

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday June 14, 2022 @ 7pm

Meeting held at the MNP Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (May 10, 2022) AND AGENDA

Approved.

2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

a. Belated Neighbour Day Celebration

- An awesome event has been planned involving a food truck and a small campfire with S'mores at the community garden space. The plan is to apply for funding via the Ward Community Event Fund, but the total cost of the event will not be covered by the \$1250 of funding available.
- Mona provided an overview of the proposed event and the costs associated with the various elements including food trucks, park/block party permit, etc. One of the concerns is that the food truck needs to be paid for ahead of time, and we may not have the level of attendance we'd like if the weather is poor.
- Considering hosting the event in July, August or September. Coordinating with Stampede may assist in pedestrian traffic and attendance; hosting in August could include a collaboration with MNP Sport Centre, which could host an outdoor yoga class.
- Food truck options include (1) pre-sale for 100 people/servings; (2) sales on a per attendee basis. Other options include a private residence event, where we would provide our own food and would not require any permits, or a block party, where we could still provide our own food but would require a block party permit.
- There is also interest in hosting a "10-year flood anniversary" Neighbour Day Celebration in 2023 and to strike an organizing committee at the upcoming AGM in November.
- Sarah recommends a "harvest festival" themed event in early September, as this would allow enough time for planning, funding, marketing, etc. There would be the added bonus of having a harvest from the garden (e.g., pumpkins).
- Sarah notes that it will be challenging to make this event happen if there is only 1-2 people on the organizing committee. It would be ideal if we could strike a Social Committee for organizing this or other events.
 - Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for an ECA Social Committee!
- **Motion:** To submit an application to the Ward Community Event Fund for \$1250 in funding, and that the Board approve a \$500 budget, for a belated Neighbour Day event in early September 2022.
 - **Passed unanimously.**
 - Note: This motion is needed because it is unlikely that an additional meeting will take place in advance of the event.

4. REPORTS

- **Cemetery Sub-Committee:** Shirine Lund
 - Update regarding Cemetery Sub-Committee Report #9 including finalized letter which was sent to Chevra Kadisha, correspondence with Councillor Walcott's office regarding inclusion of the subject property in the Local Area Plan for Erlton and plans to ensure that the ECA participates in the Local Area Plan consultation process going forward.
 - A response from Chevra Kadisha has not been received at the ECA's PO Box.
 - Please refer to the Cemetery Sub-Committee Report #9 for additional detail.
 - Suggestion that the ECA Bylaws be amended to allow voting via email in the future, should members be unable to attend meetings in person.
 - Confirmation that the Chevra Kadisha letter can be posted on the ECA website for members to review.
- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
 - Update regarding City policies re: drinking in Parks
 - Signage has been installed in Lindsay Park to clearly outline the boundaries and rules and the City website has been updated: calgary.ca/alcoholinparks
 - Additional details provided by Sarah: The program is a soft launch; not intending to advertise this broadly as it remains a pilot program. Enforcement will ramp up if there are issues identified through monitoring. If there are issues, report via 311.
 - Contributing to a livelier atmosphere at Lindsay Park with more birthday parties and other gatherings, all of which have been respecting the rules.
 - This new rule may influence where we host the Neighbour Day celebration.
 - Note that the City is also exploring the banning of smoking in parks.
 - Attended meeting regarding the [Established Areas Growth and Change Strategy](#)
 - No new projects proposed for our area of "West Elbow" (or anything east of 14th Street). Opportunity to engage with other communities and City to potentially get more going in our area (e.g., park infrastructure, etc.). City Admin wants to get this before Council in the fall so not much time to engage. There was some concern that inner city CAs were not given sufficient time/opportunities to participate.
 - Attended Committees and Meetings Webinar from the Alberta Government
 - Planning to apply learnings (e.g., voting on consent items and ensuring there are clear terms of reference for subcommittees) to the ECA's activities going forward.
 - The President continues to work to connect with other CA Presidents. Some success with talking to people, but has yet to schedule any meetings. Hoping to have those meeting over the summer months.
 - Planning to attend Federation of Calgary Communities AGM later in June.

- Alpha House Engagement Survey
 - As discussed last month, community members have an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed Overdose Prevention Site through the following survey, which closes on June 24, 2022. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alphahousecommunity>
 - We encourage members to complete the survey to demonstrate our interest in this issue and the fact that we appreciate being consulted regarding matters adjacent to our community.
- YouthWrite – The camp for kids who love to write – has asked the ECA to spread the word about their programs. There will be two Calgary Camps ([Elbow River I Experience 2022](#) and [Elbow River II Experience 2022](#)). Details have been posted on social media and have been shared via the meeting agenda and these minutes.
- ECA has been invited to attend the Calgary Police Town Hall event. If members have any concerns regarding the Calgary Police and their interaction with the community, please relay them to the President so they can be raised at the Town Hall.
- **Vice President's Report:** Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report:** Debra Smith
 - Note that Debra has provided notice regarding her resignation, but has committed to fulfilling Treasurer duties through to September. Specifically, the report of financial standings as of financial year end (June 30, 2022) will be presented at the general meeting on September 13, 2022.
 - Please reach out to the ECA Board if you are interested in volunteering for this position!
- **Secretary Report:** Nicole Bakker
 - No updates.
- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim
 - LOC2021-0122 @ 37 25 AV SW (Rezoning): <http://erltoncommunity.com/?p=3655>
 - The Applicant was unable to attend due to an emergency. The application is going to the Calgary Planning Commission on June 16 with a recommendation of approval from the planning department (at the meeting it was misstated that the recommendation of approval was from the Planning Commission), and will be going to Council in July or September.
 - What makes commenting on this application challenging, is that it is specific to zoning, not to any specific development. When specific developments are proposed, the ECA will have an opportunity to comment on those development applications, the City's approval of which will be discretionary.
 - The proposed zoning would allow for commercial on the main level, with residential above.
 - Having additional commercial development may be a positive for the community as it will bring additional pedestrian traffic and patrons (analogous to Mission).

- If we decide to make a community comment, we can say that we are supportive of commercial development along 25 Avenue, but want to ensure we have an opportunity to comment on specific developments to ensure that (among other things) adequate parking and traffic controls are put in place.
- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker
 - We continue to welcome new members, most of whom are participating in our community garden. Welcome!
 - Current membership count is 85, which represents great growth, but allows us to remain in the lowest cost bracket for FCC membership fees.
- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
 - May 1st, 3rd and 9th there was traffic monitoring along 25 Ave. There was an average 300+ vehicles in both directions during each 30 minute monitoring increment. The high traffic volume has been noted and the highest speed recorded was 77km/h Westbound. Tickets were issued. The City is looking into taking the 50km/h sign down and/or changing the sign to note 40km/h along 25 Ave.
 - In contact with Roads/Calgary Parking Authority on accommodating multi-residential dwellings in North Erlton. They may be taking away street parking for residents. Their concern is the area becoming a Park & Ride for the LRT, but this is not observed by residents. Initial Changes to the street parking rules were made in January 2021 and proceedings can be viewed [here](#).
 - There has been recent work with City Administration to accommodate large multi-residential buildings in the area that predated the establishment of parking minimums. However, this doesn't affect North Erlton because the buildings aren't old enough. The proceedings and details are available [here](#). There continue to be more discussions.
 - Some discussion in the meeting regarding the purpose of these changes and the nature/scope of any comment that the ECA may want to make. Note that one of the purposes of resident-only parking is to ensure that our community streets are overused by those attending Stampede, Hockey, and other Saddledome events.
 - Suggestion to make a submission identifying these Erlton-specific issues, and noting that a site-specific analysis is important for communities like Erlton where residents will be adversely affected by the revocation of resident-only parking in proximity to event spaces.
 - For June-August, Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar topics include Cycling, Construction Zones, Fatigue. Information re: sharing safely sharing our roads and pathways with others is available here: <https://www.calgary.ca/roads/safety/sharing-with-cyclists.html>
 - **NOTE: The 25 Avenue bridge will be closed July 18-22 for maintenance / flood control work.**
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman
 - ECA Community Garden:
 - Our garden is full this season with 60 plots including 8 community plots (herbs, childrens' garden, vegetables, etc.).

- There are 40 gardeners, doubling what we had last year.
- We have room to add a few more beds next year, if there is interest.
- Jessica has reached out to Alpha House to coordinate an art therapy project to get our freezer gardens painted. Gardeners can opt-out if they would prefer that their plot not be painted as part of this project. Silence will be considered being opted-in.
- Wildlife:
 - Please note that animal control-related poison has been applied around the garden space (outside the fence; but landowner property). Take care when accessing the space with kids and pets.
 - We will respectfully request that Anthem provide notification of such activities going forward, and provide some information regarding the food chain and ecosystem-related implications.
- [Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Report](#): Sarah Papineau
 - Suggestion to schedule a strategic planning session in Fall 2022 and getting funding in place for those items well in advance.
 - ECA Board to consider a date for this session and put together a list of priorities for the Board (e.g., recruiting, social committee, etc.). Suggestion of September 20 for this meeting.
 - Sarah will assist with identifying these priorities, setting a budget and establishing a timeline for the implementation of these priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm