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The Erlton Community Association hosts monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at the Repsol Sport 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.

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# **Erlton Community Association**

## **October 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**October 10: 7:00pm**

The September meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was called to order at 7:02pm by Vicky Grace.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved. Motioned by Mona Hayes; seconded by Susan Tyrrell.

### **2. Presentation of the Minutes**

Minutes approved. Motioned by Bill Fischer; seconded by Cathy McAvoy.

### **3. Information Items**

#### **a) President's Report: Vicky Grace**

Vicky has been meeting with members who have indicated an interest in volunteering, including someone who has expressed an interest in starting a community garden. (See item 7A for more information.) She has also been canvassing 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the membership drive.

Vicky is planning to have a Wine & Cheese Reception for members immediately following our Annual General Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and has received approval from the Repsol Sport Centre. We will need a liquor license and to clean up. Vicky will submit a budget to our Treasurer and ensure that we have enough funds to cover it.

Vicky attended two Ward 11 Councillor Candidates meetings and encourages everyone to vote in the upcoming municipal election on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b) Vice-President's Report: Krista Goranson**

As Krista is on a break from her duties due to personal reasons, there was no report.

#### **c) Treasurer's Report: Mona Hayes**

Mona has been canvassing Erlton Terrace as part of the Membership Drive. Three people have requested to pay the membership fee via e-transfer to Mona's personal account, and Mona has forward the funds to the ECA account. This worked satisfactorily for the small amounts involved.

#### **d) Directors Reports**

##### **i. Membership: Danielle Kraus**

As Danielle was absent there was no report. As the deadline for becoming a member in order to qualify to vote at our AGM is October 14<sup>th</sup>, Vicky offered to sell membership after the meeting on Danielle's behalf.

##### **ii. Post-flood Action Committee: Dean Campbell**

Catherine McKenna, federal Minister of the Environment & Climate Change, sent our association a letter informing of her decision to have an agency review (as opposed to a panel review) of the Springbank Flood Mitigation Project. This will ensure that the project is completed in a timelier manner than if it went to a panel review. Local indigenous groups as well as City staff will be invited to participate in the Technical Working Group.

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

The City has received a [new permit application](#) for the property at 33 31st Avenue, proposing a duplex, rather than a four-plex, which had been successfully appealed. This new plan appears to have taken into consideration all the suggestions in our appeal. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

**iv. Parks Committee – Steve McAvoy**

The sign in Forrest Park advising that dogs must be leashed and cleaned up after has had limited effectiveness. The McAvoy's requested a larger, more explicit sign indicated that the park is not an off-leash area, but the City is unable to do this and offered to send a bylaw officer instead. The imposition of fines appears to have worked in the Mission Beach area.

In response to a request by a member at last month's meeting for statistics on bylaw enforcement in Mission Beach and Erlton, Amber Stewart, our Neighbour Partnership Coordinator, reported that she was unsuccessful in obtaining this information. Instead, she suggested that residents place [311 calls](#) (which can also be logged by the [311 app](#)). This is the best way of triggering bylaw enforcement.

**4. Positions to fill:**

**a) Traffic Committee**

Hopefully this position will be filled at our upcoming AGM.

**5. Ongoing business**

**a. Monday, October 16, 2017 Election Day – Ward 11, Mayor and School Trustee**

Advance polls open through to October 11th. Our new Councillor will be invited to upcoming ECA meetings.

**6. New Business**

**a. AGM Next Month**

If you have an existing 2017 membership, expiring this November 30th of this year, you are entitled to vote at our AGM on November 14th. If you recently purchased a membership prior to October 14th, you are entitled to vote at our November AGM. All recently purchased memberships will be valid until November 30, 2018.

Susan will check the by-laws regarding notification of members of the upcoming AGM. (It must be within 15 days of the meeting – October 31st, and may be done by mail, email, telephone, hand delivery, or any combination thereof.)

**7. City Representative Guests**

**a. Amber Stewart – City of Calgary – NPC (Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators) Report**

See Amber's [full report](#) on our website.

There is a free training session on managing your dog in off-leash parks being offered Saturday, October 21. A similar session could be held closer to Erlton if there are enough 311 calls to warrant it.

A map of the proposed changes to the Macleod Trail & 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection is on the final page of the [report](#). Amber suggests that our new Councillor be informed of our concerns and priorities for this project.

Amber offered to hold a Board Members Orientation session for our new board following our upcoming AGM. It could be held prior to one of our monthly meetings or on a Saturday.

Amber has looked into how a Community Garden might be established in Erlton. A suitable piece of City land with access to water must be identified. Currently, there are two possible sites: at Erlton Street & 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and at Erlton Street & 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Our community association would enter a 15 to 20-year lease agreement with the City. We would have to raise \$10,000, but there are numerous grants available from various sources. Maintenance costs would be approximately \$500 a year and could be covered through user fees. An alternative might involve entering into an arrangement with the owner of private land not currently in use. Some community associations have taken this approach as a trial to a longer-term arrangement with the city. A site on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Humpty's was suggested as a possibility.

**b. Ward 9 Update**

There was no representative from the Ward in attendance but Vicky received a report, which will be posted on our website. Highlights included the consolidation of 51 Home Improvement applications into one and the development of the Provincial Cannabis Framework. The report included thanks to Erlton Community Association volunteers for working with the Ward. Councillor Carra offered to pass data gathered on our community to our new Councillor.

Meeting  
Adjourned

The October meeting of the Erlton Community Association (ECA) was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.  
Motioned by Vicky Grace seconded by Steve McAvoy.

**Erlton Community Association MEETING ATTENDANCE****DATE: 10 October 2017**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Susan Tyrrell	Yes	Secretary
Vicky Grace	Yes	President
Bill Fischer	Yes	Planning and Development Committee
Dean Campbell	Yes	Post-flood Action Committee
Layla Frederickson	Yes	
Mona Hayes	Yes	Treasurer
Steve McAvoy	Yes	Parks Director
Cathy McAvoy	Yes	
Amber Stewart	No	
<b>TOTAL: 9 Members: 8</b>		

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