
The Erlton Community Association hosts monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Talisman Centre except for July and August. Meetings provide an opportunity for community members to receive updates on the status of projects from the ECA and bring any new issues to the attention of the community and executive.

Erlton Community Association

May 2015 Meeting Minutes (May 12, 2015)

Call to Order

The MAY meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:06 pm by Natalya Nicholson.

1) Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as presented (Natalya N). Request to amend agenda to include guests from Joan Crockatt's office (5b). Motion to approve agenda as amended (Bill F/Michelle S). Carried.

2) Presentation of the Minutes

Motion to accept the April 2015 minutes as presented. (Kasper L/Geoff G). Carried.

3) Information Items:

a) President's Report – Natalya Nicholson

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association (CBMCA) – has decided they will proceed with the community entrance sign. The sign will be installed on the SE corner of the Scollen Bridge. ECA does not intend to put up a sign.

Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA) – HSCA requested a letter of support due to concerns about a large development in Kensington (Osteria). The ECA Planning Committee met and decided to provide a letter of support focusing on issues as they relate to the planning process. The proposal went to council and was defeated. Five other communities provided a supportive comment to promote sound planning process.

Secondary suites – A final decision regarding re-zoning of several inner city wards has not been made yet. Erlton is already zoned for secondary suites, one common community question is: If you have a multi-residential dwelling (duplex, fourplex etc) can you have a secondary suite? The answer is No. Under current zoning only single-family homes can contain a secondary suite. Norma B - What are they doing about illegal suites? Katie H – Currently, concerned residents can report an illegal suite to the bylaw office. Removing barriers, such removing the cost prohibitive method of applying for suites, creates an incentive to building legal suites. Bill F – how many community association's in ward 9 actually supported the blanket re-zoning for suites? Katie H – Several communities were already zoned for it so some did not send in a comment. Overall, anecdotally, more people were in favor than against. Edmonton has blanket zoning, which was applied a few years ago, and there haven't been any serious ramifications. Eric P - 85% of secondary suites that go before council pass, therefore, just because the suites motion passes, doesn't mean all suites will be approved. This streamlines the

process. Michelle S – Suites will remain a “discretionary use”, therefore, communities will have an opportunity to comment on the development permit application.

Non-profit workshop, through Board Leadership Calgary, on Sat May 30 – Michelle S and Natalya N will attend. Natalya applied for a Bursary; therefore, the cost to us is \$25 each.

Motion to approve reimbursement of \$25 to each participant (Michelle and Natalya) for the cost of attending the Board Leadership Calgary workshop on May 30, 2015. (Bill F/Norma B). Carried.

Anthem – nothing new, Rocky asked if we would support stampede parking in the lot this year, Natalya said yes, because it reduces traffic circulating in the community. Bill F – not sure if the bylaw allows for that? Will look into it.

Joan Crockatt, or one of her community liaisons, will be coming to a future meeting. Two of her interns have joined us tonight to gather information/questions from the community. See item 5b.

After the provincial election, Greg Clark (new Calgary-Elbow MLA) reached out and would like to meet with community association Presidents. Will provide an update in June. Will include Geoff G in discussions relating to flood mitigation.

b) Secretary’s Report – Michelle S, no report

c) Treasurer’s Report – No report, regrets from Bonnie F

d) Director’s Reports

i) Membership- No report, regrets from Danielle K.

ii) Planning & Development Committee

Bill F- no report. See <http://erltoncommunity.com/development-planning/> for all active and past planning & development reports and communications.

Natalya N - in light of the planning process issues identified in the HSCA Osteria developmet, are there any steps being taken to look at planning process at the city? Eric P - a discussion has started with the Calgary Planning Commission, discussing how to accommodate density needs.

iii) Traffic Committee

No report, regrets from Gord L. Natalya N – Gord is working on traffic engagement, update regarding meeting with Mac Logan. Community traffic questions, concerns, ideas etc can be sent to traffic@erltoncommunity.com

iv) Post-Flood Action Committee

Geoff G – The Springbank project is moving ahead as planned, with the goal of effective flood mitigation by 2018. Steel gates on the Glenmore Dam is proceeding as plan, this could increase capacity four-fold. Talking with Greg Clark, liaising with Joan Crockatt re. speeding up process etc would all be good.

v) Parks Committee (Parks Director - position open)

(1) Erlton Park Rehabilitation Update

The City is planning to rehabilitate the 25th ave park over the next few months, including a new pathway, replacement fences (south boundary and NE corner), garbage can, truf etc over the next couple months.

(2) Parks Survey Update

Michelle S – we have received ~40 responses to the 25th Ave park enhancement survey. So far the top requests for the green space include benches/seating, paved pathways, boulders/natural enhancements, flower beds and public art.

(3) River Clean up report

Talisman Centre staff worked closely with Denise Dixey and Shirine Lund on the annual River Clean-up. Written report from Shirine L:

The following ECA members: J. Deis, D. Kinnill, A. Jubb, B. Wickens, P. Tuckey, C. Tuckey, N. Heinrich, W. Pashek, D. Campbell and M. Smekal kindly volunteered their time and hard work to help with the BBQ event. Approximately eighty people came through the BBQ stands. Nearly 108 sausages, 108 buns plus trimmings, salads and soft drinks were consumed. There were some extra salads left that I dropped off at the Mustard Seed. There were some extra soft drinks left that can be used in another ECA event.

For three consecutive years I have organized this BBQ. Now I would like to take this opportunity to pass on the torch to another volunteer organizer.

(4) Neighbour Day

Natalya N – asked our coordinator at the city, AJ Matsun, to provide info relating to Neighbor Day. Spoke with the President from CBMCA to see if they would like to do something together, they usually host at the Cliff Bungalow Community Association hall. Katie H – Ward Community Event Fund is available for this event. Permit deadline is May 29th.

No interest was expressed from members present regarding coordination of a Neighbor Day event, though Vicky G indicated she may be interested in doing something.

vi) Committee Reports

(1) Governance Committee

No report

4) New Business

a) Social Media accounts (Facebook, Twitter)

Natalya – creation of social media accounts to get info out, limit/control posts. Natalya, Gord and Michelle have agreed to work on this.

Bill F – sent a request to Natalya to add a few links to planning page on website to keep it up to date.

b) Calgary Police Commission – Feedback

The Calgary Police Commission is hosting a Community dinner and has invited community associations to provide feedback on a few questions. Members present discussed issues of concern in the community including: Break-ins, traffic/parking issues, vagrancy, car prowling's, drug use in Lindsay park. Natalya plans to attend, Vicky G may also attend.

5) Guest Presentations & Speakers:

a) Ward 9 Update – Katie Hope and Eric Peters

No report

b) Joan Crockatt’s interns: Intern introductions: Nick – here to listen and understand community issues to bring back to Joan Crockatt. Personally would like to get to know more about the community. Brian – our job is to listen to community concerns and take them back to Joan Crockatt to help prepare for future discussions with the community. Personally, I think community involvement is very important.

Geoff G – expressed concerns about delay in flood mitigation and potential impact. Would like to hear from Joan Crockatt about what can be done at a local level? How the federal MPs could have an impact here. Brian – Joan can liaise with other levels of government as well, she is very committed to doing what she can address community issues.

6) Good and Welfare: Community Appreciation & Engagement

Michelle S – thank you to Shirine Lund and Denise Dixey for their hard work organizing another successful river clean-up!

Meeting Adjourned

The MAY meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Natalya Nicholson

Erlton Community Association MEETING ATTENDANCE May 12, 2015		
NAME	MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Kasper Lund	Y	ECA Vice President
Bill Fischer	Y	ECA Planning
Jack Peace	Y	
Geoff Granville	Y	ECA Post-Flood Committee
Vicky Grace	Y	
Norma Brown	Y	
Nick Boots	N	Intern – Joan Crockett, MP
Brian Bateson	N	Intern – Joan Crockett, MP
Shelaine Chapple	N	Ward 9 Representative
Katie Hope	N	Ward 9 Representative
Eric Peters	N	Ward 9 Representative
Natalya Nicholson	Y	ECA President
Michelle Smekal	Y	ECA Secretary
TOTAL: 13	Members: 8	