



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

MINUTES

Meeting # 10	Location: Meeting Room 03-325, 3rd Floor, Edmonton Tower, 10111 - 104 Avenue
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019	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	
Dave Bradshaw	Cloverdale Community League (on behalf of Paul Bunner)	✓
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)	
Vacant	Edmonton Ski Club	
Bob Meyer	Edmonton Folk Music Festival	✓
Patrick Tso	Edmonton Chinese Garden Society	✓
Lorrie Deutscher	Public at Large	
Matt Knight	Public at Large	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Ginny Kulak	Valley Line Communications Team	✓



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1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda was confirmed as distributed. 	
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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Landscaping site walkabout (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was covered under #5 (below) ii. Drawing of final alignment of portal access road (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean shared a copy of the portal access road alignment, and will email it to David Kahane iii. Images of traction power substations (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean circulated and will re-send renderings of the traction power substation near the tunnel portal to members iv. Information on FOIP access (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report on subsurface soil conditions in Louise McKinney Riverfront Park that recommended against edible plants is still not available on the province’s Environmental Site Assessment Repository. David Kahane has expressed the intention of pursuing it via a Freedom of Information request, and Jack has supplied him with information on doing so. v. Notice boards in LRT stop shelters (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack has engaged Groups C & D in the conversation over the suggestion that LRT stop shelters might feature community notice boards. Reaction was mixed. While such a board was considered to have some value, the other groups’ members noted there are maintenance considerations for which the neighbouring community might accept responsibility. In the meantime, the suggestion of notice boards is being reviewed with ETS. vi. Nature of paid advertising at LRT stops (Jack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be paid electronic advertising at the LRT stops. A number of details remain to be worked out. Jack has asked colleagues on the project team to convey to ETS that there is considerable interest as well as some concern over the potential for intrusiveness in the community. vii. Landscaping at 98 Ave. (Dean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was covered under #5 (below) 	<p>Dean</p> <p>Dean</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p>



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	<p>viii. SUI / Design Guide information (Jack)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A link to the SUI / Design Guide was included in the previous minutes. 	
5.	<p>Project/Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean circulated images of elevated spans, and addressed previously-expressed concerns over expanses of concrete by showing plans for landscaping that will add visual interest while screening structural elements of the LRT. The landscaping features had also been described during a site walkabout in Cloverdale that followed the previous meeting. Many of the structural elements will also feature textured surfaces, similar to the retaining wall being built on Connors Hill. Dean also noted that of the 31,000 shrubs and trees to be planted as part of the Valley Line Southeast landscaping plan, 18,000 will be planted in the river valley as part of the observance of the Sustainable Urban Integration principles. The landscaping will not occur until 2020. • It was noted that the maintenance agreement will require that removal of graffiti begin within 48 hours of its appearance on LRT infrastructure. • A variety of renderings can be found on TransEd’s website at http://transedlrt.ca/gallery/. • Highlights of the construction update included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A very large underground tank is being installed in the Quarters to act as a buffer during major storms. After the backfilling process is completed in the summer, construction will begin on the Quarters LRT stop. ○ Work continues in the tunnel, including the placement of railbed. ○ Permission has been received from the family to relocate the Falkenberg Memorial Trees on the north bank of the river. ○ Bridge construction is continuing, although still trending behind schedule. Cofferdams have been removed. ○ Work in the Muttart area this year will include the placement of the spans over 98 Avenue, the LRT stop platform, and railbed from the LRT ramp at 98 Avenue up Connors Hill. ○ Retaining walls on Connors Hill will be completed and traffic will be moved over to allow construction of the shared-use path and railbed on the north side of the road. The new Kâhasinîskâk pedestrian bridge is expected to replace the old pedestrian bridge over Connors Road this year. ○ More complete community updates will be posted on the TransEd website (http://transedlrt.ca/resources/), in advance of public open houses scheduled for this spring (schedule is posted at http://transedlrt.ca/community/). ○ The conversion of the Bonnie Doon traffic circle to an intersection arrangement is expected to occur in late 2019. ○ Rail is being installed in Mill Woods, and the rail spans over Whitemud Drive have been placed. ○ A light rail vehicle will be put on display at Mill Woods Town Centre in late June/early July. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TransEd is working with the City on revised implementation schedules to address timing issues. ○ A decision is expected shortly on the option to close 95 Avenue for several months to facilitate construction. 	
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members questioned the need to remove two or three mature trees near the pedestrian bridge over 98 Avenue. Dean explained that the removals were necessary to provide space for a new multi-use path. It was observed that the new path will provide additional pedestrian capacity during the Edmonton Folk Music Festival. ● There was some discussion among members about the viewpoints of various communities as expressed in the Citizen Working Groups. Jack observed that while each area has its own perspective, most exhibit a strong sense of community. ● There was a suggestion that structures might be designed with some sort of mounting hardware to allow the placement of art in the future. Dean indicated that the approved plans do not provide for this, but suggested retrofits might be possible without compromising the structures. ● There is curiosity about a large amount of scaffolding beyond the second pier north of 98 Avenue. Dean will seek an explanation. ● It was observed that traffic has been reduced in areas experiencing congestion due to construction as drivers find more favourable routes. ● There is concern over the condition of some roads undergoing LRT construction, including 102 Avenue downtown. 	Dean
8.	Next meeting	
	The group agreed to target June 20, 2019, for their next meeting.	

Notes by Ginny Kulak & Jack Stuempel