

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

October 2013 Community Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2013

Call to
Order

Motion put forward by Kirt van der Woude at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Natalie Kwadrans.

1. Review / Acceptance of September 2013 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to
Accept

Motion to accept minutes from September 2013 session, put forward by Kirt van der Woude, seconded by Bill. Passed unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Report from Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

2.1.1 Fall Membership Drive Results

- Canvassing from August 1 to September 30
- Final numbers: 142 members; (including 121 email addresses)
 - 16 senior complimentary memberships
 - 4 senior paid memberships
- Number is fluid, since many on 27 Avenue are waiting to move back in following the flood
- Anyone who wants to purchase a membership contact me here before 8 or via phone/email
- Stopped at a house and they said they paid for membership in June but didn't see them in our membership –make sure you only go through our people and ensure you receive a formal ECA membership card

2.1.2 Preparation for November AGM

- November 12, 2013 in Riverview Room @7:00 p.m.
- You can nominate yourself or another person to sit on the board
- You can also volunteer on one of the standing committees

2.2 Development

Report from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.2.1 Update on Active Developments

- 61 – 30 Ave SW – proposed four-plex and home business: community reviewed both and opposed, for more info, visit our website: <http://erltoncommunity.com/development-planning/>
- All updates on developments in the pipe are delayed until election is completed (October 21)
- Question from community: what happens if the four-plex is approved, would it nullify the business license application? Response: not sure.

2.2.2 Traffic

Report from Jeremy Yawney, Traffic Subcommittee Chair

- No major updates
- Back in June the go-forward plan was to meet as a group to discuss next steps
- Question from Natalie Kwadrans: can we summarize the result findings by the AGM? Jeremy: yes
- Action item: Kirt to set up meeting for follow-up with Jeremy
- Question from community: was the right turn lane from MacLeod on to 25 Avenue, identified? Jeremy: Yes, was identified in survey.

3. Erlton Flood Party

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

- Excellent attendance, just under 200 residents and guests made it out to enjoy the event
- Photos put together by Denise Dixey and others were a big hit
- Allan Baxter generously took photos and you can see the results on our site (<http://goo.gl/4OEfgp>)
- Lots of thanks to go around, including volunteers who helped with setup, tear-down and running the event
- Mayor Nenshi, Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra, Jeff Booke (CEO of Talisman), and our own Kirt van der Woude gave speeches
- Almost done with closing books, happy to report that with generous contributions from Talisman Energy, City of Calgary and Anthem Properties, the event was fully funded. We are in the process of dispersing funds for expenses over the next few weeks.
- Also big thanks to Wild Rose Brewery for providing beer and serving.
- Finally, special thanks to our committee members, Kirt van der Woude, Julie Johnston from Talisman Centre, Denise Dixey, John Merriman and Nicola Youle from the City
- Next step: event summary with key learnings so the next group to organize an event next year has a smoother run; send out thank you letters to contributors
- Comment from Natalie Kwadrans: FCC was asking for event feedback; Natalie will submit

4. Mission Road Flood Dumpsite

Report from Kirt van der Woude, President

- This is an update based on a discussion that came up from last month's meeting
- The site was at Mission Rd & 34 Avenue and I was going to follow up with the Parkhill Stanley Park Community Association
- I received a couple of emails from their President and their update was that this was discussed at their community meeting (see Appendix II)
- Comment from community: what happened in this case was the developer volunteered their space, but we may have paid the price in potential exposure. Kirt mentions he followed up with the City, but hasn't heard back.
- Question from John Merriman (City of Calgary): could an environmental assessment be part of the DP requirement for the site? Bill Fischer, ECA Planning: it could be but would most likely be part of community feedback

5. Post-Flood Action Committee

Report from Post-Flood Action Committee Chair, Geoff Granville

- Pleased with progress being made at all levels of administration and at community
- Comment from John Merriman (City of Calgary): the Sunnyside Community Association had mentioned an interest in doing some more open house events; will follow up with Cliff Bungalow Mission CA as well; Geoff: would be a good idea
- CRC (Calgary River Communities) Action Group doing much good work; most recent they gathered up symposium from Friday summary (4 hours)
 - Question from Kirt: can we become a member? Geoff: I'm already a member acting on behalf of Erlton, but can extend

