

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

Agenda – September 8, 2015 7:00 pm

Approval of Agenda

- Norma
- Jeff
- unanimously

Information Items

- Ward Boundary Changes - presentation of letter proposed by board.

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

- Gross 11,000, after expenses 9, 600
- Great thanks to Paul Barker for making this a successful event.

Director's Reports

Membership

Membership Drive - New Discounts and Timeframe - Waiting for confirmation letter from Famoso. Received confirmation letter from Humpty's

Planning & Development Committee

Traffic

No evidence of further City-Wide Towing cut through
Resident concern regarding parking on Erlton St at 30/31Ave

Post Flood Action Committee - Geoff Granville

Update on meeting with MP, Joan Crockatt, and separate meeting with MLA, Greg Clark, regarding mitigation.

Alberta Government is planning a news release soon.

Natalya and Geoff met with Mrs. Crockatt. Federal government does want to play a role. Unsure of what this will look like.

Parkhill, Sandy Beach Community Association and Us joined in a conversation with Mr. Clark - went well. He sounded hopeful that there would be an announcement soon. Plan to meet with him at the end of November and would like to continue discussions.

Need two of the three possible mitigations - we are hopeful that one of these will be presented.

One of the best things that an individual can do is to write a letter to their MLA or the premier as a member of the CA.

Margaret - booked an appointment with Disaster Relief, was told 'there is money' and if receipts are provided we may be able to have some.

Parks

ECA is still looking for a board member to be responsible for parks.

ECA is quiet happy and thankful for all the volunteers that are working to keep our neighbourhood parks and Lindsay Park tidy.

Talisman has been working on keeping the flowerbeds pristine and tended to.

Concern about the invasion of tents/homeless Roxboro Natural Area (dog park) - called 311 and sent a letter to Ward 9 Office.

Our recommendation would be to have foot patrol or bike cops to cover this area.

Members at the meeting requested that our CPS Liaison be invited to the next meeting.

Eric (from GC's office) - this is an issue for many of Ward 09 communities. His advice - call the non-emergency police line 403.266.1234 AND let Ward 09 Office know or be aware of it.

If there are instances of crime, they will contact our community resource officer with the CPS;

Police will allocate resources to an issue that they see as prevalent.

Margaret - When there was an issue on 27th ave and Erlton street - 5/6 years ago huge drug problem - community action was that 5 or 6 people on 27th Ave and took pictures and license plate #s and pretty quickly it got cleaned up.

Update on Talisman Outreach and Improvements

Jeff Booke to present at 8:00

Looking at enhancement of facility - reasons for: demand, competition, changing nature of recreation and sport delivery; want to ensure that the next thirty years of the Talisman Centre look as great as the last thirty years.

Jeff and Board of Governors are looking to engage the voice of those that live near and/or use the facility.

They are not looking to **design and defend**.

Parking - not talking about making more spots - talking about doing it right and control traffic.

Community Member - would like to see talisman take more parking as he does not want their parking in our community.

Want to stay current and relevant.

Talisman Centre wants to understand how our members use this facility personally professionally - meeting rooms, small conferences, athletics.

What would we see as bettering our community and giving Erlton added value: Are the links there, is the integration to the community complete. Is there a value in mixed-use housing / hotel?

Talisman Centre has hired an architecture firm to work on the ideas of what comes out. Would like to bring back conceptual drawings back for feedback to the community. The focus of growth would be on the east side. would like to entertain the concept of improving the interface between the stucco wall and the park. One thought is perhaps it's all meeting rooms, maybe a patio? Would be more east than west, if it was west it would be respectful of the park and thin.

Have asked GEC to produce master plan to lay out what opportunity is available.

Circulate survey to membership and post on website. Invite everyone to give input.

Ward 09 Office Report

It has been a year for Katie and Eric at his office. Have reflected and found that they could get better at communication. Looking at best practices to communicate to Community Associations (CAs) as well as how they can amplify the voices of CAs. Regarding items going to council and items going to committee.

Looking to also do more town-hall meetings. Have started with Ramsay and Inglewood re: camps and crime. Have members of bylaw, roads, CPS to have this discussion to listen, respond and take action.

Question - how would we start a town hall discussion?

- Genuine concerns brought forth from the community, met by calls to 311 regarding the same issue, informed by by-law. The goal is to be proactive.

Question - Has there ever been a city strategy for these camps?

- There seems to be policies regarding what you do when you see a camp.

“If you see something, say something.”

Options to report:

call 311

complete online 311 form

complete online CPS form

city police non-emergency line

contact Ward 09 office

Iris Lui - Neighbourhood Liaison with the City of Calgary

Just new to the position and thankful to be here tonight.

Motion to adjourn - Bill

Seconded - Geoff