

Citizen Working Group -Zones “F” (Downtown/Groat) + “G” (Stony Plain Rd)

MINUTES

Meeting # 10	Location: Google Meet (online)	
Date: July 28, 2021	Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	
Members		Attendance
Zone “F”		
Adam Brahim	Altus Group / BentallGreenOak - Unity Square	
Andrew MacIsaac	Downtown Edmonton Community League	
Cadence Bergman	Edmonton Chamber of Commerce	
Dan Young	City Market Downtown	
Dave Rogowsky	First Capital Realty - Brewery District & Long Street	
Derek Macdonald	Oliver Community League	
Derrick Forsythe	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Jared Candlish	Oliver Community League	
Kajsa Duke	Public at Large	✓
Karen VanDerLaan	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Luwam Kiflemariam	124 Street Business Association	✓
Nadia Meyer	First Capital Realty - Brewery District & Long Street	
Puneeta McBryan	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Robert Summers	Westmount Community League	
Sarah Proudlock	124 Street Business Association	✓
Sarah Ricardo	Edmonton City Centre	
Thomas Oster	Public at Large	
Tony Nunes	Altus Group / BentallGreenOak - Unity Square	✓
Zone “G”		
Allan Bly	Grovenor Community League	✓
Barb Busse	Britannia Youngstown Community League	
Christine Lefebvre	Old Glenora Conservation Association	✓
Corie Martin	School sector - Glenora School Parent Advisory Council	✓
Craig Werner	School sector - Glenora School Parent Advisory Council	✓
Currently unassigned	Glenora Community League	
Dinah Plamondon	Public at Large	
Peter Doell	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	
Rod Matheson	Crestwood Community League	
Salim Keshwani	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	
Taylor Soroka	Jasper Place Wellness Centre	
Todd Janes	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	✓
Tony Lovell	Canora Community League	

Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓
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Guests		
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Brad Baumle	Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jennifer Sheehan	Stakeholder Relations, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Chancy Blackwater	Community Safety Liaison, City of Edmonton	✓
Maggie Farbrother	Community Safety Liaison, City of Edmonton	✓
Stephen Quinn	Community Safety Liaison, City of Edmonton	✓
Kevin Pringle	Partnerships Manager, Valley Line West	✓
Hazel Battad	Engineering Project Manager, Valley Line West	✓
Wade Wilson	Stakeholder Relations, Valley Line West	✓

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 previous minutes were adopted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items (none)	
5.	Project update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Pringle led the presentation of a general project update on behalf of the City. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of City-acquired buildings is ongoing and nearing completion Construction of the temporary transit centre at West Edmonton Mall is also nearing completion, having begun in May Various utility works are underway along the alignment The stakeholder outreach team has been active, communicating via email, social media direct mail and visits to numerous businesses along the alignment. A new project booklet has been produced, and a new “LRT and me” web page has been launched. Additionally, there’s a new LRT Construction Guide for Businesses. Jennifer Sheehan and Brad Baumle presented an update from Marigold Infrastructure Partners, with highlights including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of previously-shared information about Marigold and its approach to the work, including commitments to minimizing and mitigating impacts of construction to neighbourhoods. A rough outline of scheduled activities, which for the remainder of 2021 include design/planning, the start of elevated guideway construction near West Edmonton Mall, work at Lewis Farms and various utility relocations, especially on 87 Avenue and 156 Street. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utility relocations will continue through 2022, along with roadwork. In 2023, roadwork will continue, trackwork will begin and construction on the elevated stations at West Edmonton Mall and Misericordia Hospital will be in full swing. ○ In 2024, power and systems works will be added to the continuing trackwork. More systems work and finishing work should occur in 2025, with testing and commissioning to follow in 2026. ○ Marigold will use a variety of means, including a dedicated website [now active], social media, newsletter and SMS text alerts, to keep the community informed about construction activity. ○ While relatively little major construction is planned between downtown and 156 Street this season, Marigold will begin using some vacant space at 143 Street and Stony Plain Road as a laydown area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marigold was encouraged to consider the aesthetics as well as security of areas used for laydown, site offices and staff parking. The Stony Plain Road Business Association and 124 Street Business Association would like to be involved. ■ The Grovenor Community League would also like to be included in any stakeholder conversations related to the laydown area at 143 Street. ○ An area near Glenora school recently in use for Epcor works will likely be needed by Marigold in the future. The community will be kept posted. ○ This summer, Marigold will conduct noise and vibration monitoring to establish baseline/background noise levels against which construction noise will be measured. ○ The replacement of the Stony Plain Road bridge over Groat Road is expected to begin with the demolition of the old bridge in January 2023. While it was previously thought the closure might take up to two years, Marigold hopes to open the new bridge within the one year. <p>Discussion by the group covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was a question about a past proposal to designate a 127 Street / 105 Avenue combination to route eastbound Stony Plain Road traffic wishing to turn north on 124 Street. The City’s LRT team will follow up and respond to the question. ● Some group members also reiterated previous concerns expressed by the Westmount community over potential traffic increases on 127 Street. The group was reminded that the neighbourhood shortcutting study to be undertaken by network operations was intended to address concerns over traffic ripple effects. The City’s LRT team will follow up to determine the status of the study. ● While group members suggested that a more concerted effort be made to communicate with communities via their community leagues, members were also reminded that signing up to receive emails and information bulletins would easily enable receipt of information. City 	<p>MIP note</p> <p>MIP note</p> <p>MIP note</p> <p>COE/VLW team</p> <p>COE/VLW team</p>
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	<p>representatives acknowledged that more advance time for notice and materials for Citizen Working Group meetings would be appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communities wishing to publish information are free to draw from and link their residents to the project web page. ● Responding to apprehension over potential future traffic behaviour, City representatives noted that introducing LRT infrastructure to support the transportation needs of a growing city does involve adjustment on all fronts, and that the LRT design prepared in 2013 (with further refinements in 2018) balances such localized concerns with the needs of the broader community. 	
6.	Presentation by Community Safety Liaisons	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maggie Farbrother and Stephen Quinn of the City’s Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) delivered a presentation (attached to these minutes) on maintaining personal safety and security in relation to the Valley Line LRT. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NET team identifies factors that affect perceptions of safety, and works with a variety of partners to achieve solutions. ○ The work includes understanding the underlying causes of crime and separating myth from reality (e.g. crime is not a product of LRT or transit, but rather a range of factors associated with City growth and change, including the economy. ○ There are many measures the community and its residents can apply to improve the safety and security of persons and property, including keeping doors locked, being cautious about sharing personal information and remembering there is safety in numbers. ○ It was noted that CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles have been applied in the design of the Valley Line LRT. 	
7.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No additional items were raised for the round table. 	
8.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group determined that for the next round of meetings, it would prefer to have “F” and “G” meet separately, with a target of approximately September 8 for group “F” and September 9 for group “G”. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel