

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2013 May Community Meeting

May 14th, 2013

Introduction: first part of meeting will be our usual ECA monthly meeting, followed by a developer presentation on DP2012-5065 (<http://tinyurl.com/missionprop> - 90, 94, 98 Mission Road SW).

Call to
Order

Motion put forward by Kirt van der Woude at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Bill Fischer.

1. Review / Acceptance of 2013 April Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to
Accept

Motion to accept minutes from Kirt van der Woude. Bobbie Clark seconds.
Passed unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Report from Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

2.1.1 Spring Newsletter

- Timeline for newsletter from mid-Feb to Apr 22; a little over 2 months
- 120 physical copies were distributed
- As a result of physical distribution, two new members of ECA
- Newsletters available on erltoncommunity.com under News & Events
Link: <http://erltoncommunity.com/erlton-news/>

2.1.2 River Cleanup BBQ

- On May 4, Shirine went to Spolumbos to pick up 144 sausages and buns. If you visit the store, make sure to thank them.
- On May 5, met with Parks people at 7 a.m. to get access; tent person came soon after
- Bonnie Fischer looked after perishables and brought herself
- Evan Wooley from CBMCA brought his BBQ and brought Shirine's as well
- We almost finished all the sausages
- Music group didn't work out, so they're not asking for payment

- Shirine finishing up tracking budget, meeting with Talisman to do a debrief on event

2.2 Parks & Recreation

Report from Denise Dixey, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair. Denise could not attend, summary read into minutes, full report in appendix.

2.2.1 River Cleanup

Annual River Clean up was a success, with about 100 participants. I have submitted a report to the Board with a few minor changes for the next year (see Appendix). Again, my thanks for the registration help from Yvonne, Martina and Kirt

Kirt: Denise's husband was kind enough to take photos and they're posted on www site. Link: <http://erltoncommunity.com/2013/05/05/photos-from-the-46th-annual-pathway-river-clean-up/>

2.2.2 Community Cleanup

No update.

2.3 Development

Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.3.1 Update on Active Development Permits

- **Triplex proposed for 55 – 28 Ave SW**
The City refused this development permit. The developer appealed the refusal, and the Sub Division and Appeal Board hearing is scheduled for May 30th. Our community association has a presentation opposing this appeal, and supporting the City's decision. Some nearby neighbours will be presenting as well.
- **Triplex proposed for 78 – 34 Ave SW**
The City approved this development permit. Our planning committee met with the architect and carefully considered his presentation of the City approved plans, the written comments submitted by the adjacent homeowners, and the non-compliance of the design with respect to the Erlton Area Redevelopment Plan. We accepted the design of the front building, but could not approve the second building placed in what is the grassy back yard of every other home in South Erlton. We determined that accepting the City's approval of this DP would not be in the best interest of our community or the adjacent homeowners. Both our planning committee and our Board of Directors unanimously agreed to appeal this approval. The hearing is scheduled for May 30th.
- **Fourplex proposed for 54 & 60 – 34 Ave SW**
A few days ago, the developer advised that they have a final set of plans and are ready to apply for a development permit. We haven't seen the final plans, but we'll bring them to the next community meeting if they are available.
- **Fourplex proposed for 61 – 30 Ave SW**
After much discussion with the neighbours and some members of our planning committee, the developer now has a final set of plans and is

ready to apply for a development permit. We'll bring the plans to the next community meeting if they are available.

Meeting update: Kirt has copies of the developer proposal and has talked to neighbours and there are still a couple of pieces of feedback to send on to the developer.

- **Mission Road Condos**
Developer update at 8pm, after ECA monthly meeting.

2.4 Traffic

Report from Jeremy Yawney, Traffic Subcommittee Chair

2.4.1 Traffic Survey

Jeremy could not make it this evening and will present survey findings at our June meeting.

3. President's Report

Report from Kirt van der Woude, President

- Lindsey Park Sports Society 2013 AGM – attended AGM, no major updates. Talisman Centre saw increased membership in the last year. There was a celebration after re: summer youth games. Some money was left over and was put towards scholarship. Bursaries are available for young amateur athletes.
- Stampede Parade Pacer Opportunity – Stampede organizers approached to see if there is interest from someone in Erlton to assist as a pacer. If someone is interested, please contact Kirt.
- Stampede Neighbours Tour – spoke with Roy from Stampede and they've offered to hold a special September neighbor event, where interested residents can get a VIP tour of the grounds. If you're interested, please contact Kirt.
- Developer Use of Park Space in Mission at 1 St & 26 Ave
There are construction materials at park site, the promise was that the developer wouldn't use the park. It's a different community, but thought it was important enough for the ECA exec to weigh in. Letter was sent to Aldermen Carra and Mar. Mr. Ted Best, a prominent resident of Roxboro lobbied the City to have this area converted to park, paying for it himself. Last update was that the developer had secured license of occupation under the banner of re-developing park for the next couple of years.

Meeting updates – John Merriman: City probably gets money from the developer most likely. Frustration is that this park was created for public use and is now going to waste.

Best option is for concerned citizens should call 311 to make their concerns heard

4. Other Business

Neighbourhoods Program – if communities are interested in participating, go to calgary.ca. Erlton had 3 last year. Some feedback from community members

regarding water bags not holding water. Advice was to call 311. Link:
<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Programs/Tree-planting/Neighbourhoods-program.aspx>

5. Guest Speakers

5.1 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman

Update: a number of communities selected as part of pilot program “Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods.” Provides an opportunity to take a closer look at their community and see what are the strengths and weaknesses. Other City departments will help to enhance strengths and work to minimize weaknesses. Similar to Jane’s Walk, but focused on improvements. John to follow up with Kirt to get content for website.

Link: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Pages/Strong-Neighbourhoods/Inspiring-Strong-Neighbourhoods.aspx>

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. put forward by Kirt van der Woude, seconded by Bobbie Clark. Passed unanimously.

6. Attendance

6.1 Board

6.2 Community Members

6.3 Guests

7. Appendix

Erlton Community Association - Parks

Annual River Clean Up

May 5, 2013

The Annual River Clean Up was well attended. There were 80 participants that signed up the morning of the clean up with approximately 20 more that managed to get by without signing in.

As a new Leader, I attended both the orientation on April 18 and the kick-off breakfast the morning of May 5. At the orientation the City Parks reps, Bylaws and Fire Dept. encouraged us to ensure safety protocol was followed. We were given garbage bags, dog waste bags, hazard flags and gloves. I was given 100 of each, as that was our participation number from the previous year. The breakfast was well attended in general, only 4 members of our community attended.

The instructions given on the do's and don'ts as well as the collection procedures for the garbage audit (to be conducted by Green Calgary) were extensive. I prepared signage so all registering participants could read what was expected of them. My hope is they took the time to read through the instructions, but as in previous years most participants just want to grab bags and head out. I also had the help of maps that I had printed off of satellite photos to section our area (river path between 25 Ave and Macleod Tr South on the east side of the Elbow and all of Lindsay Park) into 9 zones. The direction was helpful to volunteers to spread out into all the areas.

I must thank the volunteers that helped with the registration desk, Yvonne Peace, Martina and Kirt van der Woude. They did a terrific job and I could not have accomplished it without them. Also for former ECA Parks Director, Jack Peace, who was on hand to help the new Leader with questions.

It appeared that 100 garbage bags were not enough, as most participants took at least two bags. The gloves were sufficient, but all the small and medium sizes were gone (we were given 40 lg, 40 med and 20 small). Most of the large gloves we have remaining. The 'picker sticks' were not too practical. Of the 76 we had at the start there are only 50 left. There were a lot that were broken. I would recommend we no longer buy these as we are just adding to the pollution problem when these easily become part of the garbage we are collecting.

As the breakfast was held at Max Bell Arena at 8:30, it was difficult to return to Erlton by 9:30. To allow participants the opportunity to attend the breakfast, I would recommend that we start the registration at 10 am. Since coffee and muffins were available at 9:30 most participants expected to register at that time as well. The refreshments could be out for the 10 am registration.

There were two major groups that participated, Tallisman Energy and CM2H HILL. I do not have any statistics on which communities the other participants came from.

Denise Dixey Director, ECA Parks