

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, December 12 2023.

Location: MNP Community and Sports Centre – Riverview Room.

Start time: 7:09 PM

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (October10,2023) AND AGENDA.

October 10 2023 minutes unavailable, approval deferred to January 9, 2024 general meeting.

No objections - Approved.

Agenda for December 12, 2023 approved as circulated.

2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

A) Winter Solstice Bonfire:

- Firewood is available for the firepit at the community garden for the December 22 2023 ECA event.
- Posters to be printed and displayed, Susan will follow up with Jess.
- Consensus that marshmallows will be purchased for the event.
 - Motion by Heesung Kim/Judy Borsato that \$10 be allocated for the purchase of marshmallows.
All in favour, approved.

Ongoing West Elbow Plan Local Area Plan (LAP) Engagement

- Dylan encourages members to fill out the survey available online as it will be closing at the end of January.
- Mona Hayes will be representing the ECA at the LAP Working Group meetings, she is attending a session on December 12, 2023 hence unable to be present at the ECA December general meeting.
- Discussion that Heesung and Dylan should be added as alternate ECA representatives in the event that Mona is unable to attend LAP Working Group meetings.

3. REPORTS:

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn.
The Annual Return Report has been completed and filed. No vacancies reported for the 2024 ECA board. Mona will be filling the Vice President position.
- **Vice President's Report:** Mona Hayes.
No report, Mona is attending a LAP session.
- **Treasurer Report:** Debra Smith.
No report, Debra is absent.
- **Secretary Report:** Maryse Maurice.
Discussion with respect to ECA Bylaws and the fact that Maryse is an associate member filling out an Executive Officer position. Because Maryse is not an Erlton resident, she does not have voting privileges and cannot be a signing authority for the ECA.

A bylaw review will be conducted in the new year to identify potential amendments. The process to bring potential amendments to the membership is discussed. Clarification is needed to determine how to proceed, Sarah, Dylan and Maryse will meet in the new year to review current ECA Bylaws and make recommendations.

In the meantime, Heesung suggests that Maryse could serve as Acting Secretary until the bylaw review has been completed, potential amendments identified and presented to the membership.

- Motion by Susan Armstrong/ Heesung Kim that Maryse Maurice be Acting Secretary until potential amendments to ECA Bylaws are approved by the membership.

All in favour, approved.

- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn.

Dave has been in contact with the City's Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU). His contact has offered to come to one of our meetings for a 20 minute presentation about the role of RTSU and how to lodge complaints. Dave will try to set up the presentation for February 2024. He is still in contact with the City in regards to parking fees, no progress to report.

Discussion with respect to changes in residential street parking permitting including the need for residents to apply, the loss in number of street parking spaces allocated to residents – in some cases from 4 to 2 - and changes from ZZ zoning to 2hr parking in certain areas.

The increase in traffic and non-resident parking from MNP center use, Flames games and Stampede creates challenges for residents with street parking permits. A petition signed by residents representing a given percent of the assessment value on a specific street is required to effect change. All parking signs put in as a result from a resident petition cannot be removed.

There are issues related to the communication process with the City to report residential traffic and street parking concerns/problems. Dave will send his City contact information to Bruce Parent and further suggests to use the 311 app to file a Service Request (SR). Sarah Papineau asks that she be sent an email for any 311 SR to document residential traffic and parking issues within the community.

Parks Report: Jessica / Judy.

Garden Status: Judy provides an update on the garden lease which will likely end after the 2024 growing season. Consideration should be given to the freezers currently used and part of Alpha House art therapy program. A decision about the freezers' fate will be needed by 2024 spring as they will not be moved to the new garden location.

Garden Possible gardeners plan for 2024: The lot where Possible Garden is located is still for sale, no confirmation as to when the gardeners would join ECA community garden.

Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant: The Parks Foundation will award the \$5,000 grant by Christmas. The grant must be used to hire a landscape architect to provide a professional drawing of the new proposed garden.

Community-Run Public Art Micro-Grant (mural): The Beltline Urban Mural Project (BUMP) was approached to potentially fund a mural in Lindsay Park. As the park is located outside the Beltline neighbourhood, BUMP cannot accept a funding request application from ECA. Judy found out that ECA could apply for the Community-Run Public Art Micro-Grant a short time prior to the deadline and as the micro-grant does not have a matching fund requirement, she submitted an application for the November 3 deadline. Judy was successful in securing the \$10,000 grant, with 38 communities competing. The mural will be located within the sitting area behind the MNP center. Benches and seasonal flowers are currently present and the area features a 5 foot (400 square feet) wall which will be used for the mural. Mural artist Larissa Schuler of Schux Mural Design will submit 3 drawings for possible murals - firepits will not be included in the design. The drawings will be circulated in the community for comments. The final design will be selected by community votes. Judy will post the artist profile on our website. The MNP center management is excited about the mural and wishes to be involved throughout all phases of the project, which is expected to start in May-June 2024.

Proposed Future Garden Location Update: Judy reports that the process is ongoing, she met with Sarah Papineau and the City staff to view potential locations southwest of MNP front entrance and discuss the presence of underground utilities. The future garden location will approximate 25 x 50 feet and will not be ready for 2024. A 10 year lease with provisions to access water will be signed. The proposed garden design will feature spaces dedicated for art display by Alpha House and will be wheelchair accessible. Judy is looking at several funding programs that would provide seed money to establish the community garden. While the City has agreed to install a watering system, ECA is responsible to cover half the cost which amounts to \$10,000. Judy is in contact with the Lindsay Park Community Association (LPCA) and provided LPCA with an update. The LPCA is enthusiastic about the project and there is hope that it might help with expenses. No commitment in that respect so far but communication lines between the ECA and LPCA remain open. It is important to note that the townhouse adjacent to the potential future garden location is for sale. The new owner's approval will necessary to proceed in addition to a 70% approval rate from those residents with garden sight.

Discussion regarding the Parks committee authority to apply for grants. Although it is agreed that funding applications should be discussed at the board level, there is consensus that the Parks committee be able to submit funding applications without board review whenever matching funds are not required.

- Motion by Heesung Kim/Bruce Parent that the Parks committee has the authority to submit applications for funding provided that matching funds are not required.

All in favour, approved.

- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim.
Heesung has not received any update from the Dream Centre regarding the affordable housing project for the former Erlton School. If she has not received any news in January, she will contact the organization again. Heesung provides information pertaining to the P2023-06379 – Multi-Residential Development at 55 and 57 27 Avenue SW. The proposal is not truly for 6-unit as each will feature a 500 square foot secondary unit for a total of 12 residences. Heesung sent an email to highlight issues with the floor plans and the fact that on-site parking space – 6 spaces in total- is insufficient to accommodate 12 residences. It is expected that the City will send redesigned plans.

 - **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker.
No report, Nicole is absent.
Dylan reminds the members to renew the ECA membership.

 - **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes.
No report, Lorraine is absent.

 - **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong.
Susan has discussed the upcoming Winter Solstice Bonfire during the new business and new event item.
4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT : Cemetery Sub-Committee – Shirine Lund.
No report, Shirine is absent.
Shirine has volunteered as Mona’s backup for the West Elbow LAP working group.

Next meeting January 9, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 PM