

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

January 2014 Community Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2014

1. Review / Acceptance of 2013 December Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to
Order

Natalie Kwadrans calls meeting to order at 7:03, puts motion forward to accept minutes, seconded by Michael Kwadrans. Passed unanimously.

2. Report from Standing Committees

2.1 Membership

Shirine Lund, Membership Committee Chair

We are now at 152 members; membership drive completed. There could be a few one-off additions. Of the 152, we have gathered 131 email addresses. 4 seniors have paid, 17 have taken complimentary. \$1340 total gathered, all submitted to treasurer.

2.2 Development

Regrets from Bill Fischer, Planning & Development Committee Chair

2.2.1 Update on Active Developments

- Mission/34 Condo – Neighbour Appeal. At the time of this meeting, Bill was at SDAB meeting, which was running long.

2.3 Post-Flood Action Committee

Regrets from Geoff Granville, Post-Flood Action Committee Chair

Written update: “nothing much has happened since the last meeting from my perspective, thanks to the Christmas hiatus. The provincial DRP group had hinted there might be more money to support home owners whose properties were unlivable in, although not condemned, but I have not heard anything more.”

2.3.1 Outreach Update

Report from Trish Herreria, Outreach Lead,

Trish connected with individuals affected.

3 reached out: 2 required hot water heaters, 1 complete. Second home has plumbing issues, but should have home back in order shortly.

Trish sent email with new DRP info to addresses she had. **Natalie:** any response? Not since email sent last Tuesday.

1 homeowner will have home rebuilt with DRP and Samaritan's Purse funds; fully funded.

Not sure about the status of the home at Erlton St and 27 Ave; unsure what their next steps are.

Houses on Erlton St on east side, north of 25 Ave, south of park; they didn't get DRP funds because they were not primary residences.

Councillor Gian-Carlo: is anyone aware of which house belongs to Clément Lanthier (President & CEO at Calgary Zoo)? **Group:** not sure.

Heesung Kim: I have concerns going to 1995, back then avenues would become channels in order to accommodate overflow during flood. On 27 Ave, they did some reconfiguration (roads, sidewalks). Concern is there was a local improvement levied, but there were no changes. Since then, a park was developed at 27 Ave and Erlton St., which has significantly changed water flow in the area. Flood maps at the time factored in a house there. Concern is flooding will continue, so what will we do to address the way water would flow through Erlton in current state? DRP funds shouldn't be used towards just rebuilding houses, should be used towards flood mitigation on a wider scale.

Councillor Gian-Carlo: we're waiting for our blue ribbon panel to report back. I worked as an undergrad to get the berm built in Inglewood and have some background. They realized at the time they could make small changes by introducing a berm (in the early 90s) and there was initially pushback from neighbours. Back then most people didn't think the river would flood. I wrote a paper on the subject of putting in a berm and came out with a proposal. Construction took 3 years, starting in 2003. There was a deal with the province that once the berm was built, the development conditions for buildings along 9 Ave would be lifted. There was still some pushback from the provincial government, who still required flood mitigation. I went to City planners to look at redoing the flood maps, which was completed at end of 2012. After study, Inglewood looked good, but rest of Elbow valley did not. A Request for Proposals (RFP) went out for mitigation strategies and at that time, the flood hit. One of the biggest troubles continues to be that old maps are being used. Those 2012 maps only factored in old river, we're just finishing new maps (joint City and Province maps) – being championed by City blue ribbon panel. That being said, strategy employed for Inglewood (small berm protecting large area) wouldn't be effective for Elbow, will need to be a different strategy.

Natalie: once maps are released, we will have to ensure the ECA takes a stance to ensure Erlton gets representation as part of future flood mitigation.

3. Other Business

N/A

4. Guest Speakers

4.1 Ward 9 Update

Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra or representative

Mission Road Development – why did Erlton file an appeal if major concerns addressed? **Natalie:** The ECA didn't file an appeal. An individual resident did.

The ECA's supporting position was related to concerns around parking entrances/exits.

Councillor Gian-Carlo: With respect to communication to SDAB in May, I normally weigh in with stakeholders in a letter, not the SDAB. My staff CC'd SDAB representative by mistake. I own that mistake.

Anthem Development – some misinformation about current state of development. **Michael:** I believe traffic was the key issue, but after LPCA leaders weighed in, believe ECA is reassessing our position.

Councillor Gian-Carlo: There are three elements:

1. Change in office density
2. Enlargement of the grocery store
3. Commercial traffic in ARP states should enter Macleod Tr side; Anthem wants these things changed.

Heesung: personal thought, but commercial traffic should change so community can also more effectively make use of retail.

(Other comments about making grocery store a viable option will require change in commercial traffic flow)

Councillor Gian-Carlo: other significant addition was to create a pedestrian walkway on 24 Ave. I support this, plus there will be an elevated pedestrian walkway to Erlton LRT station. Please let me know where the ECA finally stands.

Other Business

I sit on the Parking Committee and I believe we own some of the best technology. We could introduce some kind of zone system throughout Erlton (exempting local residents). Part of the funds raised could support community initiatives, including a boat launch and stairs to Talisman Centre. **Natalie:** We can discuss further, I will bring up at our next executive meeting in February.

I believe in the Community Associations, but I believe in scaling up – I've had these conversations with Inglewood and Ramsay and would suggest you start having the same conversation with Rideau-Roxboro about merging. The Community Associations then become bigger and have greater influence.

Natalie: again, we'll bring it up in our Board meeting.

Last item to share: I've had a successful start of term and have been added to all committees I wanted to join. We had a great budget for Ward 9. I continue to battle with planning and I had a big victory before Christmas; my plan is to have planning done at the local level, staff embedded with community members.

4.2 City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator Update

Regrets - John Merriman

4.3 Calgary Police Services Community Resource Officer Update

Regrets - Constable Staples

Concerns raised by community member Danielle Kraus regarding car theft from her home. Will follow up directly with Cst. Staples.

**Motion to
Adjourn**

Natalie puts motion forward at 8:17 p.m.

5. Attendees

Name	Member (Y/N?)