots of speeding that happened and parking restrictions were put in place to slow cars down. Believed that between 25 to 28 Avenue parking restrictions were eased. Not sure if there were parking restrictions along chicane.

Some thoughts: speed bump. Appears to be little support.

Jeremy to address with question in community traffic survey.

3. Engagement Survey

Report from Natalie Kwadrans, Vice-President

Written Report:

- Community survey closed on January 15
- A total of 38 Erlton residents completed the 2013 Needs Assessment survey
 - Response rate varied between 55% and 82% for open-ended questions
 - Multiple choice questions had 100% response rate
- Results were summarized and analyzed
 - Summary was circulated to the Board of Directors
 - Will be used as an input at the upcoming Board of Directors' (BoD) Strategic Planning Session
- 8 individuals expressed interest in becoming more involved in the ECA in some capacity
- Summary of results is available to interested residents

Update from meeting: results will feed ECA exec strategic plan.

4. Strategic Plan

Board of Directors Strategy Meeting to kick-off Strategic Plan planned for February, upon completion of Community Engagement Survey results.

To be held on February 24, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Update from meeting: related to previous.

5. Future Playground

Report from Kirt van der Woude, President

Update from meeting: some members of community feel there is a playground gap on the top of the hill. Right now early investigation into possible sites has come up with a few sites. Unfortunately, at this time, the City of Calgary does not have any money in their budget for new playground funding.

Going forward, this year we will determine best site location, with chicane site as favourite for now (Henninger Park and other sites still candidates). At the same time, we will come up with a vision for what kind of playground we'll build.

Question about other funding sources – Kirt: Calgary Parks Foundation, who advise on many of these projects, but this is primarily a matching fund. Generally, the City's initial funding for site prep (gravel, etc.) is critical to get this program off the ground and a good initial start.

6. Newsletter

Report from Natalya Nicholson, Chair, Newsletter Committee

None: not in attendance.

We had talked about doing a spring newsletter. Michael Kwadrans to follow up following the meeting.

7. Website

Report from Michael Kwadrans, Secretary

Written Report: Transfer has been completed, emails have been set up for ECA executive and posted on main page (www.erltoncommunity.com).

Q from meeting: who is developing? ECA exec, with participation from Natalya Nicholson. Michael Kwadrans to follow up with Natalya and engage with ECA exec and community at large on content.

8. Community Sign

Report from Natalie Kwadrans, Vice-President

Written report:

- I attended the Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association (CBMCA) Heritage Committee meeting on February 4 to discuss the status of the joint community sign
- On February 6, I provided an update on the sign status during our regular BoD's meeting
 - After significant discussion, the BoD decided to withdraw its participation in the development of the Welcome Sign.
 - In summary:
 - The BoD decided to continue to support the placement of the sign on the south side of 25th Avenue.
 - Should the CBMCA decide to proceed with placement of the sign on the north side, the ECA would support Lindsay Park Association's position on the sign.
 - No matter where the sign is located, the ECA will not participate in the sign development.
- The following individuals were advised of the ECA's decision:
 - *Andrew Sparke*: I informed him by email as he was out of town
 - *Bill Longstaff*, Chair of the Sign Committee for CMBCA: I called Bill and followed up via email. Bill L. asked me to contact the 2 City planners Andrew had been working on the designs required for the north-side Development Permit and License of Occupation and to transfer the role of Liaison for this to the CBMCA.

- *Ben Wineberger* and *Monique Castonguay*, City of Calgary Planners: OI informed them via email of our decision and transitioned the lead to the CMBCA
- *Gian-Carlo Carra*: Kirt contacted Gian-Carlo by email to advise him of our decision.
- On February 12, Bill L. emailed me to advise me that the CBMCA has decided to pursue the signage on the south side of 25 Avenue and will no longer pursue the north location.
 - *Erik Larsen*: Natalie notified by email to update on CBMCA's decision to proceed with SE location

Notes from community –

Andrew: during the January Erlton community meeting, a vote was held to support the south side of 25 Avenue.

Natalie, clarification: 2 members who voted to support were not in fact eligible to vote and one member of the board was not in attendance.

Andrew: concern around decision being made by the executive behind closed doors.

Denise: concerned that LPCA president did not hear about the sign once, particularly the north side. Felt that members of Lindsay Park community directly affected were not consulted.

Andrew: Erik was involved earlier on in discussions and north side was discussed as a potential option. Erik approached Andrew at Anthem meeting to discuss.

Denise: Also, I feel engaging with our community association membership (which is fairly small) is not sufficient to discuss sign proposal.

Natalie: for clarification around vote. See Article 9 of by-laws, section 2.

Andrew: there should be a re-vote to let the community vote. This action by the ECA was [sic] dictorial (believe meant dictatorial)

Kirt: Andrew, you are entitled to bring this to a vote

Andrew: can put a vote forward

Bobbie: the community had already committed to the decision to proceed with the south side. Believe the issue is not as clear-cut without having access to all the information.

Andrew: concerned that multiple votes in support occurred, including approval to proceed with expenditure last year.

Kirt: for clarification, concern from ECA executive was based on the fact that the CBMCA representatives we had contacted mentioned the north side placement was there go-forward strategy, something the LPCA was against.

Andrew: north side was a Plan B;

Natalie: when I met with the CBMCA on Feb 4, they said they were proceeding on the north side. Also, the CBMCA was unaware of our last motion to proceed with south side (January motion).

Gian-Carlo :

- Governance issue: what was read from by-laws doesn't clear up whether the board or community can make the decision.
- There are two sets of by-laws, one board-heavy, one community-heavy, relying more on committees.
- Some community associations are run through referendum at meetings.
- For me, it's not clear in Erlton who gets to decide.
- Is there a CRC? (*Kirt*: no, John Merriman couldn't make it)
- Second question: who decided? Past president said the decision had been made. My preference is to go with a consensus model, where everyone votes.
- Timing: Andrew, this was started a long, long time ago. I spoke to Andrew way back when the Development Permit (DP) request came in to locate sign on SE side. Sign at that time was one-sided. Gian-Carlo 's feedback was to put in a 2-sided sign. Meeting was held between Gian-Carlo, CBMCA, developer and Andrew. North side was discussed, but Roads said not an option. Gian-Carlo contacted Roads and said they may be able to do something. Gian-Carlo clarified that DP would have to be amended to do north side. The request disappeared at this time and Gian-Carlo was concerned about the frustration from CBMCA.

Clearly, a re-alignment is required.

- Now, even if ECA exec can do this, should they? Maybe worthwhile to consult with community again. From a governance perspective, Andrew, it would make sense for you to put forward motion.

Andrew: would just like clarify timing... bottlenecks occurred and approvals didn't come in...

Motion

Andrew: put forward a motion to re-examine the board's decision to go against community decision from January ECA meeting. (Challenging ECA exec board). Seconded by Fred Richards.

6 vote to support motion; 11 vote to support ECA decision.

Kirt: it was not the exec's intent to sneak a vote through, but I agree that going forward, it makes sense for us to bring up contentious issues at community meetings.

9. Other Business

Q to Gian-Carlo on Mission Rd development from Heesung
(Deferred until update from Gian-Carlo)

10. Guest Speakers

10.1 Architect Presentation

Marian Liptak of L. Architect Inc. will be presenting plans for review and discussion of a 4-plex proposed for 61 - 30th Avenue SW.

Presentation given, feedback solicited from community members.

Notes not captured, as was a specific development item. Feedback for developer sought with submissions requested for February 17, 2013.

For presentation materials, please contact Bill Fischer, Planning at erlton@shaw.ca.

10.2 Ward 9 Update

Presenting: Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra

The proposed Mission development leads into good discussion on development.

1. As mentioned earlier, last Thursday night we hosted dinner at Winston Heights to talk planning plans with Rollin Stanley. Rollin comes with a lot of experience. Council has giving him a sweeping mandate; changing how we do development, roads, parks, etc. Lots of challenges ahead, but continue to advocate Neighbourhoods First, where members of community will push development forward, but there are lots of counter-forces. This was an opportunity for local communities to voice their concerns and let their voices be heard. Thank you Kirt and Bill for participating.

I want to keep pushing the Neighbourhoods First vision forward.

2. Mission Street Innovation Project (missionroad.ca, link: <http://missionroad.ca/>) was an attempt to get council to wrap their heads around having a proactive strategy on community development. The first proposal that came into the city in January didn't seem to appeal to any of the surrounding communities. Regardless, we continue to support Mission Street Innovation Project. This is a good candidate for "main streeting". Community response went from 100% against to 85% for during the plan's development. Oddly, land owners were against. Developers/owners continued to feud with city. After consulting with developers, most of plan remained intact.

The current proposal was the first proposed project that went through with the project in mind. The current proposal really emphasizes affordable units. Jonathan Allen, the initiator, was interested in commercial. Development partners weren't interested.

Gian-Carlo suggested they go to a pre-development consult to get some input. Transportation specialist didn't consult with main street plan and made some other mistakes.

On Tuesday Rideau-Roxboro meeting, Jonathan Allen was at the meeting. New development chair was present and Gian-Carlo talked about power/influence, etc. Talked about Mission Road and mentioned responses were coming. Jonathan said they had already consulted with City and were making adjustments already and were ready to submit.

Gian-Carlo: feedback to Jonathan Allen was that the current plan was contravening number of items.

It's a shame they didn't consult with community, shame they got bad advice from Transportation Dept.

Much conversation around transit-oriented development.

All decision-making being steered towards criteria-based decision making. A real era of money scarcity will be the reality.

Q from community: does [DP2012-5065] this have the opportunity to pass? *Gian-Carlo:* not likely.

Bill Fischer: too much ambiguity in proposal leads to loopholes that confuses the community and neighbourhood.

10.3 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman – absent

10.4 Other Guests

None.

11. Closing Comments

Motion to Adjourn

Motion put forward by Natalie, seconded by Kirt at 9:35 p.m. Passed unanimously.

12. Attendance

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

Actual: 7:06 p.m. commence / 9:35 p.m. complete

12.1 Board

12.2 Community Members

12.3 Guests