

# ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 13, 2022 @ 7pm

Meeting held at the MNP Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

## 1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (June 14, 2022) AND AGENDA (5 minutes)

Approved.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS (10 minutes)

### a. ECA Summer Wind Up Event (Belated Neighbour Day Celebration) – Sunday Sept. 18, 2-5pm

- Discussion regarding plans for event.

### b. Alpha House Overdose Prevention (Supervised Injection) Site

- As discussed in past meetings, Alpha House has been requested by the Province to establish an OPS and has been engaging with communities and other affected stakeholders for the last few months.
- Alpha House has expressed concerns about being the only OPS in the City, and it is notable that other proposed sites have decided to withdraw from the program.
- Engagement with the community and other stakeholders is still ongoing. Please take the opportunity to fill out Alpha House's Survey to learn more and to share your views: <http://surveymonkey.com/r/alphahousecommunity>
- The next engagement sessions will be held on September 21 & 22. Dylan plans to attend the September 21 session on behalf of the ECA. Feel free to share your thoughts regarding the OPS with Dylan for him to share at the session.
- Discussion regarding the history of Alpha House in the community, the programs it currently offers and the challenges it is facing with respect to the proposed OPS.
- Discussion regarding community members' various thoughts and opinions regarding the proposal. Dylan will take these points away to be raised at the next engagement session.
- If community members have any other points they would like Dylan to raise, you can send them to him prior to September 21, 2022 at [erltonpresident@gmail.com](mailto:erltonpresident@gmail.com)

## 4. REPORTS

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
  - Report from Federation of Calgary Communities AGM in June
  - Report from Stampede Rodeo in July. Opportunity to meet members of Stampede as well as other nearby CA Presidents
  - Report from Alpha House OPS Engagement Session in August
- **Vice President's Report:** Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report:** Debra Smith
  - Report on financial standings as of financial year end (June 30, 2022) is complete.

- Will be formally presented at October after it has been reviewed and signed by additional community members.
- Update on financial standings up to August 31, 2022.
  - Suggestion to move some funds into a GIC in order to earn some additional interest relative to the savings account rate. Discussion regarding options relative to GIC terms and amounts to be invested.
  - Membership fees were projected to be \$700; only \$640 was collected.
  - Garden fees were higher than projected.
  - Anthem generously donated \$1500 in connection with Stampede Parking.
  - Discussion regarding anticipated expenses relative to actual expenses for various items including insurance, FCC membership fees, garden expenses, ECA website fees, etc.
  - Overall deficiency of approximately \$1100
  - Discussion regarding better management and tracking of garden fees and associated membership fees.
    - Discussion regarding some of the challenges we've experienced with managing memberships, and suggestions regarding how to manage it better, including the use of software.
    - Reminder to enforce the membership timelines established by the bylaws for all members.
  - Plan for managing the garden expenses going forward:
    - The garden committee is aware of the need to manage costs better. We will be understanding our costs for the following year (without any future expansions, etc), and increasing the garden fees accordingly.
    - Discussion regarding why our existing garden did not qualify for existing grants.
    - Next steps: Debra has prepared a spreadsheet for us to complete, and will share monthly bank statements to allow us to more easily reconcile received fees.
  - Request/Reminder to provide Debra with invoices as soon as possible and to cash cheques as soon as possible.
- **Secretary Report:** Nicole Bakker
  - No updates.
- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim
  - No updates this month. While there was a few renewals of home occupations over the summer, there were no significant updates.
  - The proposed 4-plex development on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been revised, and is closer to complying with the Land Use Bylaw setbacks and envelope requirements. There is

general consensus with the most affected landowner that the design is as good as it is going to get.

- General discussion regarding a few other proposed developments that have been on hold for some time (development on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue; zoning change on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Any updates regarding a development permit to accompanying rezoning will be circulated upon receipt.
- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker
  - No updates.
  - Note has been made of the suggestions for improving membership tracking and the collection of membership fees, as discussed above relative to the Treasurer's report. These suggestions will be implemented going forward.
- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
  - Report on traffic impacts associated with Stampede.
  - Suggestion to form a Traffic Committee to address the issues associated with Stampede and other events (particularly affecting Erlton North).
    - Committee has been struck. Members include Dave, Susan and Mona.
    - Terms of Reference: Collect community input regarding how to mitigate impacts associated with Stampede parking and traffic on our community.
    - **Motion:** To strike a Traffic Committee to collect community input regarding how to mitigate impacts associated with Stampede parking and traffic on our community.
      - **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - Question regarding where the "local traffic only" signs come from (unknown).
  - Question regarding the Ramsay followed to get its streets blocked off during Stampede. Would it be possible for Erlton to do the same.
  - Concerns regarding how Anthem was funneling traffic through the community, as opposed to through their parking area and onto McLeod Trail.
  - Discussion regarding residential parking permit changes in the City, including the "Market Permit" which would allow people to park within 350m of their multi-unit residence, though there are many questions regarding how this would work. Dave to report back at the next meeting.
  - Reminder that consideration could be given to arranging for our own Stampede Parking Initiative at the old school site. We would need to obtain permission from the City, which currently owns the site.
  - Consider engaging with Anthem to discuss concerns with parking for next year.
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman
  - Report on ECA Community Garden:

- Alpha House visited the garden and painted the garden plots as part of an art therapy project, which was a great success.
- Current focus is recruiting members for the 2023 Garden Planning Team. If anyone is interested in a leadership role in addition to their garden please advise [erltonparks@gmail.com](mailto:erltonparks@gmail.com).
- Formation of Parks/Beautification Committee:
  - There are a few park spaces in the community that could use some sprucing up including: Erlton Park, pocket park of Erlton Place, and Lenore Heninger Park on the SE edge of St Mary's Cemetery, just to name a few.
    - Potential idea for Erlton Park is to establish a community sign (with some flowers), analagous to the sign that Cliff Bungalow has in the same area.
  - Additional parks and recreation projects might include:
    - Improving the abandoned water feature (this could be a space for the Beltline Urban Mural Project)
    - Renewing the playground in Lindsay Park
    - Collaborating with MNP Community and Sport Centre could be explored.
  - Sarah notes that the City Parks Department can assist with some of these initiatives. If the Park is a City Park, their permission is required. Notably, the Parks Department can assist with getting corporate volunteers to assist with these types of projects.
- **Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Report:** Sarah Papineau
  - City is requesting engagement on a number of initiatives, including summer events, priorities for transit, City planning and budgets, etc.
  - There is still some money left in the Inspiring Neighbourhood Grant. This could potentially be used for the proposed Erlton sign discussed in the Parks Report above. Note that this is a matching grant, and that the next round for applications opens in January.
  - Board to schedule strategic planning session with Sarah this Fall.
  - Discuss steps to apply for licence of occupation for a new (permanent) garden site. Notably, this site would have City-managed irrigation, which would alleviate one of the major issues the garden has experienced. There is no hurry, but it is important to be aware that this process may take up to 4-years.
  - Discussion regarding whether there was an Engage process on the 25 Avenue Bridge. Sarah to confirm and report back.

## 5. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- Proposal to strike a social committee.
- Detailed terms of reference has been prepared. Suggestion is for a 1-year term, and that communications will be via the Meetup platform.

- Anyone can organize an event, Susan and Emily will help organize the event.
- Meetup ensures there is no liability associated with the events because there is a waiver associated with the Meetup platform.
- There will be a cost associated with registering for the Meetup platform (~\$360 per year), but there would be no other cost to the ECA for the events (i.e., event participants will pay their own costs).
- Proposed next steps:
  - Prepare a motion for the next meeting (or potentially for the AGM) regarding allocation of the necessary funds.
  - Consider whether other platforms may be a reasonable alternative such as NextDoor (in the absence of liability protection).
- Lots of support for this initiative.
- **Motion:** To strike a Social Committee. Detailed terms of reference prepared by Suzanne and Emily and a budget request to be circulated and voted on in the October meeting.
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.