

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, March 12th 2024

Location: MNP Community and Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Start time: 7:07 PM

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (February 13th 2024) AND AGENDA.

Additions to Agenda Item 3: Neighbour Day and Social Media Officer.

Correction to Agenda Item 4 Report Cemetery Sub-Committee: should read “No report “ instead of “TBA “.

Agenda approved with additions and correction.

February 13th Minutes approved as circulated.

2. PRESENTATION BY RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

The Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) Officers informed the members about the purpose of the RTSU and its role in traffic enforcement in the community. The Unit main focus is speed enforcement in playground zones where radar is used to target speeders. Photo radar was commonly used for speed enforcement but now there are restrictions where it can be set up. Numerous common photo radar locations have been removed by the provincial government, only two remain active in the community and vicinity. These locations include Elbow Drive and Spiller Road. Photo radar is set up on Spiller Road during hockey games.

The RTSU also deals with issues at crosswalks and traffic safety concerns sent online through Traffic Service Request (TSR). It does not have the mandate to enforce any parking restrictions, all parking complaints filed through a TSR are sent to the parking enforcement unit.

The Unit releases a Monthly Enforcement Schedule in advance to advise communities that traffic safety blitzes will be conducted in school zones; this Schedule will be forwarded to ECA to post online and add to the newsletter. Information about the Traffic Safety Program will also be provided to the ECA for distribution to the membership. It includes information related to target enforcement for impaired and distracted driving.

The RTSU Officers explained that the Monthly Enforcement Schedule covers one City quadrant at a time and results in a four month rotation. Consequently, a delay may occur following a TSR. Residents should also keep in mind that the RTSU operates on a day shift schedule, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. When complaints are received after hours the District unit will respond.

The Officers reminded those in attendance that the City tracks TSR's and statistics can determine resource allocation. They also informed the ECA that the unit is available for community events where they can setup an area for child car seat safety check and bike safety.

3. NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Firewood for March Bonfire
 - ❖ Pallets will be collected by Judy Borsato and the pine trees cut on her condo property will be used for future bonfires at the community garden. Because not all wood sources will be available for March 22nd, firewood will have to be purchased.
 - Motion by Jessica Wiseman/Susan Armstrong to allocate \$50 for firewood purchase.
-All in favour, approved
- Annual Community-Run River Clean Up
 - ❖ The Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association (CBMCA) has reached out to the ECA to coordinate the clean up activities in our neighbourhoods. Susan Armstrong has volunteered to act as ECA contact, her email address will be forwarded to CBMCA for future communications.
- Neighbour Day
 - ❖ Susan reported that planning for the event is well underway thanks to Jessica and all her efforts. The Soprano Violins will be back and while they passed the hat after their performance last year, Susan asked if it is possible to pay them this year. A budget will be prepared for Neighbour Day and presented to the board for discussion.
- Social Media Officer
 - ❖ Jessica Wiseman is ECA new Social Media Officer. She will be working with Lorraine Mounkes, ECA Communications Director. Jessica will focus on ECA Instagram and Facebook accounts and will no longer use X, formerly known as Twitter. She intends to use Instagram and Facebook to promote all ECA events and welcomes any suggestions for posting.

4. REPORTS:

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn
Dylan reinvested the \$20,000 GIC that had reached maturity. It was invested at a variable rate of roughly 4%.
- **Vice President's Report:** Mona Hayes
Mona attended the West Elbow Local Area Plan (LAP) in-person meeting on March 5th. The working groups were asked to identify local areas for densification. Participants affixed coloured dots to specific neighbourhood locations on a map; each dot representing buildings with a given number of storeys. The map was reviewed at the end of the exercise. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting. Dylan thanked Mona for her service to the community.
- **Treasurer Report:** Debra Smith
No report, Debra was absent.
- **Acting Secretary Report:** Maryse Maurice
No report.

- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn
No report, Dylan thanked Dave for organizing the presentation by the RTSU Officers.
- **Parks Report:** Jessica Wiseman/ Judy Borsato
Judy has taken over the Parks email account from Jessica. The lease with Anthem Properties for the garden is in place and the garden will open May 4th. Each plot is \$40 plus \$10 membership fee. Judy mentioned that the lease stipulates that ECA is responsible for repairs to any damaged property. The large water tank leaked last year and it will have to be fixed before the start of the 2024 growing season. It was suggested to contact Big Rock Water Hauling Services for options to fix the water tank. Judy reported that the Possible Garden may be operational this growing season hence no confirmation that the gardeners will join the ECA community garden. She mentioned that 9 freezers can be used by Alpha House for the art therapy program.

Judy met with MNP Centre management to coordinate the upcoming mural work behind the Centre. As the expansion construction will follow the painting of the mural, caution will be needed to protect the artwork when construction begins. The artist, Larissa Schuler, has been given a \$2,500 advance and it is expected to start in June. The mural will remain the ECA's responsibility once completed. Future collaboration with the MNP Centre is anticipated including an interactive art installation after the expansion has been built.

Judy mentioned that she has taken the volunteer recruitment and retention course offered by the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC). The course presented good information and advice.

Jessica provided an update about the farmer stand/market held in Erlton throughout the summer months last year. Because there are not enough vendors, the outdoor market will not take place this year. She will try to find vendors through personal contacts, Mona will also reach out to individuals who may be able to help.

Dylan thanked Judy and Jessica for all the dedication to the ECA.

Planning and Development Chair Report: Heesung Kim
Heesung reported that Parkhill provided a detailed response for the proposed development project on Erlton Court. Affected Erlton residents were not in attendance at the ECA meeting and there is nothing for the ECA to do at this time.

The decommissioned Enmax Substation location at 108 Mission Road was discussed. The City is selling the property as part of its Non Market Housing Land Disposition Program. The land has been offered to Indigenous groups in the first phase of the bidding process.

- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker
No report, Nicole was absent.

- **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes

Lorraine was absent but updated the board via email. The Recycling Electronics Fundraiser is waiting for the approval from Alberta Recycling Management. The date requested for the electronics collection event is Saturday April 27th from 10am to 2pm at Erlton garden.

All board members were impressed by the March Newsletter quality and thanked Lorraine for her work putting the publication together.

- **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong

The planning for the upcoming social events is ongoing. Jessica and Terri will assist Susan for the planning of Neighbour Day and budget preparation. Everything is in place for the March Equinox Bonfire.

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

No report.

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

Sarah provided maps outlining the future community garden location. The delineated area southwest of the MNP Centre is 50 by 100 feet and is currently designated “Road Right-Of-Way “ and not “Parkland “.

Next meeting Tuesday April 9th , 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM