

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, January 9th 2024.

Location: MNP Community and Sports Centre – Riverview Room.

Start time: 7:06 PM

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (October 10th and December 12th 2023) AND AGENDA.
October 10th 2023 minutes have been posted on the website without the corrections. Changes required for the Parks report – *some* grants are non matching instead of *all* grants – and Planning report – *comparable* proposal instead of *compatible* proposal.
Minutes approved with corrections

December 12th 2023 minutes
Approved.

Agenda for January 9th 2024 approved as circulated.

2. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring Equinox Bonfire:
 - ❖ Event is planned for March.
- Neighbour Day:
 - ❖ Initial plan is in progress to get buskers and musicians as last year.

3. REPORTS:

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
No report
- **Vice President's Report:** Mona Hayes
Mona attended the Local Area Plan (LAP) in person session December 12th. LAP's goal is to engage the community prior to densification efforts to identify improvements necessary for growth.

The ECA board discussion centered primarily on changes needed to improve traffic flow along the main arteries in the community such as an overpass at the 25 Avenue and McLeod trail intersection in addition to a dedicated/merging right lane. Synchronization of traffic lights would further help moving the traffic along the usually congested areas.

Next LAP meeting is virtual on January 23rd 2024.

- **Treasurer Report:** Debra Smith
No report, Debra is absent.
- **Acting Secretary Report:** Maryse Maurice
No report

- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn

Dave confirmed that the Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) will make a 15-20 minute presentation at the ECA meeting on March 12th 2024. The presentation will focus on radar use in the community, traffic requests and complaints. The membership will be invited to attend; the RTSU presentation will be the first item on the March 12th 2024 general meeting agenda.

Dave also conducted a street survey of existing City's parking signs to compare with current information available online. Discrepancies were noted north on 22 Avenue where street signs indicate 2hr parking Monday-Friday whereas information on the City's website for the same area stipulates 2hr parking Monday-Sunday. Dave mentions that this discrepancy exists also in west River Grande. Streets in Waterford on Lindsay Park and north side of 24 Avenue have no parking signs.

Parks Report: Jessica Wiseman/ Judy Borsato

Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant: The Parks Foundation did not award the \$5,000 grant in December as the individual responsible for the decision was just hired and will start in January 2024. Consequently the funding decision has been delayed. There is no indication thus far that the ECA proposal was rejected. Judy will update the landscape architects about the delay as professional drawings cannot be commissioned until ECA has secured the grant.

Building Communities Grant Program: The Erlton Park located on the southeast of Scollen Bridge is a candidate for a beautification project. A conceptual design plan is necessary to identify any structural elements that would require labour and material cost estimates. The deadlines for submission are February 1st, May 1st and October 1st 2024, three (3) vendor or constructor quotes are required for the grant application.

Lorraine mentioned that the triangular park located on the southwest corner of Erlton Street and 30th Avenue would also be a good candidate for beautification given its location.

Planning and Development Chair Report: Heesung Kim

Heesung reported that the Dream Centre applied for a Multi-Residential Development with an M-C2 designation which allows for the construction of a 3-5 storey high apartment building on the former Erlton School site. The M-C2 designation differs from the original M-CG zone-compliant drawing presented to ECA at the initial stage of the redevelopment project. The M-CG is also for Multi-Residential Development but the building height is lower as the zoning is intended for fourplexes and townhouses. The ECA was not updated about the change in zoning; it is doubtful that the increased building density (30 vs 58 units) and height (12m/39ft vs 16m/52ft) will be supported by the community. Heesung added that Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) submitted for the construction project committed to the M-CG zoning height guidelines of 12m/39ft. She is attending a meeting about the redevelopment project on January 10th 2024. Deadline for comments/support for the project is February 2nd 2024.

Discussion with respect to sending a letter of support. The consensus was to provide a letter of support for the Dream Centre project as long as the building drawings presented to ECA and revisited at the January 10th 2024 meeting remain the same as the one included in the ARP and that the building height does not exceed 12m/39ft.

- Motion by Heesung Kim/Dylan Rayburn for ECA to provide letter of support for the Dream Centre building project provided that latest redevelopment drawings to be shown at the January 10th meeting confirm building height of 12m/39ft.
All in favour - Approved

There was no new information about the P2023-06379 – Multi-Residential Development at 55 and 57 27 Avenue SW.

- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker

Nicole was absent but provided items for discussion via email. She suggested that a targeted campaign would help getting members to renew their membership. Dylan mentioned that membership fees help cover ECA operating expenses; the ECA has reserves but membership fees are needed to minimize the use of reserve funds. Members who have not renewed yet should be reminded that voting privileges are granted 30 days following fee payment. This may be important for issues up for voting at the AGM.

Currently, 80-100 newsletters are sent and there was discussion about distribution: should the newsletter be sent only to those who have renewed their membership? Maybe the wide distribution is beneficial to the ECA? No motion were made at the time of the discussion.

- **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes

No report.

- **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong

Susan was absent but those who went to the Winter Solstice Bonfire reported that the event was well attended and many individuals partaking were from outside ECA's boundaries. Dylan thanked Susan and the Social Committee for organizing the event.

4. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT :** Cemetery Sub-Committee – Shirine Lund

No report, Shirine was absent.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Sarah Papineau

Sarah reported that she will meet with the City's Parks and Roads on January 10th 2024 to identify the exact location of the underground utilities at the proposed community garden location .

Next meeting Tuesday February 13th , 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM