

# ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday February 8, 2022**

Held via Skype at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

## 1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Grant Opportunities

- Opportunity to apply for the Inspiring Neighbourhoods Grant. Possible initiatives include:
  - Coyote/Bunny-related education
  - Beautification of Erlton Park (beside the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge)
  - Garden improvements
- Sarah Papineau provided an overview of the grant, and the matching nature of the grant. She therefore suggested that we review our budget to assess what we would be able to accommodate and apply for the matching funds accordingly. Funds are up-front as opposed to reimbursement based. It is also possible to receive matching funds with other grants.
- Sarah confirmed that the options we've discussed would be eligible.
- Support was expressed for the idea of beautifying Erlton Park. Sarah confirmed that Calgary Parks would need to be involved with any plans with respect to park improvements. We would need to discuss with Calgary Parks in terms of what is possible/feasible for that parcel of lands. Experience of Elboya Community was shared; there was a suggestion that we reach out them to learn more.
- Debra notes that she has requested a picnic table for this park, so initial steps have been made towards this initiative.
- Decision to table this discussion until Jessica is able to login to the meeting. Upon her return there was some additional discussion about using the funds for coyote/bunny-related education having regard to her discussion with a concerned community member. This could involve a wildlife camera coupled with education about a safe way to cohabitate with the wildlife in the community.
  - Sarah Papineau notes that there is a separate Animal and Bylaw Grant (due February 15) that we could pursue for this purpose.
- There was also some discussion regarding whether we would pursue the Inspiring Neighbourhoods Grant to support this year's garden operations.

### b. Board Vacancies

- Ongoing call for volunteers for the following positions: Vice President, Director of Membership, Director of Social Committee, and Director of Communications/Social Media.
- No volunteers present at the meeting; the call for volunteers will remain open.

## 4. REPORTS

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
  - Efforts have been made to coordinate a discussion with the Lindsay Park Community Association. A meeting has been scheduled for February 17, 2022. We look forward to providing an update regarding the outcome of the discussion with the Lindsay Park Community Association at next month's meeting.
- **Vice President's Report:** Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report:** Debra Smith
  - No updates.
- **Secretary Report:** Nicole Bakker
  - No updates.
- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim
  - The status of the appeal for the proposed development on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue (DP2021-2634) is in flux. The developer has communicated that they plan to withdraw the present development permit application, but nothing has been provided in writing to that effect. Therefore, the appeal is still scheduled to proceed on Thursday February 10, 2022.
  - The development at 55 and 57 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue is still being reviewed by the City, including the comments that have been submitted by the ECA.
- **Cemetery Sub-Committee:** Shirine Lund
  - Update regarding Cemetery Sub-Committee Report #5. Please see attached progress report.
  - The progress report includes a letter from Chevra Kadisha, and Shirine has requested the ECA members' feedback regarding the letter. Please provide your comments by February 22, 2022. Based on the feedback received, Shirine will prepare a letter in response. The draft letter will be reviewed by the ECA Board prior to being sent to Chevra Kadisha.
  - The Cemetery Sub-Committee has been in touch with Ward Councillor Walcott's office. They are open to assisting with ECA's response to any action taken in the vacant lot, rather than taking proactive steps. The Cemetery Sub-Committee has suggested that the commitments provided to the ECA by Chevra Kadisha should be included in the Area Redevelopment Plan or otherwise incorporated into a formal planning mechanism.
  - The Office of Councillor Walcott does not appreciate that in this particular situation any action taken by Chevra Kadisha will be irreversible and will be too late to react to it.
  - Suggestion to invite the Councillor to the next monthly meeting, in order to have a more direct line of communication.
  - Some discussion regarding whether there are plans to beautify the site. Shirine confirmed that Chevra Kadisha intends to plant a hedge. Support was expressed for additional beautification of the site, and comments should be forwarded to Shirine so she can include them in her response.

- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker
  - A new member has joined in the last month. Welcome!
- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
  - Notes that people often travel very quickly along 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and has suggested that we can pursue speed reduction initiatives in the area if we decide to beautify the Erlton Park in accordance with the Inspiring Neighbourhoods Grant.
  - Dave provided an overview of prior discussions with the police regarding speeding in this area, the installation of photo radar and the fact that it is challenging for the police to issue tickets unless folks are travelling faster than 60 km/h.
  - A concern was raised regarding the lack of streetlights in certain parts of the community, which presents a safety hazard at night (especially having regard to ice buildup in the winter). Dave and other community members have agreed to submit a 311 request to try and address this issue. A similar concern was expressed regarding the river pathway between Lindsay Park and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman
  - City has donated a fire pit to the ECA. Consideration has been given to the appropriate “home” for the fire pit, with a focus on locations in Lindsay Park.
  - Authorization for expenditure to obtain is required safety accessories including a patio stone, cinder block, chain and lock. Anticipated cost is \$100.
  - Motion to authorize an expenditure of up to \$100 for the ECA Parks Director to procure a patio stone, cinder block, chain and lock to support the donated fire pit.
    - Motion passes
  - An advertisement has been posted for the Erlton Community Garden Committee. We look forward to hearing from any interested volunteers and are looking forward.
  - Jessica and Sarah Papineau to work on an application for animal control resources.

#### **Additional Items.**

- Request to update the ECA website to reflect our current Ward Councillor. Nicole to make this request.
- Motion to approve the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.