

## ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

Location: MNP Community and Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Start time: 7:08 PM

### 1. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024) AND AGENDA.**

Addition to Agenda Item 2: MNP Centre Access Strategy Update Presentation and correction  
Agenda Item 3: should read TBA.

Agenda approved with addition and correction.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes approved as circulated.

### 2. **NEW BUSINESS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **MNP CENTRE ACCESS STRATEGY UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Ms. Jia Cheng presented the overall goals of the access strategy, which aligned with the West Elbow Communities Local Area Plan (WELAP). The primary objective is to develop a list of recommendations focused on community needs and to facilitate access to MNP Centre via walking/biking paths and public transit.

Parking remains an issue for North Erlton residents because the MNP Centre is accessed more easily through the neighbourhood than via McLeod for those users living south of the Centre. It is anticipated that expanding pedestrian paths south of the main entrance may normalise non-resident parking in North Erlton now that ZZ zoning has been eliminated.

### 3. **REPORTS:**

- **President's Report:** Dylan Rayburn

Dylan attended the Lindsay Park Sport Society AGM and the proposed bylaw amendments were approved by the assembly.

There has been an increase in phishing attempts and board members are reminded to check email address for any unusual requests to verify sender's identity.

- **Vice President's Report:** Mona Hayes

Mona participated in a WELAP virtual meeting where an urban scale map showing areas for densification was presented. Major facilities including transit were outlined as well as areas where rezoning may be necessary. Public engagement is starting in May and an Open House will be held in Elbow Park on June 12<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 in-person meetings in June.

- **Treasurer Report:** Debra Smith

No financial report.

- **Acting Secretary Report:** Maryse Maurice

No report.

- **Traffic Report:** Dave Greszczyszyn

Dave has not received any response from the Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) about his request for officers on motorcycle/bike for the June 15<sup>th</sup> Neighbour Day celebration.

There has been no progress regarding parking issues despite concerted efforts from Dave and Sarah Papineau to engage with the City this past several months. Ever since ZZ permitting has been phased out and then completely eliminated in favour of market parking, North Erlton residents have been reporting congestion in the community and inability to park near their homes. There is a high level of frustration since all avenues available to resolve the parking issues have been exhausted. Heesung suggested that a North Erlton residents take photos of the congestion and file a 311 Service Request (SR). She did send a 311SR but since she is not a North Erlton resident her request had no impact.

- **Parks Report:** Judy Borsato

The mural design options have been distributed to the membership and posters have been displayed at the MNP Centre, in Lindsay Park at the mural location and neighbourhood condos. Design options are also posted on social media for visitors to vote. The concrete wall will need to be power-washed and primed before the artist can start painting. The costs associated with these expenditures are covered by the grant. Judy is waiting for quotes for wall preparation work and she is expecting the artist will be able to start around June 10<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, the mural should be completed within 10 days. An on-site "Meet and Greet" is planned and will be publicised, Calgary Arts Development will be invited to attend. The 5-year Optional Amenity Agreement (OAA) stipulates that ECA is responsible for the mural upkeep including graffiti removal and touch-ups, which the artist can do for \$65/hr.

The Community Garden has 5 new gardeners this year. The leaking water tank could not be fixed. Water delivery will not be affected by the City water restrictions. Judy is looking to buy the 2 tanks currently used at the Possible Garden. If they can be bought she will request the funds by including an agenda item along with amount needed.

The Proposed New Community Garden can no longer be built at the mapped location southwest of MNP main entrance. The location is over a sewer line and the memorial tree cannot be moved. A potential location has been identified near the playground but access to water would not be readily available. The 818 Studio architect has been paid for the drawings and these can be amended to suit a new location.

Judy attended the Calgary Horticultural Society course on Drought Preparedness and has a 2-page information publication for those interested. She also volunteered for the Annual Community-Run River Clean Up and mentioned that there will be opportunities to collaborate with the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association (CBMCA) in the future.

- **Planning and Development Chair Report:** Heesung Kim

Parking remains a concern for the North Erlton residents following the MNP Centre Expansion Secondary Meeting. It was agreed that building stairs where a path has been beaten down from MNP main entrance to 22 Avenue would invite further congestion in the

neighbourhood. Heesung reiterated that documenting the congestion via photos and 311SR by North Erlton residents would help emphasising the problem.

She reported that recent development permits on 27<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenues are for smaller units each with secondary suites. While they are allowed under the land use bylaw, she expressed concerns about the design and impact of this trend in development.

- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker  
No report.

- **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes  
Lorraine reported that about 1400 pounds of items were collected during the Electronics Fundraiser and very positive feedback was received for hosting the event. Advertising was done by posters in mailboxes, common spaces in the Condos and businesses in the area. The sandwich boards were placed on the walking paths along the Elbow River and social media was used to promote the event. About 12-13 new households were interested in joining the Association but Lorraine was not sure of the advantage of purchasing a membership at this time of the year. Some residents were confused about which community association they belong to as they mentioned that they pay membership dues in their condo fees and they should cover them for ECA as well.

A total of \$342.50 was raised from the event. Lorraine suggested that a paper shredder could be brought on site next year and that a South Erlton location could be added for collection. The triangular park by the cemeteries could work for hosting the event.

Lorraine mentioned that a small group of people get together every few weeks in the parks and they expressed interest in helping improve the appearance of one of our parks by donating perennials and light duties (they are Seniors).

There was quite a bit of interest in the MNP expansion, Anthem development and parking. Lorraine told the new people that ECA would send them a few issues of the newsletter so they could get an idea of what the Association is doing.

- **Social Media Officer:** Jessica Wiseman  
Jessica mentioned that there is an increase in followers on social media. She is having issues with Facebook but Instagram is working well.
- **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong  
The Social Committee has not received confirmation from the Ward Community Event Fund that the funding request was approved for Neighbour Day. Susan reported that membership cards were made by Jessica Wiseman and will be available for the planned membership table. Logistics concerning tables and chairs remain to be sorted out, consensus was that tables would be nice for those having food but it was suggested that "Bring Your Own Chair " could be added on posters.

Once the Social Committee finds out about funding, Susan intends to print smaller posters (2/sheet) for mailbox delivery throughout the neighbourhood.

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

Shirine made a presentation at the April 22 Public Hearing concerning Blanket Rezoning. The following is an excerpt from her presentation to City Council.

*“From early eighties Erlton has been marching toward densification. Every structure described in R-CG is already present and will continue in Erlton. In addition Erlton has more land that can be rezoned for residential use if you pay close attention!*

*Along with densification Erlton is also host to several cemeteries. In early eighties when Erlton ARP was being formulated agreement were made that all cemeteries will remain within their defined fenced footprint as indicated in the ARP. This commitment was respected until the height of COVID, 2020-2022.*

*In 2021-22 a parcel of land adjacent to St. Mary’s cemetery and distinctly delineated from it was annexed to St. Mary’s in a matter of two weeks. Mature trees were removed and 80 burial plots were installed with no consultation with Erlton community.*

*Adjacent to the mentioned plot there is another larger plot that is currently used to house a tower with transmission dishes. If technology changes and the tower is no longer needed would that lot be also annexed to St. Mary’s?*

*Both these plots could have been used for affordable housing or for other purposes to enhanced living conditions in Erlton for the residents. Meanwhile maintain the spirit of the commitment not to expand.*

*In 2020 there were activities by Chevra Kadisha, the operator of the Jewish cemetery that can be interpreted for potential expansion. Erlton community met with Chevra Kadisha and expressed our concerns. We were able to get a letter of commitment stating no further expansion in the vacant plot at 32 30 Avenue S.W.*

*As part of Erlton Local Area Plan (LAP) we would like the city administration to get the cemeteries to firmly commit to no further expansion. Replace the blanket S-CRI zoning to R-CG on vacant plots neighboring the cemeteries. Ensure to document the commitments in the Erlton LAP report. In support of the same subject, we would like to include the letter from Chevra Kadisha in the Erlton LAP report. Our hope and aspiration is that this agreement will become the guiding principal for the city administration in dealing with Erlton in future.”*

Any member who has questions about Shirine’s presentation can reach her at 403-233-7270 or by email at [endo\\_sl@telus.net](mailto:endo_sl@telus.net).

Next meeting Tuesday June 11th, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM