



Citizen Working Group -
Zone “C” (85/83 Street Corridor) & Zone “D” (Upper Mill Creek)

MINUTES

Meeting # 6	Location: W.P. Wagner School, 6310 Wagner Road
Date: April 12, 2018	Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

<i>Zone “C”</i>		
Jonathan Lai	Bonnie Doon Community League	✓
Shauna Kuiper	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Scott Wylie	King Edward Park Community League	
Kevin Richtscheid	King Edward Park Community League	✓
Lee Birkett	Idylwylde Community League	
Eric Flanagan	Idylwylde Community League	
Michael Chocho	Holyrood Community League	✓
Geoff Harder	Holyrood Community League	✓
Andrea Hagan	Holyrood Community League	
Jean Johnson	French Quarter BRZ	
Martin Van Keimpema	French Quarter BRZ (alternate)	
Currently unassigned	Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association	
Charlene MacIntyre	Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre	
Jean-Daniel Tremblay	École publique Gabrielle-Roy	
Brad Wotherspoon	Public at Large	
Bryan Zuch	Public at Large	✓

Zone “D”		
Shane Thomson	Avonmore Community League	
Ken Stadt	Avonmore Community League	
Trina Empson	EPSB - W.P. Wagner School	✓
Currently unassigned	Metro Edmonton Continuing Education	
Anita Lunden	Public at Large (on behalf of Monique Lapalme)	✓
Jacqueline Landry	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests

Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Tim McCargar	Director of Civic Properties, City of Edmonton	✓
Janice Lee	Planner, City of Edmonton	✓
Satya Gadidasu	Project Manager, Centre LRT Study, City of Edmonton	✓
Brian Murphy	Manager of Parking Assets, City of Edmonton	✓
Bohdan Maslo	Acting Director of Parking Services, City of Edmonton	✓
Mark Huberman	Bunt and Associates	✓
Jason Bale	Research Assistant to Councillor Nickel	✓

1.	Welcome & Introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting attendees introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda was confirmed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the previous meeting of the combined groups were accepted. 	
4.	Status of Action Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. French Quarter identity (TransEd/FQ BIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Edmonton Arts Council has been reminded that the French Quarter Business Improvement Area would like to be included in the community engagement for public art at the Bonnie Doon LRT stop. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. <u>School Safety (TransEd)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TransEd is developing a safety awareness program, which will be aimed at a variety of audiences, including schools, drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and others. The intention remains to roll out the program to coincide with the LRT testing period. iii. <u>Location for Avonmore Community Garden (TransEd)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This item was covered under #8 below. iv. <u>Follow-up on remnant properties (Civic Properties)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This item was covered under #8 below. v. <u>Follow-up on Centre LRT (Centre LRT Study)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This item was covered under #6 below 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Project Update</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dean Heuman provided a construction update, including the following highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In Holyrood north of the Bonnie Doon traffic circle, work continues on underground utilities. This work will be followed by reconstruction of sidewalks and roadways, with railbed to come afterward. ● The Bonnie Doon traffic circle will continue to function as a traffic circle for all of 2018, with the conversion an intersection arrangement likely to occur in the latter half of 2019. This will be preceded by significant publicity. ● South of the traffic circle, work is continuing on underground utilities. Roadways and sidewalks will follow the completion of the drainage work. ● Upcoming work includes traction power substations at Strathearn/Holyrood and Bonnie Doon/Idylwyld. The substation in Avonmore is already underway. ● Drainage work is also continuing on 83 Street between 82 Avenue and Argyll Road. This work requires single-lane alternating traffic during night hours. Upcoming work will include retaining walls to support the transition to the elevated guideway over Argyll Road. Weather permitting, the plan is to have the major roadwork (except the traffic circle) completed on 83 Street and 85 Street by the end of the year. ● Further south, in the Mill Woods area, crews have already been preparing the rail bed. ● On the north side of the river breakthroughs have now occurred on both the northbound and southbound tunnels. ● The work on the Tawatinâ Bridge across the river has been delayed with the discovery of a large concrete mass firmly embedded in the 	

	<p>river bottom. It can't be removed, so it will become part of the bridge support system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TransEd has been working with students at W.P. Wagner School to develop a design to beautify a large generator at Davies Station. • New localized Community Update brochures are now being produced by TransEd. They can also be downloaded from the TransEd website at http://transedlrt.ca/resources/. • Concern was expressed over noise associated with night-time construction. TransEd will attempt to minimize noisy overnight work near residential areas. In some cases, however, work that would cause excessive traffic disruption during the day needs to be carried out at night. • TransEd has also heard concerns over the lights used for night work. Lighting systems use solar charging to reduce the requirement for noisy generators. Generators are still required for “heat and hoard” concrete work in cold winter temperatures. • In some situations, TransEd has been able to use strobe lights instead of audible back-up signals for safety around heavy equipment. • Concerns regarding damage to pavement in alleys resulting from construction equipment can be communicated to TransEd's information line at 780-224-0964 or by email at info@transedlrt.ca. • TransEd will host a guided site tour for Citizen Working Group members on April 28. Jack will poll members for availability and sign-ups. • The Edmonton Arts Council has unveiled the public art selected for Valley Line Southeast. Jack displayed images, which are also posted at https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/valley-line-southeast.aspx. 	Jack
6.	Centre LRT Study	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satya Gadidasu provided an update on the progress of the Centre LRT Study since the previous meeting of the group. • The presentation included a summary of public engagement results and a review of factors considered in identifying the preferred route, using 82 Avenue / Whyte Avenue and a new bridge over the North Saskatchewan River. • Comments and discussion from the group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern over the loss of lanes currently allocated for cars on 82 Avenue • There is interest in details on anticipated ridership, including both vehicle capacity and service frequency • The possible need to replace the bridge over Mill Creek (which is to be examined during the future concept development phase) • Coordination with Strathcona County 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A copy of the presentation is attached, and a video is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROvk1R2U2HE). 	
7.	Parking Services	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bohdan Maslo and Brian Murphy, with Mark Huberman of Bunt and Associates, provided an overview of the City’s approach to addressing concerns associated with non-resident parking near LRT. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City is taking a more proactive, rather than just reactive, approach to anticipated street parking issues • The evolution of alternative modes of transportation is also changing parking behaviour and needs • The residential parking permit program, originally set up in 1970, is being updated • The program does not eliminate non-resident or public parking and it does not guarantee residents an on-street parking space • During 2018, Parking Services will review land use (including increases in density), parking availability and current usage to help plan a parking strategy to be implemented when the Valley Line Southeast LRT is in operation • The emphasis will generally be on an area within approximately 10 square blocks of LRT stops, and any program will be customized to meet the particular needs of the community • Group discussion and questions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over the combined impact of densification, LRT and other factors on traffic and parking • Parking is not the best use of land • Flexibility and convenience of the online registration system • (A copy of the presentation is attached, and a video is available for viewing at https://youtu.be/84YaqJMgXJM.) 	
8.	Valley Line LRT land remnants	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim McCargar and Janice Lee of the City’s Civic Property Services attended as a follow-up to their presentation at the previous meeting, to share information on some parcels of land purchased by the City that will be left over once the portions required for LRT construction have been put to use. These parcels would be offered to the market to coincide roughly with the launch of the Valley Line LRT. • The City has received some recommendations from the development industry, and feedback was invited from the Citizen Working Group. 	

	<p>This can be provided via the contact information contained in the presentation (attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group discussion and questions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A desire to avoid a net loss of community green space ● Consider small-scale commercial developments that might contribute to community vitality ● Interest in exploring opportunities for a community garden (it was suggested that there may be other City-owned lands that might be more suitable than LRT remnants) ● Opportunities for community league signage on surplus City land (members can follow up directly with Tim) 	
9.	Round table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is interest in having a representative of Network Operations attend a meeting to discuss concerns over neighbourhood shortcutting. Due to the generality of the concern (i.e. not just related to LRT), Jack suggested that a direct request to Network Operations from the Community League be considered. ● In response to a question regarding buses at the Davies Station and transit centre, it was noted that Edmonton Transit is currently working on a bus network redesign. ● There is interest in having a presentation on the bike network and how it relates to the Valley Line. ● The bus network redesign is of major interest. It was noted that ETS is currently in the midst of public engagement. (Post-meeting note: information is available on the City’s website at https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/bus-network-redesign.aspx) 	Jack
10.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed that September 27 should be targeted for the next meeting. This will give TransEd the ability to recap the major activities of the 2018 construction season. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel