

Citizen Working Groups - Zone "I" (Mid-87) & "J" (West 87)

MINUTES

Meeting # 10	Location: Online
Date: June 29, 2021	Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Members	Attendance
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<i>Zone "I"</i>		
Andrea Kendall	Misericordia Hospital (AHS)	
Bill Mayou	Public at Large	
Christine Belter	Summerlea Community League	
Karen Merkel	Elmwood Community League	
Pam Winski	Public at Large	✓
Rusk Redmond	Summerlea Community League	
Sharon Quickfall	Thorncliff Community League	✓
Stephen Poole	West Meadowlark Community League	✓
Trevor Small	Misericordia Hospital (Covenant Health)	

<i>Zone "J"</i>		
Aaron Clark	Aldergrove Community League (alternate)	
Daniel Eggert	Melcor Developments (West Henday Promenade)	
Gary Adams	Aldergrove Community League	
Jasmine Allen	Belmead Community League	
Lorena Munteanu	Public at Large	
Mark Edey	Aldergrove Community League	
Maxime Belanger	Secord Community League	
Melvin Lacebal	Public at Large	✓
Paul Andrews	Rosenthal Community	✓
Rebecca Goldsack	Lewis Estates Community League	✓

Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓
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Guests

Andrew Knack	Councillor, City of Edmonton	✓
Ginny Kulak	Valley Line Communications	✓
Kevin Pringle	Partnerships Manager, LRT Expansion & Renewal	✓
Danielle O’Brien	Valley Line West Communications	
Wade Wilson	Valley Line West Communications	✓
Hazel Battad	Engineering Project Manager	✓
Jeri Romaniuk	Marigold Infrastructure Partners	
Jennifer Sheehan	Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jodi Doesburg	Marigold Infrastructure Partners	
Brad Baumle	Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants introduced themselves 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Speaker on traffic management</u> (Jack) As Marigold develops their traffic management plan and notification process, most questions should be answered by such. b) <u>Speaker on Transit Oriented Development</u> (Jack) This item will carry forward, with the option of having a speaker from the City to present on this topic (as it relates to the new City Plan) at a future meeting. 	Jack
5.	Project Update	

City Update

- General lookahead for 2021
 - Final building removals ongoing
 - WEM Temporary Transit Centre construction underway (sidewalk connections are complete)
 - EPCOR utility location continuing
 - Advance civil works contract beginning
- Current stakeholder & communications work
 - Notices to impacted groups and areas
 - Email updates, social media and web
 - Postcards delivered to 60,000+ homes
 - Updated project booklet (https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/VLW_Booklet.pdf)
 - Outreach with businesses throughout the summer
 - Valley Line West & Me webpage: edmonton.ca/vlwlrtandme
 - Social media campaign
 - Blog updates
 - Email updates
 - Video in the works
- A participant suggested that it would be useful if social media posts could be sent to Community Leagues to use on their own websites.

Marigold Update

- Jennifer gave a brief overview of Marigold’s structure. It is a partnership between Parsons (Engineering) and Colas (Construction). She noted that Standard General is a Colas company.
- Brad outlined Marigold’s commitment to reduce disruption through alternative planning and scheduling, dust and noise mitigation and reducing impacts to traffic.
- Construction activities:
 - 2021: design and planning, pre-construction activities for the elevated guideway, Lewis Farms preparation and utility relocations.
 - 2022: utility relocations, roadwork starting, continued construction of elevated guideway
 - 2023: roadwork, trackwork, Stony Plain Road Bridge replacement, elevated guideway, WEM and Misericordia Station construction.
 - 2024: trackwork, LRT power and systems, construction of stations
 - 2025: LRT power and systems, completion of stations
 - 2026: testing and integration with Stage 1
- Communications activities:
 - Residents will see bulletins, door hangers and postcards
 - CWGs with Community Leagues, Business Improvement Areas and City councillors
 - Communications with other stakeholders (places of worship, schools, etc)
 - Answer questions about current construction

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer demonstrated where citizens can find construction notifications on the City of Edmonton’s website • Brad discussed the elevated guideway that will be built in this group’s area (87 Avenue). • In the coming weeks, this group can expect a lane closure in the area of the Misericordia (87 Ave from 169-170 Street) as pre-construction activities begin. There will be some noise, pedestrian and ETS access will be maintained. • In the coming months, the working area will expand to cover more of 87 Avenue. Work to install caissons will extend to the end of the construction season. There will be lane closures on the north side of 87 Avenue, with equipment being installed and soil being removed. Drilling is expected to start mid-August and will continue for several months. • Jennifer let the group know there will be an opportunity to sign up for text updates. Marigold will also be launching a newsletter, website and various social media channels. In the meantime, they can be reached at public@marigoldinfra.ca. • Kevin presented some photos of the construction of the Valley Line Southeast LRT, to assist with visualization of the Valley Line West. • Presentations are attached to these minutes. 	
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A participant raised the issue of 2 nights in April with overnight construction noise levels over 60 decibels near 176 Street. She spoke with Marigold and asked for a copy of any noise waivers, but did not receive such. Jennifer will follow up. Brad cautioned that there may be a need for noise exemptions for overnight work in the future. The notification process is continually evolving and the team will endeavour to ensure proper notification is provided. • A participant raised the concern of graffiti/damage to the artwork, and asked if Marigold has any plan in place to mitigate this. She suggested implementation of a graffiti wall to help discourage defacing of construction elements. This suggestion will be considered. • There was extensive discussion about traffic management, including the need to plan ahead and share plans with the community, taking into account safety, neighbourhood access, seasonal patterns near West Edmonton Mall, signal timing, wayfinding, driver behaviour, short-cutting and enforcement. • There was further discussion on information-sharing, during which it was noted that tools are available on the City of Edmonton website, and people can subscribe to updates. 	
8.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the next meeting should again be held as a joint session of Groups “I” and “J”, with September 21, 2021 set as the target, again online. 	

Notes by Ginny Kulak and Jack Stuempel