

ARENA DISTRICT LOCAL ADVISORY MEETING
 Tuesday, May 30th, 2017
 Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Attendance

Stakeholders:

Regrets	Central McDougall Community League
Chris Buyze	Downtown Community League
Laurene Viarobo	North Edge Business Association
Randy Shuttleworth	Queen Mary Park Community League
Alfred White	Boyle Street Community League
Dan Glugosh	McCauley Community League
Bruce Fafard	Edmonton and District Labour Council
Regrets	Boyle Street Community Services
Regrets	Bissell Centre
Terri St Clair	Downtown Business Association
Richard Liukko	Chinatwon Business Association
Lindsay Danillar	REACH Edmonton

Edmonton Oilers:

Natalie Minkler	Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation
Stu Ballantyne	Oilers Entertainment Group
Susan Darrington	Oilers Entertainment Group

City of Edmonton

Rob Smyth, Deputy City Manager, Citizen Services
 Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office
 Ronna Bremer, Director Community and Recreation Facilities
 Mark Torjusen, Communications and Engagement
 Jenny Kain, Director Family and Community Support
 Darrell Nordell, Project Coordinator ICE District
 Deanne Patsula, Management Supervisor Neighbourhoods
 Treena Schmidt, Management Supervisor Neighbourhoods NE
 Chantille Shannon, Director Community Standards and Neighbourhoods NE District
 Bohdan Maslo, Director Parking Management
 Brian Murphy, Parking Management
 Ryan Pleckaitis, Director Community Standards

Guests

Mark Huberman

Bunt and Associates

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting at 6:35pm. Introductions were made and approval of the minutes from February 6th is asked.
- We will be moving Agenda item 7 Rogers Place Employment in front of item 4 Working Together Update
- Priority of our Administration is to be One Voice and importance is that all Departments are working together with Rogers Place. As part of this and in keeping with our open discussion approach we also started a Question Arising and review at subsequent meetings.

2. February 6th meeting minutes / Question and Answer

- Question: From August 2016 meeting minutes still waiting on employment figures for Rogers Place hiring, local hiring, job fairs and update from Norquest College re: number of students that have gone through the program? Answer: Agenda topic #7 tonight will address most of this question. Norquest College is also here to make a formal presentation on the Hospitality Institute.

Update information on construction employment of Rogers Place (June 20th, 2017)

- 9695 people received an orientation to the Rogers Place project along with 5333 short work duration
- No recruitment during construction was done by people approaching by street or nearby business
- Social Agency recruitment was done in the following manner and statistics include:
 1. Bissell Centre Pre-Employment program - 3 workers
 2. Boyle Street Water Wings - Approx 7 workers
 3. Centre high pre-employment - 6 workers
 4. Rap program - 1 Apprentice (via high school program)
- Question: City Administration acknowledges that these meetings are here to talk about not only community impacts but also the opportunities for community benefit? Answer: At the end of last meeting and on all future Agendas there will be an agenda item titled: Round Table: Impacts / Opportunities
- Stakeholder Advice: Please remove “ameliorate” from the Terms of Reference and use plain Language? Answer: Acknowledged and was removed
- Comment: Under 5.0 Meetings can we rework the number of meetings? Answer: Agreed and the bullet now reads: The Committee shall hold a minimum of (2) and up to (4) meetings each year.

- Rob asks, “Any questions missed?”
- Stakeholder comment: Within Schedule D of Community Benefits it says quarterly meetings will be held. Rob responds: How would group like to proceed? Stakeholder comment: Prefer we follow schedule D at this time. Rob responds: The Arena has only been open for less than a year so it makes sense that we hold 4 meetings for this year. We just do not want to hold meetings for meetings but YES there is still concerns, impacts and opportunities to discuss so we will hold 2 more meetings in the fall of 2017.
- **Agenda item 2b / April 3rd Community and Public Services Committee / TOR Review**
- Arena District Local Advisory Committee update report was received as information. No questions asked
- April report also included an update on the Need for Public Washrooms in the Downtown neighbourhoods (McCauley, Boyle Street, Central McDougall, Oliver, Queen Mary Park and Stony Plain Road). Council asked for a Pilot project to be launched before end of 2017 and a report back to Council on a more permanent solution to Public access to washrooms in the 1st quarter of 2018.
- The need for washrooms immediately outside Rogers Place was not evident but further away there are issues and a need
- **Agenda item 2c / April 3rd Arena Report**
- Report received as information and no questions asked. PCL Construction is now off the site and some minor maintenance work continues. Safety and Security information was shared at the April 3rd Community and Public Services Committee Report and may be good to have Edmonton Police Service at our next meeting in the fall.
- Rogers Place design and construction has been nominated for many awards to date
- Rob asks any more questions? Stakeholder Comment: Can we get updated stats on the Downtown Community Arena?
- **Downtown Community Arena Stats as of June 2nd**
 1. Sunday Community League Skate - avg 23
 2. Monday Adult Fitness - avg 8
 3. Tuesday Early Public Skate - avg 7
 4. Wednesday Adult Fitness - avg 6
 5. Thursday Figure Skating - avg 3
 6. Friday Adult Fitness - avg 5

7. Friday Parent and Tots - avg 8
8. Friday Older Adult - avg 10
9. Saturday Drop In Public - 58

3. REACH Edmonton welcome

- Rob introduces REACH Edmonton representative Lindsay Danillar and asks if she could share an overview of REACH mission and mandate with the group.
- REACH Edmonton can help the Arena District Local Advisory Committee through collaboration and decreasing crime and disorder in and around the downtown core.
- Stakeholder comment: One of the things we notice in Chinatown BRZ is if Police are working a Rogers Place event the when problems are identified we are having some response issues due to police staffing levels. The incident we had was with a patron who seemed to be under the influence and belligerent.
- Lindsay comment: When placing calls criminal in nature use 911 and crisis in nature the call is a 211 as services are readily available to respond to those types of issues.

4. Rogers Place Employment - Norquest College / Hospitality Institute update / ICE District Operations to date

- Rob introduces Natalie Minkler from Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and asks that Natalie introduces guests from Norquest College.
- Mike Mason from Norquest College gives an overview on how the Hospitality program works. The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation supplies a bursary for potential students to apply on.
- Susan Darrington from Rogers Place comments that hiring and employment concentrates on hiring, training and retention of employees. Being trained and receiving employment is the goal of Norquest College and it can be at Rogers Place or other hospitality businesses.
- Stakeholder Comment: Interested to get an update on Bissell Centre training for clients
- Norquest College is also looking at a July Boys & Girls Club training for up to 30 students
- Stu Ballantyne comments: At this time around 1000 construction workers on site for Plaza, Stantec building and JW Marriott building. There are also restaurants and retail on the site being built.

- Rob comment: Maybe Natalie can come back again in the future with another update from Norquest College after it does further outreach work with Bissell Centre and with Boys & Girls Club

5. Working Together Update

- Rob introduces Jenny Kain Director City of Edmonton Family and Community Supports
- Working Together Group is a group of Downtown Social Agencies that are working on five key themed areas:
 1. Public Awareness
 2. Outreach and Liaison (Edmonton Ambassador Program)
 3. Training
 4. Employment
 5. Inclusion
- Work is ongoing and updates will be brought to this committee when needed

6. Parking

- Rob introduces Parking Services and Community Standards staff
- Bohdan Maslo from Parking Services indicates that over 400 pay by plate machines (E Park) are now in operation with over 16,800 active accounts
- Currently looking at low demand areas and seeing if rates can be adjusted
- Holding meetings with separate community groups around parking strategies in business areas and community impact in neighbourhoods
- Mark Huberman reports: For the most part 2hr parking restrictions are working. The City is working with the Downtown Business Association to consider the possibility of reducing the 5hr duration to 2hr on the 104st business corridor during event nights for restaurant patrons to use
- During Oiler playoff run and Oiler Watch Party nights a parking ban was in effect along Jasper Avenue and worked well
- Ryan Pleckaitis from Community Standards reports: Since opening of Rogers Place we are still looking at and dealing with illegal lots. No matter what controls are in place appropriate enforcement is needed.
- Vehicle licence plate recognition will help this by either stationary or moving cameras. Stationary cameras will be placed at parkade entrances. By end of

2017 the vehicle plate recognition should be working.

- Stakeholder question: How do we work with Parking Services in future from community and business sector if we notice issues? Answer: Please give us an email directly or go through Darrell Nordell. We need to hear what is and is not working out there.
- Stakeholder question: My business is having issues with people parking in business area but not really using the business services. Answer: Business and residents can get Special Agent Status to deal with illegal parking.
- Stakeholder question: Is it possible to add a covered stripe on the E Park machines when the hood is on to tell people no parking so I do not drive my car and park?

Round Table: Impacts / Opportunities

- Community Standards - nothing more to report
- Neighbourhoods Branch - Nothing more to report. There are many good news stories around Rogers Place opening and we should share some of these more often.
- North Edge Business Association - Nothing to report
- Chinatown Business Association - Issues with traffic operations between 105th Street and 107th Avenue. Answer: Traffic operations is aware of the issues and working within Departments to correct situation.
- Edmonton District Labour Federation: Minutes of these meetings should be publicly available? Answer: Yes that is possible and Darrell Nordell will work with City of Edmonton website designer to have posted.
- Queen Mary Park Community League - Nothing to report
- Boyle Street Community League - Increased traffic on 103 Avenue and east of 101 Street
- McCauley Community League - Nothing to report
- Downtown Community League - Nothing to report
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:37pm