

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 11, 2022 @ 7pm

Meeting held at the MNP Community & Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (September 13, 2022) AND AGENDA

Motion passed.

2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

a. ECA Summer Wind Up Event Recap

- Overview of event and final steps with respect to reimbursing costs associated with same. Confirmed that costs will be reimbursed by a grant from the City.
- Thanks to everyone who helped out with organization and attended the event!

b. ECA Social Committee Terms of Reference

- Proposed terms of reference for the ECA Social Committee were attached to the meeting agenda for review.
- During our September meeting, we passed a motion establishing the Social Committee, but deterred review and approval of the terms of reference and associated budget request for consideration at the October meeting (due to time constraints).
- Discussion regarding expected scope of Social Committee activities. Social events as opposed to fundraising events (though some events could have fundraising components), and some social events will be connected to the ECA garden, but events will not be exclusively related to the garden.
- Event ideas include: Halloween bonfire; warm-up walk before the snow; group outing tan arts and craft fair; group outing to the Zoo Light; group SPCA dog walk; Lunar New Year event; Family Day event; etc.
- Discussion regarding costs and benefits of using the MeetUp platform for the purposes of the Social Committee.
 - Benefits include liability being assumed by the MeetUp website, the fact that MeetUp reaches out to interested persons, centralized source of information about the events and avoids the Social Committee Chairs having to respond to numerous emails from folks interested in the event. Could be a membership driver.
 - Cost of a 6-month MeetUp subscription is approx. \$97. Not clear if this is USD or CAD. If USD, could be approx. \$300 per year. Consider a launch plus a cost recovery mechanism from those that participate in the event. Consider whether there are any free alternatives to MeetUp we could use? Possibility of having a Social Committee-specific fundraising initiative. Not clear if liability coverage extends to the ECA as well as the event organizer.
 - Information from our City Neighbourhood Coordinator indicates that other CAs have Social Committees that operate without MeetUp.
 - For consider action in November: Whether it is appropriate to fund the first 6-months of the MeetUp subscription and assess whether the costs could be self-sustaining going forward.

- **Next steps:** Emilie and Susan will do some research into costs and potential alternatives to MeetUp; Dylan will check in with our webmaster to assess whether we could place an events calendar on the ECA website and with Sarah to assess how other CAs manage their Social Committees.
- Following these next steps being completed, we will be in a better position to vote on the proposed motion regarding the terms of reference and associated budget. The proposed motion has been tabled until the November meeting.

c. Alpha House Overdose Prevention Site

- Alpha House cancelled their planned engagement session to facilitate reassessment following withdrawal of the Drop In Centre from the program. No new date has been announced.
- Dylan has been working with the Rivers District Community Action Alliance group which is advocating to ensure the safety of nearby neighborhoods. Concern of this group is not about the OPS program itself, but rather the public safety considerations in the neighbourhoods surrounding any OPS that is established.
- The Beltline Neighborhoods Association has additional information about the program as well as a [petition](#) you can sign if interested.
- Please let Dylan know if you have concerns with this project so that he can provide that feedback during the next engagement session.

d. Cemetery Subcommittee Update

- Letter received from Chevra Kadisha (CK) in November 2021. This has been posted on the ECA website. The ECA provided a formal response to the letter in May 2022. The response included an invitation to an ECA meeting, ECA member requests for beautification of the site, and a request for confirmation regarding a contact person in the event of concerns associated with the property.
- On September 20, 2022 Shirine Lund made a follow up call to CK regarding the points noted above.
- With respect to the invitation to the ECA meeting, CK indicated they were not interested at this time, due to being busy with religious activities. Shirine will follow-up again after Hanukkah.
- Regarding the possibility to consider the beautification elements suggested by ECA members, the response was that what has been done so far (i.e., lilacs planted outside the fence) is adequate.
- In case of any suspicious activities or damage to the property we are requested to call Mr. Rick Pollick (CK Executive Director) at 403-244-4771.
- Following the update, discussion regarding the background regarding this issue and what steps the ECA can take in the future to work toward ensuring that the cemetery does not extend to Erlton Street.

4. REPORTS

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
 - Dylan and Jessica met with MNPCSC reps to discuss the planned expansion of the facility.
 - You can learn more about the planned expansion and provide your feedback via the survey linked here: <https://mnpcentre.com/news/request-community-input>. Please provide comments before the survey deadline of October 21.

- Overview: South expansion of the main entrance into the parking area to ensure the entrance is more obvious and to expand and change the change room orientation (approved); West expansion of the aquatics centre will include a lazy river, waterslides, hot tub, teach pool with children's play structure; etc. New development permit is required for the west expansion.
- Questions regarding traffic management considering the reduction in parking spaces and increase in attractive amenities.
- If you have any other questions or feedback that you would like the ECA to pass along, please let us know.
- **Vice President's Report**: Vacant
- **Treasurer's Report**: Debra Smith
 - Debra was not able to attend the meeting, but has confirmed the following: The next treasurer's report will be the year end report to November 30, 2022, delivered at the December meeting.
 - A template for garden revenue and expense reporting has been prepared.
- **Secretary Report**: Nicole Bakker
 - No updates.
- **Planning and Development Chair Report**: Heesung Kim
 - No updates.
 - Understanding is that the 4-plex on the corner of Erlton Street and 28 Avenue has been approved. Concessions have been made by the developer, but an appeal is unlikely.
 - Mona is still awaiting approval of the home occupation application, but expectation is that it will be approved.
 - Outstanding issues with the proposed multi-family development at the corner of Erlton Street and 27 Ave were discussed, but there is no revised proposal under consideration at this time.
- **Membership Report**: Nicole Bakker
 - Reminder regarding membership renewal will be circulated this month.
 - Membership cards will be available at the October meeting. Please feel free to renew your membership in person and/or do so via email & e-transfer at your convenience.
 - Reminder of takeaway from last meeting that we need to confirm if FCC dues are still owing for non-paying senior members. Dylan to follow-up with FCC regarding this point.
 - This led to a discussion of Bylaw updates and amendments that have been considered in the recent term. Consider striking a committee at the upcoming AGM to address this point. Goal would be to have amended bylaws approved at the 2023 AGM.
- **Traffic Report**: Dave Greszczyszyn
 - Dave intends to call the first meeting of the Traffic Committee before the end of October.

- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman
 - ECA Community Garden:
 - We are currently looking to recruit members to assist with leadership roles relative to the garden. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far!
 - Vacancies include: Communications and recruitment; Procurement; Maintenance oversight; Co-chairs/garden leaders
 - If you are interested in volunteering with one of these roles please advise erltonparks@gmail.com.
 - Brief discussion regarding what the purpose of the numerous trucks, trailers, etc. parked on the Anthem site. Kari will follow-up with Anthem to inquire.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.