5.1 Update on Erlton Resident's Immediate Concerns

- Many houses in Erlton affected
- Lindsay Luhnau from Gian-Carlo's (G-C) office has been doing a lot of good work to help people in times of need
- Lots of houses not requiring demolition, but not fit for habitation
- Lots of ideas posted on site (Samaritan's Purse, Red Cross, etc.)
- About 3-6 houses, not sure on exact numbers. It's a very personal thing to ask for help for some people.
- Comment from Kirt: we hear about a lot of programs, but we're not sure if there's a need. We post to erltoncommunity.com but not sure if people are responding. Direct your neighbours who may be in need to Kirt or Geoff
- Suggestion from community: put together a pamphlet/newsletter with information on getting help; find out where they can get help
- Michael Kwadrans to John Merriman: have you heard about how other CA's are responding? In Cliff Bungalow Mission, apartment dwellers have disappeared; John meeting with Red Cross and he will bring Erlton concerns and get advice to share with Post-Flood Action Committee
- Comment from Shirine: we can send a pamphlet out to affected areas (25 Avenue & 27 Avenue)
- Comments from Lindsay (G-C's office):

- I was able to connect to Red Cross; two case workers have been assigned to Erlton:
 - Crystal Smith
Recovery Caseworker
403-261-6204
crystal.smith@redcross.ca
 - Roberta Gardiner
Recovery Caseworker, Disaster Management
roberta.gardiner@redcross.ca
- Other communities: Inglewood put out a 10-page booklet with articles and is selling to raise funds. Feedback on needs: money is needed
- Some community members will have demolition costs waived up until October

5.2 Roundtable Discussion of Outstanding Issues and Hot Topics

- Kirt: What are the concerns in the community?
- Community member: were told we had to take steps to mitigate. We want to keep our house, renovate the basement. Geoff: if you don't take money from the DRP you will not get red flagged. Lindsay: if you take the money and then return the money later, the flag will be removed
- Question re: boulevard on 25 Avenue: is this going to be restored? 25 Avenue and Erlton St. Lindsay: Roads has told me the owners are responsible for upkeep.
- Question regarding Lindsay Park playground - is it coming back? Community member: heard end of October should be back online.
- Question regarding rocks put into river during construction -are these being removed? Geoff: not sure; apparently a formal remapping is taking place next year.
- Action item: Michael to create alias email for all flood-related correspondence (complete: flood@erltoncommunity.com)

6. Flood Fundraiser

Proposal from Trish Herreria, Danielle Kraus and Leslie Oulman

- (Danielle could not make it)
- Danielle was very involved with speaking to neighbours who could use help getting back on their feet
- Strategized on getting a committee together to help these people in need
- Not sure what that looks like yet, but want to create a grassroots fundraising initiative
- Needs of some people are very unique
- Two things: determine need and how do we meet the need (fundraisers, services, donations)
 - Kirt: if you can help with getting the requirements, the P-FAC may help to funnel some of the concerns
 - Natalie: can follow up with FCC to better understand how to address needs
 - Kirt: this could be an opportunity to use Stampede Parking for fundraising
 - Immediate need: identify requirements/needs

- Next steps: Kirt to follow up with group and Geoff and other 2 individuals who showed an interest in getting involved

7. Other Business

- Question from community: question regarding burned-down house on 28 Avenue; when can this get demolished? It's an eyesore and someone has already contacted G-C; apparently the update is that something is afoot to get the house demolished.
- Community member question regarding overpass on Macleod and 25 Ave: is this active? Bill: doubt it will happen in my lifetime.
- Question regarding activity on south side of 25 Avenue to Humpty's. Bill: haven't heard anything lately.
- Question regarding Erlton Rd from 25 Ave up to Talisman, are there plans? Bill: that's the Anthem development (additional from Bill: the history of the land use amendment over the past 16 months is on our website: <http://erltoncommunity.com/2013/12/02/erlton-community-comment-loc2012-0040-anthem-property/> . Also I have a set of tentative design plans issued in August 2012 if anyone wants to see them. Contact planning@erltoncommunity.com)

8. Guest Speakers

8.1 Ward 9 Update

Alderman Gian-Carlo Carra - (Lindsay)

- Happy to be at the Erlton CA, will hopefully attend more
- Call if you need flood help

8.2 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

John Merriman

- 2 things:
 - Business plan from board: Vision statement was something that caught my eye –inspiring stuff – you should promote it more
 - AGM: in the coming year give a little thought into engaging potential new recruits

8.3 Calgary Police Services Community Resource Officer Update

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

Cst. Staples sends his regrets and provided the update below:

- Don't have anything pertinent to inform the association members.
- Since the last meeting, we still have not been identified the source of bike thefts, although thefts have slowed.
- My Staff Sgt and I really appreciated the invite to the Flood Party. It was great to meet some of the residents and see the sense of community that is present in Erlton.
- If there are any questions or concerns that arise in tonight's meeting please contact me via the contact info on the main page of erltoncommunity.com

8.4 Note: Next Meeting is the AGM

- We will be located in the Riverview Room @7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. put forward by Kirt, seconded by Natalie. Passed unanimously.

10. Appendix II – email from

From: chris@davisjensenlaw.ca

Date: Fri, 4 Oct 2013 07:04:56 -0600

Subject: Re: Mission Rd Dumpsite Follow-Up

To: kirtvee@hotmail.com

CC: planning@erltoncommunity.com; president@parkhillstanleypark.ca

Kirt:

I passed along all of Mr. Allen's written comments. I saw him at Gian-Carlos's fundraiser yesterday. He added that they only used the site for less than a week (I believe he said 5 days); a clay base with gravel cover was laid down and removed. Whether he made money or not, he views his actions as a community service. Since he lives in the Rideau community, I suspect he saw a need and responded to it.

While I appreciate that full and proper protocols were not followed, we were in an emergency situation. If there is no on-going issue and this has now become a simmering hot point of resentment by neighbours about the dust and noise that occurred during this temporary use of the site, I am not sure that this is a community-wide issue that would invoke further CA resources. I say this as a board member, but do not speak for our board on this issue.

If the affected neighbours have evidence (not conjecture) of toxicity that would be sufficient for an investigation by Alberta Environment, they may wish to pursue it with that agency.

Chris

Christopher S. Davis

Sent from my iPad

From: chris@davisjensenlaw.ca

Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2013 15:55:35 -0600

Subject: RE: Mission Rd Dumpsite Follow-Up

To: kirtvee@hotmail.com

CC: planning@erltoncommunity.com; president@parkhillstanleypark.ca

Kirt:

I have asked CUE / Jonathan Allan if they have secured any environmental documentation. His answer:

“Representatives from both the city and Alberta Environment have inspected the site, in fact the city’s waste and recycling department is now located just a few blocks east of the site. No further “diagnostics” have been deemed necessary by any authority, and it’s clear (to most everyone, I would venture) that the site has been amply remediated. The only additional feedback we’re getting is congratulatory in nature.”

Our community association has not directed to take further action or contact either the City or Alberta Environment at this time

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We also asked about the sales trailer and suggested that if a DP was not forthcoming that the trailer should either get its own permit or be removed.

Jonathan advised:

“The trailer is included on our main application; a separate application is not required. The city seems understanding of the current predicament and claims to be making progress. We’re obviously eager to move forward.”

It is my opinion that, should any party wish to make a complaint to the City’s bylaw enforcement division (call 311), that the City would have to investigate and pursue enforcement. Even if the site trailer is “included”, the initial DP has not been approved.

This enforcement process could take several months, particularly if CUE chose to appeal any enforcement order.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christopher S. Davis