
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

February/2016 Meeting Minutes

Feb 9: 7:00pm

Call to
Order

The February meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) called to order at 7:03pm by Natalya Nicholson

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as presented. Carried

2. Presentation of the Minutes

Motion to accept the January/2016 minutes as presented.

Board Member has an exception to the minutes: On behalf of Tony Suche, Jeremy Sturgess had asked for a motion in the meeting, which was recorded in version 1 of the minutes, but taken out of the version 2 of the minutes. This should be put back into the minutes.

Motion to accept the Jan 2016 minutes with amendment that Jeremy Sturgess, on behalf of Tony Suche, had put forward a request for a motion to vote at the March meeting to pass that the community wouldn't object to their plans for 2 double front-drive garages. (No motion was in fact put forward in the end.)

Motioned by Natalya Nicholson. Seconded by Bill Fischer. Carried

Information Items

a) President's Report: Natalya Nicholson

- Note from Natalya about how the community should remember that the Board of Directors are volunteers for the benefit of the community.
 - Seems to be some negativity and disrespectful comments directed towards some Board of Directors
 - Bill explained that the negativity is mostly to him, and mostly just from a few community members, so it doesn't bother him.
 - Natalya commented that that wasn't the point. If the role was done by someone else in the future, then she wouldn't want that to happen to them. It's a contentious role. Nobody should have to deal with that for a volunteer position.
 - Another member indicated that it's usually because these people are misinformed.
 - It's not one person's decision what happens in the community, there are votes that take place either within the Board meetings or within community meetings, so blaming decisions on one person is incorrect.
- Student looking for volunteers to help with a project about inner-city living.
 - Are you age 25-35?

- A grad student in Geography from the Uni of Lethbridge is conducting research on where young adults live in the city and why
- ½ hour length interviews
- Please contact trina.burgess@uleth.ca
- Community associations and their future.
 - What do we appreciate about them, what's their value?
 - Was originally brought forward because the City was looking at taking away the community associations' rights to comment on development.
 - FCC is looking for this so they know how to go forward with community associations
 - Was an interesting idea about community associations being funded by the Province rather than City. (i.e. They sometimes fund community halls)

b) Vice-President's Report: Krista Goranson

- Not present
- Has been helping doing the social media – 220+ followers

c) Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Fischer

- Working on getting refund for last year's insurance

d) Directors Reports

i. Membership: Danielle Kraus

- Not present
- Has some additional members
- Clarifying community discounts that we have (e.g. Humpty's)
- Member suggested to put information onto a postcard for membership drive incentive

ii. Post-flood Action Committee: Geoff Granville

- Not present
- Had a meeting that they're going to demolish those houses along the river (Rideau)

iii. Parks: Greg Stewart

- Connected with Michelle to get background information and get up to speed
- Got information on the survey
- River cleanup needs additional volunteers for after the cleanup (the social part) – doesn't have to be a big bbq, just a coffee and doughnuts thing
- Member suggestion that Humpty's or Safeway may donate
- Could also buy as it doesn't have to be expensive

iv. **Planning and Development: Bill Fischer**

- Application for new home 2508 Erlton Street
 - We got a preview of this when the owner came in to present the project at an ECA meeting
 - 3-storey, loft, 2-car off lane, secondary suite on main floor
 - One of neighbours has already indicated objection to height – it's over the limit
 - Not going to be as high as the one on the corner of Erlton St/27 Ave
 - Planning committee will look over in details and give comment to the City
- City doesn't provide details of relaxations that are being asked for – this is a change that went through around 2 years ago.
 - City said they'd monitor it, but we're not so sure this is happening
 - So the community association has to go through all the plans in detail to see what is against the rules, only to be told there has been a relaxation
 - BIG job for a volunteer planning committee to do (basically doing the City's work for free)
 - Comment: Would be helpful to get community associations to have a petition to get more transparency of this?
 - Planning committee has been working on trying to convince the City to give us these details for a while
 - Ward 9 – Gian-Carlo Carra has no comment on this.

v. **Traffic: Rob Lukacs**

- Not present
- Looking at potential traffic calming measures in South Erlton
- Looking at most cost effective, easiest to install etc.
- Will be creating a survey for all residents
 - There's a group called Slow down YYC trying to get the speed limit reduced.
- Natalya brought activity for after the meeting – highlighting pathways that should be well-lit etc. or improvements of pathways.

3. Ongoing business

- Anthem and City have come to an agreement on the contribution Anthem will make on the overpass to the station
 - Haven't heard whether it's still in Phase 2 or whether that's changed
 - Rocky from Anthem will call a meeting sometime in the next month
 - Sales centre will be installed soon on the site
- Jane's Walk: still need stories from people for the walk and volunteers to put it all together
 - One of the meeting attendees volunteered to help out – her email address was taken

5. New business

- Community Objectives Workshop (COW): Sat, Feb 20th: 10:30 – 2:30
 - Trying to engage as many people as possible
 - Currently not many participants from Erlton, mainly Rideau and Parkhill, so more diversity is needed
 - Food and entertainment provided

- Feasibility Study Macleod Trail / 25 Ave
 - What's the community's thoughts on releasing those lands reserved for overpass/underpass and putting other ideas on the table?
 - City owns corner lot on the space where Anthem will be building
 - Comment: Why wouldn't they keep the flexibility and keep the land? Is there a pressure from Anthem?
 - Comment: If we're against the interchange proposal, maybe we say to get rid of it so that there's no chance of this
 - Natalya to go back and ask further questions to Stephen before we make a motion

Additional comments:

- Comment about someone on a resident's street trapping rabbits and sending them to the SPCA
 - What's the regulation on this?
 - Our community has a love/hate relationship with the rabbits ;-)
 - People are allowed to feed them, and trapping them on their own yard is probably ok
 - People are seeing coyotes and bobcats again

**Meeting
Adjourned**

The February meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 8:35 by Natalya Nicholson. Seconded by Vicky Grace.

