

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 11th 2024

Location: MNP Community and Sports Centre – Riverview Room

Call to order at 7:07 PM

1. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (May 14th 2024) AND AGENDA.**

Addition to Agenda Item 2: Stampede Parking.

Agenda approved with addition.

May 14th Minutes approved as circulated.

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

Optional Amenities Agreement

The 5-year agreement between ECA and the City has been signed for the Lindsay Park Mural Project and needs Board approval to be finalised. The agreement covers the maintenance of the mural and excludes any upkeep of the concrete wall itself; ECA is responsible for paint touch-ups and graffiti removal. Minor annual costs are anticipated including \$21 for insurance and \$65/hr for artistic touch-ups.

- Motion by Judy Borsato/Susan Armstrong to enter the 5-year Optional Amenities Agreement with the City. All in favour, motion carried.

Stampede Parking

The opportunity to operate Stampede Parking out of the former Erlton School lot is available to ECA again this year as demolition/construction won't start in July. The hours of operation will depend on the number of volunteers and if not enough volunteers sign up, the parking can be operated only on weekends or on an honour system. Heesung will prepare sign up sheets to be available at the membership table at Neighbour Day. Signs will be needed to inform users how to pay for parking should gates be opened when ECA volunteers are not on-site. Training may be necessary for new and returning volunteers. Debra confirmed that she will be picking up the day's revenue whenever parking is operational. She mentioned that costs incurred for the fundraiser are covered by revenue from the event. Roughly \$900 was spent last year to cover rent, insurance, signage and volunteer recognition. The consensus was to advertise early as record attendance numbers are expected this year. The Stampede Parking fundraiser is a significant revenue stream for the ECA and it is the last year that the opportunity is available.

- Motion by Judy Borsato/Ruth Parent to undertake the Stampede Parking fundraiser. All in favour, motion carried.

3. **REPORTS:**

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

Dylan and Judy went to the BMO Centre Opening where the world's largest fireplace was on display. It was a good opportunity to network as the event was well attended. Dylan further mentioned that ECA has been invited to the Stampede suite for July 13. This event

also provides a good opportunity for networking since all of Calgary's Community Associations are invited. Only one ticket is available and Mona has volunteered to go.

This meeting is Dylan's last as he will be moving to another neighbourhood in August. He has a number of paper files and mailbox key that need to be transferred to ECA. He offered to provide assistance with the transition until he moves and afterward if necessary. The Board of Directors thanked Dylan for his service to the ECA and his commitment to ensure a smooth transition.

- **Vice President's Report:** Mona Hayes
Mona has been reviewing an urban form/building scale case study provided to West Elbow Local Area Plan (WELAP) Working Group in preparation for an in-person meeting June 25.
- **Treasurer Report:** Debra Smith
Debra provided an update to clarify financial details pertaining to ECA's year-end accounting. The ECA has 2 year-ends including a June 30th fiscal year end with financial statements that are audited to maintain a non-profit status and the October 31st year end reflecting the normal filing period for Calgary's community associations.

The ECA surplus is currently \$50,706. Debra mentioned that it is critical to keep a substantial reserve in the event that legal problems result from any ECA undertaking. In addition, future legal assistance may be required if one of the cemeteries plans to expand. She also confirmed that the ECA holds 2 insurance policies. The Board of Directors is protected via an Error and Omission policy and the garden insurance includes suitable liability coverage.

There was discussion about membership fees revenue, in particular those paid by gardeners. It was suggested that those fees from associate members only interested in the garden should be allocated to the garden budget. Also, it was calculated by Judy that gardeners provided \$190 in membership fees revenue so far this year. Sarah Papineau shared details about other associations strategies to fund their community garden. Typically, as the garden grows in popularity, she indicated that it becomes self-sustaining. Often, these gardens form their own committees/sub-committees and manage their own budgets. From her experience, both full-fledged and associate membership fees are pooled into one account.

There was a request to allocate the \$342.50 revenue from the Electronics Fundraiser to the community garden as the event was organised by gardeners and took place at the garden.

- Motion by Debra Smith/Mona Hayes to allocate the \$342.50 revenue from the Electronic Fundraiser to the garden budget. All in favour, motion carried.

- **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 15th Neighbour Day and there has been no progress regarding parking issues.

The letter from the Lindsay Park Community Association (LPCA) about neighbourhood parking during Stampede was briefly discussed. Dave recommended that ECA let the LPCA deal with the City and Anthem Properties for solutions to traffic and parking issues during Stampede. Dave mentioned that the ECA is compensated \$1500/year by Anthem Properties for traffic congestion in the community.

- **Parks Report:** Judy Borsato

The mural design option #1 - Pixar has been selected by 60% of those responding to the survey. The concrete wall has been power-washed and painting will start after Stampede. The artist still needs to provide proof of insurance coverage; ECA has endorsement added to its own insurance policy to be renewed for 5 years .

There are 27 gardeners at the community garden using a total of 36 plots at \$40/each thus generating \$1440 in revenue. The leaking water tank that could not be fixed needs to be returned to Anthem Properties when the lease expires. The 2 tanks (\$75/each) to be purchased from the Possible Garden could potentially be used to replace the leaking one as the ECA is responsible to fix any damage, as per lease agreement.

- Motion by Judy Borsato/Ruth Parent buy the 2 water tanks (\$75/each) from Possible Garden for a total expenditure of \$150. All in favour, motion carried.

The Proposed New Community Garden could possibly be established northwest of the playground in Lindsay Park now that the previously mapped location is no longer available. This new proposed location would require water delivery as does the current location on the Anthem Properties lot. Erlton Park was mentioned though it is believed that the location would be too small. Debra brought up an item listed on the report distributed by Sarah Papineau that outlines the need to secure funding for the new proposed garden through grants. Debra cautioned about getting funding without having a secured location. It was agreed that funding opportunities will be pursued once a proper location has been identified.

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

Heesung attended the WELAP meeting held June 10th as Mona did. She found the draft plan completely unacceptable as it proposes to develop housing with 5-7 storeys along 25-29 Avenue, an area not suited for that. She suggested that everyone writes a letter to express disapproval and that ECA should as well. A petition should also be prepared for Erlton residents to sign at Neighbour Day in order to express their unequivocal disapproval of the proposed WELAP change in zoning.

- Motion by Heesung Kim/Ruth Parent to send a letter for the WELAP public engagement process that unequivocally states ECA opposition to proposed WELAP change from the current 2-3 storeys maximum height building zoning to a 5-7 storeys. Heesung to draft letter. All in favour, motion carried.

- **Motion by Heesung Kim/Mona Hayes to prepare petition forms for Erlton residents to sign during Neighbour Day.** Heesung will prepare petition forms. All in favour, motion carried.

- **Membership Report:** Nicole Bakker

Judy reported that 40 membership fees were paid from December 2023 to June 2024 and that the ECA has 51 active members as of June 11th 2024.

- **Communications Report:** Lorraine Mounkes

No report.

- **Social Media Officer:** Jessica Wiseman

Jessica conducted a survey to inform the Social Committee about events the community would like ECA to hold. Two (2) respondents have provided answers and results will be forwarded to Susan and the Social Committee.

- **Social Committee Report:** Susan Armstrong

Susan was successful in her bid to secure prizes to draw at Neighbour Day. The Social Committee was awarded 2 Stampede tickets. Options to draw the tickets include soliciting a \$5 donation for a chance to win and entering the new members for a free draw when signing up for ECA membership. Raffles are not possible since a gaming license must be obtained to sell tickets and there is not enough time for the ECA to apply for one. Susan confirmed that 2 recreation officers from the City will be there to run games and outdoor activities. Posters advertising Neighbour Day have been distributed throughout Erlton. The 200 printed were not sufficient to cover both North and South Erlton and Susan recommended that 250 be printed next year. She printed 50 membership cards designed by Jessica and these will replace email notifications for confirmation of active membership. Judy will prepare posters that will be displayed on ECA'S sandwich boards that will be placed at high pedestrian traffic locations. Susan reported that Lorraine and Lori will look after setup and she and Jessica will be picking up chairs at MNP Centre. Details about moving the tents have to be sorted out. Several board members volunteered to prepare information and publications for the membership table and will take shifts at the table. Judy will make a sign to identify the membership table. Information/publications to be available at the table include the membership cards designed by Jessica, ECA newsletters, spreadsheet to sign up for Stampede Parking volunteering duties and petition forms to oppose WELAP zoning change prepared by Heesung, active members list and summary of ECA'S projects. Details on how to win the 2 Stampede tickets will also be provided at the membership table. It was suggested that the food truck parks just beyond the temporary barriers on Erlton Street/25 Avenue facing east or west to prevent local traffic from moving the barriers and not replacing them. Mayor Gondek's staff confirmed that she will stop by around 5pm.

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

No report.

Next meeting Tuesday September 10th, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM