



Citizen Working Group - Zone "A" (Downtown)

MINUTES

Meeting # 5	Location: COE Boardroom, Valley Line LRT (12th Floor, MNP Tower, 10235 - 101 Street)
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017	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 (alternate)	✓
Lindsay Whyte	Edmonton City Centre	
Ian O'Donnell	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Maria Snip	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		
Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓

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"> With the understanding that TransEd's construction update will include the status of the Harbin Gate, the agenda was confirmed. 	



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3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The previous meeting minutes were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no outstanding action items. 	
5.	Project/Construction Update (TransEd)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Heuman provided an update on recent and upcoming construction activities (copy of summary is attached to these minutes). Much recent work has focused on the southern portion of the line, where initial testing of a light rail vehicle is expected to begin mid-to-late 2018. Progress is being made on the tunnel, with breakthrough expected in early spring 2018. A celebratory event is anticipated. In heart of the downtown area, utility relocation work will dominate over the winter months. Work on the Churchill Connector will require the closure of 99 Street between 102 Avenue and 102A Avenue. White hoarding will allow some wayfinding as well as use by arts groups. The underground pedway to City Centre will be affected by construction but will remain open. 102 Avenue east of 96 Street will be closed from October to December with access to affected buildings, such as the Chinese Elders Mansion, being maintained via alleyways. The Harbin Gate will be removed and put into storage; the latest schedule is late October or early November. Work on the Chinese Elders Mansion property frontage to be carried out by Alberta Seniors and Housing will require coordination with TransEd. Eventually, 102 Avenue from 96 Street to 103 Street will be fully closed to accommodate LRT construction until it reopens in its new configuration when the Valley Line LRT goes into service. Oxford Developments is concerned over the effects of traffic pattern changes for the Edmonton City Centre parkade and loading dock exit on 102A Avenue at 101 Street, which is controlled with a short signal. Jack will seek appropriate contacts within City Operations. Tix on the Square has been seeking fibre optic service. If arrangements are possible, they might be capable of being carried out in the context of the overall Civic Precinct project coordination. Jack will follow up. TransEd will be holding public open houses in the spring to share information on next year's construction season. A site tour for Citizen Working Groups is being considered. Members welcomed the idea. 	<p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p>
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a question regarding emergency access for the Chinese Elders Mansion, with assurances provided that it is always maintained. Ability to provide passage to first responders is a condition of approval for traffic management plans. Art selections have now been completed for all stops and stations along the route. 	



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7.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The target date for the next meeting is February 28, 2018, at 1 p.m.	

Notes by Jack Stuempel