



Citizen Working Group - Zone "A" (Downtown)

MINUTES

Meeting # 6	Location: "Blue Room", Valley Line LRT (12th Floor, MNP Tower, 10235 - 101 Street)
Date: Friday, March 23, 2018	Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
Allan Kwan	Chinese Benevolent Association	
Chris Buyze	Downtown Edmonton Community League	
Melaniee Smith	Edmonton City Centre	
Ian O'Donnell	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Maria Castle	Boyle Street Community League	
Brent Francis	Edmonton Chamber of Commerce	
Shelley Switzer	Churchill Square Festivals	✓
Amber Rooke	Churchill Square Festivals (alternate)	
Sally Kim	Arts District	✓
Alf White	Boyle Street Community League	✓
Bill Patrick	At Large	✓
Young Quan	Seniors / At Large	
Dan Young	City Market Downtown	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		Attendance
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Jennifer Villeneuve	Communications Advisor, LRT Delivery	✓



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1.	Welcome & Introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a brief round of introductions. 	
2.	Confirmation of Agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was confirmed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The previous meeting minutes were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>A. <u>City Operations contact re City Centre Parkade exit</u> (Jack)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack conveyed Edmonton City Centre’s concerns to Network Operations and identified an appropriate contact for direct follow-up. <p>B. <u>City contact re fibre service to Tix on the Square</u> (Jack)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack has alerted the Civic Precinct Supervisor regarding Tix on the Square’s desire for fibre service. Any further discussion on the matter should occur directly with her. 	
5.	Project/Construction Update (TransEd)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Heuman provided an update on recent and upcoming construction activities and handed out the latest community updates (Dated March 2018; available at http://transedlrt.ca/resources/) The update included information on the recently-discovered obstruction in the riverbed that requires an engineered solution and will delay the completion of the shared-use path that will be part of the Tawatinâ Bridge. The extent of the delay will be better known later in the spring. In the meantime, TransEd is exploring the possibility of accelerating the restoration of east-west pathways on the north bank of the river. Tunnel excavation has been continuing, with a recent breakthrough for the southbound tunnel in the riverbank. The breakthrough for the northbound tunnel should occur in a matter of weeks. Significant underground utility work is continuing throughout the downtown alignment area. In general, TransEd is trying to arrange work in a way that avoids the need for repetitive zig-zagging by pedestrians. TransEd is trying to balance daytime work and night work, recognizing that both are considered disruptive. Work in the vicinity of Churchill Square is focused on ensuring the square is available for use by the festivals in the 2019 season. Artwork is being displayed on hoarding panels, and more panels are available to display art or information. In the ensuing discussion, TransEd was strongly urged to use some panels to inform the public about the temporary relocation of the festivals while Churchill Square is unavailable for their use. It was 	Dean



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	<p>suggested that TransEd coordinate efforts with the City’s Civic Precinct group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While TransEd’s recognition of festival needs last year was acknowledged, there is significant concern over the certainty of TransEd’s ability to meet the commitment to have the square available for festival use in the 2019 season. It was stressed that any constraints or availability issues should be communicated as early as possible and no later than September 30, 2018, to enable the festivals to make and publicize alternative plans. • Jack provided a brief status update on Valley Line West, for which the preliminary design is being reviewed and updated to be procurement ready later in the year. • Jack also shared information from the City’s website, including the useful “traffic disruptions” page that currently includes notification of upcoming work on Connors Hill, and noted that images of the public art selected for the Valley Line can be viewed on the LRT projects page. • A celebration / photo opportunity will occur at the final tunnel breakthrough and the plan is to have some of the limited attendance spaces set aside for Citizen Working Group members. Other upcoming events will include a project tour for working group members, and the delivery of the first light rail vehicle in the summer. 	
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Edmonton Arts Council is conducting public consultations on the next 10-year Arts and Heritage plan, and public art is a part of the discussion. 	
7.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The target date for the next meeting is September 21, 2018, ideally at 1:30 p.m. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel