

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

September 2013 Community Meeting Agenda September 10, 2013

Call to Order

Motion put forward by Kirt van der Woude at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Natalie Kwadrans.

1. Review / Acceptance of June 2013 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to Accept

Motion to accept minutes from June 2013 session, put forward by Kirt, seconded by Michael. Passed unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Report from Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

2.1.1 Fall Membership Drive

- Volunteers have been knocking on doors since August for our membership drive. We will continue until September 30.
- Priority is to complete so that members will qualify to vote at our November AGM
- Membership fee is \$10, Seniors 65+ are free of charge
- Each member of a household needs to buy an individual membership if each wants a vote at our community meetings

2.2 Parks & Recreation

Report from Denise Dixey, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair

2.2.1 Update on Post-Flood Park/River Rehabilitation Activity

- Lots of second-guessing in terms of what's being refurbished in the parks
- Generally looks like things are being put back in order
- Work crew started in Lindsay Park dredging the river bed
- Like what they've done with clean-up; tree trimming means sight lines much improved, feels safer
- Not too much interaction with the City and contractors, they're very overwhelmed with cleanup

- Comment from community: some volunteer groups are looking for opportunities to clean up.
John Merriman: hesitant to get in Parks' way, would recommend against. Item parked, community member will follow up with Parks & Rec to share contact
- If any other follow-up items, email parks@erltoncommunity.com

2.3 Development

Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.3.1 Update on Active Developments

- Detached home proposed for 33 – 30 Ave SW
Single family.
- Semi-detached home proposed for 9 – 27 Ave SW
City hasn't provided bylaw check, will provide soon as available.
- Fourplex proposed for 54 & 60 – 34 Ave SW
- Fourplex proposed for 69 – 31 Ave SW
Pending City review. Question from community member: is this the same individual who developed before? ECA Planning Yes, imagine it will go to a formal appeal.
- Fourplex proposed for 61 – 30 Ave SW
Waiting for plans; Alderman Carra had some comments, but can't recall if for/against
- Triplex approved for 78 – 34 Ave SW
Approval to proceed, but not sure if will proceed
- Mission Road Condos
Mission Rd & 34 Ave. No major update in a while, but heard townhouses will now be 2 stories

[For more updates on the above developments and more, visit <http://erltoncommunity.com/development-planning/> -ed]

2.3.2 Update on Anthem Development

- Waiting for City to review traffic study
- Once received, will review and notify neighbours in order to allow for comments
- DC Control and ARP specify Erlton Rd shouldn't be used for commercial traffic, but Anthem wants this changed. City came back and said no; ECA supports this, but Anthem continues to push. The problem is mass of traffic would have to go up Erlton Rd.
- Question from community: any changes since flood in their plans?
ECA Planning: not sure, haven't seen anything tangible.
Kirt: I spoke to Rockie from Anthem to get his perspective and they said they've incorporated some flood-mitigation techniques, not sure if factored in 2013 levels into plans. Plans will tell.

- Question from community: any update on development start date?
Kirt: believe they're looking at submitting for permit this year, ground-breaking next year; 3-4 year project most likely. Traffic during construction one of the biggest concerns.
 - There was a session with Lindsay Park Community Association (LPCA), but no specifics shared.

3. Post-Flood Action Committee

Report from Kirt van der Woude, President

- Geoff Granville, Member of North Erlton community, has stepped up to head subcommittee. He's volunteered to represent Erlton in a number of post-flood exercises the City is planning
- With the ECA exec's approval, he will head Post-flood Action Committee and report back to exec
- Geoff will probably solicit assistance from other groups
- Is anyone else interested in participating? [a couple of members of community raise hands]. Additional materials to provide to prospect volunteers. [Contact president@erltoncommunity.com -ed]
- Norma Brown: who would I contact to ensure a dump at 34 Ave and Mission Rd doesn't happen again? Issues with potential toxins in garbage, emissions from trucks, poor communication from site owners.
Kirt: technically falls into Parkhill Stanley Park Community Association area, I will contact them to see if they need their support.
Natalie: we had heard that some other communities had smaller dumps, but unaware of any toxin testing. Perhaps some follow-up testing on any toxins to ensure safety of site going forward is warranted.

4. Erlton Flood Party

Report from Michael Kwadrans, Secretary; Erlton Flood Party project lead

- Idea to host an event to bring the community together after the floods was hatched back in the summer
- We've received funding from Anthem Properties, Talisman Energy, City of Calgary and contributions from multiple organizations
- Scheduled to happen on September 22 between 3:00 and 5:00 in the Talisman Centre parking lot
- Natalie: we are limited to promoting to residents for whom we have emails
- Denise: unsure of whether N Erlton residents received Save the Date communication; Denise has yet to receive so concerned. Priority is to get some other form of posters/comms out to community
- Denise: steep learning curve. Denise asks for photos. Connor has a photo shop, will provide business card.
- Denise on volunteers: Denise has five so far, and more coming. Commitment probably about one hour in various roles. Contact Denise at parks@erltoncommunity.com
- Bonnie Fischer: need any food donated? Denise: budget is looking good and we need to offer some non-alcoholic drinks and snacks, so have it covered.

- Bonnie: mentioned membership in invite for Erlton Flood Party; perhaps an opt-in process or membership table at the event; Shirine Lund: not too concerned about numbers, not sure if we need to promote this too much. Will be good to get visibility with North Erlton residents.
- Danielle: volunteers to help with postering, will contact Denise to coordinate delivery of flyers in Erlton

5. Other Business

N/A

6. Guest Speakers

6.1 Ward 9 Update

Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra or representative

- Regrets

6.2 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman

- Kudos to Erlton Flood Party committee members
- Community clean-up dates being lined up for next year, any interest from Erlton? Applications are due for January.
Denise: we contacted CBMCA to get involved with their org, but nothing firm. Problem was issues with committing too much; we felt it was better to partner.

6.3 Other Guests

Cst. Staples, CPS CRO (Calgary Police Services, Community Resource Officer)

Summer has flown by, nothing specific to report on Erlton on crimes

Couple of items:

1. Bike thefts saw a big upswing after flooding. Many who called didn't have any details on their own bikes. The numbers are usually already pretty high in summer. Just a reminder, make sure you record the serial number, make/model, colour. If you have the receipt, keep it!
Kirt: any idea who is stealing?
Cst. Staples: Not sure yet.
2. Over the summer, we had two houses in Inglewood that saw prostitution and drug activity. A group of neighbours approached me to get advice, I got the local district involved and they did some surveillance on the property. I had one of the neighbours submit a formal request for a SCAN submission.¹ Police will issue a letter saying that if problem behaviour persists, house can be seized for limited time. Homeowner was served

¹ See https://www.solgps.alberta.ca/safe_communities/SCAN/Pages/SCAN.aspx for more info

today and we will see how it goes. As a result of the activity, a number of arrests occurred. Started third week of July, but we had action in just over a month – this is fast. As neighbours, suggest you band together and work together to make a difference.

Remember: we're talking about two houses and there were only a total of two complaints about this house, so not much action before. Going the SCAN route, we managed to get problem residents evicted.

3. Re: the floods, I was personally down on patrol at the 25 Ave bridge and CPS officers were impressed with level of volunteer involvement.
4. Cst Staples and Sergeant will attend the Erlton Flood Party, will try to reach out to more CPS
5. Question re: Alpha House² – any issues? It's the detox centre on 15 Ave and Macleod. Building was damaged during flood and residents were relocated to old Science Centre on west end of downtown. Coming back mid-October, but during the relocation it has been particularly quiet in Vic Park/Erlton. This will change.

**Motion to
adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. put forward by Kirt, seconded by Denise. Passed unanimously.

² See http://alphahousecalgary.com/Home_Page.html for info

7. Attendance

Name