

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 10, 2022 @ 7pm
Meeting held via Skype
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (April 12, 2022)

Approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

a. 2022 River and Pathway Cleanup

- Overview of the upcoming 55th Annual Pathway & River Cleanup on Friday May 13th from 9-11am.
- Question regarding why this is being held on a weekday as opposed to the weekend when more people may be able to attend.
- Rationale provided (participation by Repsol staff, retirees, those with work from home flexibility in past years), but appreciate the feedback and will try out running this event on Saturday next year.

b. City Update re: Alcohol in Parks

- Overview of the update provided to members, including the manner in which members can report issues to the City should they identify any inappropriate behaviour (Contact 311). Additional information is available at calgary.ca/alcoholinparks.
- Specified area:



- Questions regarding mitigations (e.g., additional policing) and distance from children's playground were discussed. Sarah Papineau indicated she would look into this matter and obtain additional information, if available.

c. Neighbour Day is coming up on Saturday, June 18th

- We are looking to form a Planning Team for this event. Tasks include: Event ideas, space ideas, funding opportunities, communication.
- A proposed location is the cul de sac on 24th Ave by the Community Garden space. Email erltonparks@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to plan this event!

d. Motion re: Garden Funds

- See Parks Report for more details.

e. Motion re: Response to Chevra Kadisha

- See Cemetery Sub-Committee Report for more details.

4. REPORTS

- **Cemetery Sub-Committee:** Shirine Lund
 - Overview of Cemetery Sub-Committee Report #8: Virtual meeting with Councillor Walcott on April 18, 2022. During which Shirine provided a presentation regarding this issue. After the presentation, the meeting was opened to discussion. Shirine's personal notes from this meeting are in Cemetery Sub-Committee Report #8. Councillor Walcott indicated that the November 30, 2021 letter from Chevra Kadisha (CK) could be included in the Local Area Plan for Erlton which is coming up for renewal in 2023. The ECA Board needs to be vigilant in ensuring the CK letter is included in that Local Area Plan at the relevant time.
 - The Cemetery Sub-Committee's immediate activities have come to an end, but this issue will continue to be monitored closely, and will resume when development of the Local Area Plan is underway.
 - Detailed discussion regarding the events leading up to the development of Version 1 and 2 of the CK Response letter, including the October 12, 2021 motion carried unanimously by the ECA pursuant to which the Cemetery Sub-Committee was authorized to act on the ECA's behalf with respect to this matter, the Cemetery Sub-Committee's meeting with CK representatives, the manner by which any cemetery expansion could occur (i.e., development permits), the manner in which the CK letter from November 30, 2021 could be included in the Local Area Plan, and related matters.
 - **Board Motion:** Request for members to vote on which version of the draft letter should be sent to Chevra Kadisha.
 - Votes in favour of Version 1: 6
 - Votes in favour of Version 2: 11
 - Motion carried in favour of version 2.
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman & Nicole Bakker
 - Overview of circumstances leading to the Garden Committee's request for funds provided, including a brief overview of the 10+ potential grants that the Garden Committee is looking to apply for.
 - Discussion regarding other funding and fundraising opportunities, including from Anthem Properties and the possibility of the ECA managing Stampede parking at the former Chinook Learning Centre (what was done in prior years, potential challenges with this type of fundraiser, etc.).
 - **Motion:** That the membership approve the allocation of \$1650 toward the community garden to cover the cost of additional garden beds, soil, mulch, water delivery and basic tools. based on the following budget:

Item	Approximate Cost
Garden beds x 30 & Installation assistance from Hands on Growing	\$740
Soil ~10 cubic yards	\$200
Mulch ~ 7 cubic yards	\$500
Bulk water delivery	\$360
Basic tools (focus on purchasing used)	\$100
Chicken wire	\$50
Rubber garden hose	\$50
Total	\$2000
<i>Garden & Membership fees raised (\$860 minus \$510 insurance cost)</i>	<i>-\$350</i>
<i>Effective amount requested from ECA budget</i>	<i>\$1650</i>

- Votes in favour: 12
- Votes opposed: 0
- Motion carried.
- The Garden Committee is seeking donations of plants, extra seeds, garden tools, garden furniture, etc. Please email erltonparks@gmail.com
- Brief discussion regarding formation of a Parks Committee to work on parks improvements including (among other pocket parks) the space around the old waterfall/fountain in the centre of Lindsay Park.
- Notification regarding Cemetery Tours in the community which start Sunday, May 29, 2022 and run until Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022. More information can be found on the city website, Calgary.ca
 - Question regarding whether these tours are limited to the Cemeteries or if they will be about the interesting history of the neighbourhood more generally. Suggestion that we participate in the Jane's Walk program to facilitate this kind of storytelling going forward.
- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
 - Attendance at Lindsay Park Sports Society AGM; new name will be announced next week.
 - Attendance at webinar regarding acting as an effective Board Chair.
 - Overview of discussions with Alpha House to discuss (a) their interest in re-engaging with neighbours post-pandemic, and (b) the possibility of an Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) being established at their facility, including Alpha House's holistic approach and its hope that it will not be the only OPS operating in the City. Community members will have an opportunity to provide feedback, and the ECA will be monitoring this issue.
 - If you identify issues in the community generally, please report via 311.
 - Dylan is working to connect with the Presidents of neighbouring Community Associations in order to identify opportunities to collaborate.
- **Vice President's Report:** Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report:** Debra Smith
 - Overview of current balances in operating and reserve report.
 - All expenses are up to date.
 - Revenues are being generated by new members and garden fees.
- **Secretary Report:** Nicole Bakker
 - No updates.

- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim
 - Comments regarding proposed 4-plex at 54 28 Avenue SW (DP2022-1884) were submitted; waiting to hear back from the developer regarding any response.
 - The development permit application for the 6-plex at the corner of 27 Avenue and Erlton Street (DP2021-1384) is still under review.
 - Land use rezoning application 37 25 Avenue SW (LOC2021-0122) has been updated with a shadow study and conceptual plan. These documents were circulated to the membership, but no comments have been received so far. Request that members provide comment, if any, so that they can be collected and sent to the Development Authority for consideration.
- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker
 - We continue to welcome many new members, most of whom are participating in our community garden.
- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
 - Attendance at Community Town Hall regarding impacts of the Flames playoff run, with a focus on businesses along the Red Mile and traffic impacts on local communities. There will be increased garbage pickup and police presence to manage this. If you notice any issues associated with fans leaving the Saddledome or otherwise, please contact erltontraffic@gmail.com and I will pass along to the Police Contacts. If it's an emergency then call 911.
 - Additional information is available via the City's [website](#).

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- **Format of upcoming meetings**
 - We are able to host meetings in person at the Repsol Centre (under its new name) starting next month.
 - Some members find virtual meetings challenging to access, others enjoy the flexibility of virtual meetings. Based on our experience to date, hybrid (online & in-person meetings) are difficult, though they are certainly possible.
 - Discussion regarding technology issues at the Repsol Centre and our options for connecting to in-person meetings electronically.
 - Note that if we make a permanent change regarding the format of meetings, we will need to update the bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.