



Citizen Working Group - Zone "B" (River Valley)

MINUTES

Meeting # 7	Location: Room SE 03-380, Edmonton Tower (10111 104 Avenue NW).
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018	Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
David Kahane	Riverdale Community League	✓
Jodine Chase	Riverdale Community League	
Paul Bunner	Cloverdale Community League	
Peter McFarlane	Cloverdale Community League	
Jason Yeung	Strathearn Community League	
Dan Jancewicz	Strathearn Community League	✓
Nancy Rempel	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Andrew Leach	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Alice Harkness	Bonnie Doon Community League (alternate)	
Ken Saunders	Edmonton Ski Club	
Chris Perl	Edmonton Ski Club	
Bob Meyer	Edmonton Folk Music Festival	✓
Patrick Tso	Edmonton Chinese Garden Society	
Rhonda Norman	Muttart Conservatory	
Michael Duerr	Muttart Conservatory (alternate)	
Marguerite Trussler / Lorrie Deutscher	Public at Large	
Matt Knight	Public at Large	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓



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1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees were welcomed to the Edmonton Tower meeting room. Jack expressed appreciation for the contributions made by Sandra Sperounes who has withdrawn as a Riverdale delegate on the group. 	
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 minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>i. <u>Finishes & landscaping (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group continues to express its desire for input into finishes and landscaping on the project. With respect to the Tawatinā bridge, it was explained that the design involves a smooth, graffiti-resistant concrete finish. The retaining wall is to be similar, with a grey, rock-like concrete finish. In response to a previous inquiry, it was confirmed that there will be railings on top of the retaining walls around the tunnel portal, supported by lighting and security monitoring to address potential safety hazards. It was suggested that TransEd take into account the possibility that people might use the portal access / service road for longboarding or other risky activities. Dean will provide updated renderings by about mid-May. As the naturalized areas are to match existing naturalized conditions, there will be little opportunity to incorporate feedback on those areas. There may still be some opportunities to incorporate input into plans for more manicured areas. While finishes for major structures such as the bridge and retaining walls are established, there may still be opportunity to consider input into details such as street furniture. Dean will also supply a drawing showing the final alignment of the portal access road. <p>ii. <u>Edible forest / soil condition report (Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Louise McKinney Riverfront Park soil condition report remains incomplete, but it is now expected to be finalized and submitted to Alberta Environment this spring. Jack will continue to monitor. <p>iii. <u>Images of traction power substations (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean will follow up on a previous commitment to supply images of the traction power substations. The aesthetics at locations near the tunnel portal and Muttart are of particular interest to the group. It was suggested that the location near The View condominium overlooking the 	<p>Dean</p> <p>Dean</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>Dean</p>



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	<p>river valley would be conducive to a park-like treatment, or the inclusion of furniture.</p> <p>iv. <u>Site tour (Dean/Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site tour is being arranged for members of all Citizen Working Group for April 28. • Arrangements are also being made for a small event to mark the completion of tunnel excavation, and Citizen Working Group members will be invited. 	<p>Dean/Jack</p> <p>Dean/Jack</p>
5.	Construction Schedule Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean provided a summary of upcoming work, reflected in the new, more localized community update brochures (attached to these minutes) that are posted on the TransEd website (http://transedlrt.ca) and will be updated periodically. • Dean also updated the group 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 Tawatinā Bridge (handout is also attached to these minutes). The extent of the delay will be better known later in the spring. • TransEd will work with the Edmonton Folk Music Festival to ensure access is maintained to the festival event. • Tunnel excavation will be complete this spring. The guideway and railbed should be in place on the south side of the river to the top of Connors Hill this year. • The retaining wall, noise wall and driving lanes up Connors Hill should be completed this year. • Epcor will do some work that will require closure of Connors Hill northbound for about three weeks beginning March 23. Traffic management and notifications for this work are being led by the City's Network Operations, which consulted with Cloverdale regarding the implications. Preparation for the detours has included the permanent conversion of the pedestrian-activated signal at 98 Avenue and 95 Street to a full-function signal, which reflected the preferences of the community in public engagement last year. • It was noted that there is some confusion about travel lanes in some construction areas. This is being addressed by TransEd with the use of delineators. Construction in Strathearn and Holyrood will be particularly intense this year, but access in and out of the neighbourhood is to be maintained. • The conversion of the Bonnie Doon traffic circle to an intersection is to occur next year. 	
6.	Riverdale lilac status	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stump of the large lilac bush affected by construction has been salvaged, divided and relocated elsewhere in the neighbourhood. 	



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7.	Cameron Avenue traffic calming	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City's road Network Operations area has been in touch with Riverdale on this matter. LRT Delivery has informed Network Operations that it supports the proposed speed reduction on Cameron Avenue while LRT construction continues. 	
8.	Round table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean followed up on previously-expressed concerns over the possibility that downtown-bound LRT trains might be too full in the morning to allow people in Bonnie Doon, Holyrood and Strathearn to get aboard. He explained that TransEd will need to abide by a service mandate that ensures the number and frequency of LRT cars is sufficient to meet demand. During the peak hour, trains may run every five minutes. Jack informed the group about a City Council meeting and public hearing to occur March 21 to deal with concept plan amendments for Valley Line West, which is being prepared for possible procurement later this year. Public art for Valley Line Southeast has been selected by the Edmonton Arts Council, and can be viewed on the City's website at https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/valley-line-southeast.aspx. TransEd will hold a public open house in Riverdale to share updated project information directly with the community on March 19. Strathearn has inquired about possible opportunities for local children to add decorations to catenary poles, and the possibility of having a bulletin or notice board installed at the Strathearn stop to permit promotion of community events. The ability to decorate catenary poles is unlikely, but Dean will investigate if the notice board concept can be accommodated in the design. The Edmonton Folk Music Festival and TransEd may arrange a logistics meeting with TransEd in advance of this year's festival. 	Dean
9.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that 7 pm on Thursday, May 31 would be the target for the next meeting. The new Strathearn Community Hall may be available. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel