

Erlton Community Association

Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Meeting brought to order by Kasper Lund at 7:02 PM. Kasper stated that Natalya would be arriving in approximately half an hour and would resume chairing the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as presented. Bobbie/Bill. Carried.

Approval of amended May 13, 2014 minutes. Bill/Norma. Carried

Approval of the June 10, 2014 minutes. Bill/Norma. Carried.

Treasurers Report: Bonnie reported that she has one volunteer for the audit and has a potential second person.

Membership: The membership drive started in August with six volunteers willing to go door to door. Shirine is hopeful that the door to door canvassing will be complete by the end of September. She stressed the importance of holding a valid membership for one month prior to a regular meeting or the annual general meeting to be eligible to vote. Currently we have 156 members. We are hoping to receive more memberships from the northern part of Erlton. Shirine does canvas that section of the community but it is difficult to gain access to the residents. Word of mouth does help. Nadine suggested putting up a poster at the Talisman Centre as many residents use the facility. The membership from that area increased from seven to seventeen after the flood.

Development: The most recent set of plans is for 2515 Erlton St .S.W. The development committee will be reviewing it shortly.

Chairs Report: Natalya reported that the board has met within the last two weeks. She met with our city councillor at a Stampede event and was introduced to other community association chairs. We have many common interest and concerns and she hopes to keep communication lines open to them. She also met with communications representative from the Stampede. They are making changes to the area and they would like to come to a future community meeting to present their plans for the south side of the grounds.

Traffic: Met with our councillor regarding Anthem. It was suggested to him that he write a letter to him detailing our concerns and our wish list of things to be done. It included shortcutting, traffic calming and traffic study - to name a few. He also met with Rocky from the Anthem project to discuss community issues. Jeremy has heard from our councillors assistant, who informed him that our issues will be discussed at their next team meeting. Representatives also met with ECA and Lindsay group, in August, to discuss their plans/proposals with hopes of feedback. They have no firm decisions regarding commercial or private vehicles on Erlton Road. Regarding commercial vehicles - no concrete plans.

Their initial plans/hopes for traffic flow (access and egress) in a very condensed area is difficult to envision. Anthem is also dealing with city expectations. To date we have had no communications with the traffic division. There is a strong need for community involvement and participation regarding this development. We need our residents to be informed regarding issues. Anthem plans to speak to groups within the next month.

Post Flood: All is quiet, at the moment but Geoff expects things to pick up as summer is over.

Parks: Michelle offered thanks to the many that volunteered at the community barbeque. There were 250 people in attendance. 25 Red Cross emergency preparedness kits were handed out by draw. The Little Library launch will be Saturday, Sept. 13, from 1 to 3 PM. The 25 Ave. Park is to be repaired and will likely be done in stages which also gives us an opportunity to add in extras. Consultation is ongoing. John Merriman stated that the park will probably be re seeded as opposed to having sod laid down. Submissions to the Elbow Scene could also include Park upgrade and Anthem project .

Community Disaster Outreach Team: Marcie Dupuis stated that she was doing a check in with our community and to share some of the resources available to our community. She shared that there were a number of people at the community barbeque who quietly told her that they felt that they needed help. She was able to direct them to available services. Alberta Health Services have resources available and they also have small groups discussions. Coleen Miller is with that team and she has been assigned to us. Marcie will put her in touch with our post flood committee. She will also send out more information to us to be forwarded to our membership. Help is still out there.

CERT Canada (Community Emergency Response Team) is holding a workshop on Saturday, September 27, 2014 with a cost of \$39.00 per registration. This is basic emergency training. Marcie stated that Calgary Emergency Training will be coming out sometime in 2015 and this will be geared more for emergencies likely to happen in Calgary.

Motion: The E.C.A. will support up to three community association members to attend the CERT Canada workshop on September 27, 2014. Natalya/Geoff. Eight in favor and one opposed. Carried.

Building Safe Communities are offering ongoing workshops through the FCC at no cost. We would need to put forward a proposal.

Communication Committee: The terms of reference has been drafted and will be ready for presentation. It has yet to be director reviewed but will be shortly.

City of Calgary Recreation Coordinator: John Merriman requested that the E.C.A. sign the optional amenities agreement for the little library. Natalya stated that the board had looked at/reviewed this prior to meeting. **Motion:** Erlton Community Association to enter optional amenities agreement with the City of Calgary for the Little Library located in Forrest Park, 2607 Erlton St. S.W. Michelle/Natalya.

Carried.

Community Appreciation: Thank you extended to John Merriman for all his hard work and involvement with our community. Also to Shirine and Bonnie for all their work with the little library. Thank you to Shirine and Bill for all the work above and beyond.

Meeting Adjourned. Bobbie/Bonnie

Attendance on following page.

