

Accessibility Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes
 April 8th, 2024 | 5:00pm
 Edmonton Tower 3rd Floor
 Meeting Area 10111 104 Ave
 NW

Invited Attendees

T.LaRiviere, D.Antaya-Moore, Z.Weeks, B.Belsek, C.Brenneis, M.Dancsok, P.Rzechowka, D.Rudolph, P.Kocon, S.Mason, K.Ewig, I. Stephaniuk-Gaudet
 Council Reps: Clr. K.Tang, Clr. J.Wright
 Staff: A.Szafranski, H.Craig
 Guests: C.Holt, M.Melfi, R.Freeman, S. Stephenson
 Regrets: D.Akanpentiba-Achura, M. Vautour, C.Sneedon

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

2.0 Review	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
2.1 Agenda Review/Approval <i>Motion: I. Stephaniuk-Gaudet To approve the Agenda as presented. Carried U</i>	5:00pm	T.LaRiviere
2.2 Review/Approval of Previous Minutes March Minutes <i>Motion: D.Antaya-Moore To approve the minutes of March 11th as presented. Carried U</i>	5:05pm	T.LaRiviere
2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	5:10pm	I.Stephaniuk-Gaudet
2.4 Thank you/Farewells Patti, Cynthia, Ilara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Huge thank you for all your contributions. - Just because you are no longer a member doesn't mean we can't continue to connect. 	5:15pm	T.LaRiviere

3.0 New Business	TIME / LENGTH	Assigned to:
3.1 Old Strathcona Public Realm - presentation	5:15pm to	Carley

<p>Q & A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project started in 2022 - Carley and Marco are leads - Aware of gaps in strategy - looking to strengthen language - Background: Understood a need to explore City public spaces not necessarily the built form i.e. includes parking, parks. Need a strategic approach to the future of these lands. Priority growth area (2.5x faster than other areas). Importance of shared public spaces really came to life over the pandemic. Opportunity to work together with the mass transit work. 18,000 new residents anticipated, will need to densify. Activate places (more people in and using spaces). - Food security considered in the park? Not that level of detail in the strategy phase, but included under key considerations. - Policy C602 should be foundational in the strategy - 25% min for affordable housing - will take it back to see how many will be barrier free units? - Ongoing operational funding included? Have discussed with open spaces - Suggestion to connect with more disability organizations or people with lived experience. AAC suggests (CMHA) as often invisible disabilities are forgotten. Can send a list of organizations and contacts. - Indigenous engagement to come as they get into the projects. Connected with IRO and told engagement should come later. AAC recommends consulting sooner and they will look into other avenues. - Feedback on where they could be stronger in the implementation session is welcome. - oldstrathpublicrealm@edmonton.ca - edmonton.ca.OldStrathPublicRealm 	<p>6:15pm</p>	<p>Holt/Marco Melfi</p>
<p>3.2 Warehouse Park - Pavilion Colour Scheme - feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 90% construction document stage getting ready for tender. Looking for additional feedback on the colour and contrast in the spaces. - Building is a washroom pavilion with a multipurpose space - 1.5" white border. Colorblindness test - stood out strongly. 	<p>6:15pm to 6:30pm</p>	<p>Richard Freeman/Sarah Stephenson</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug - visual impairment. Border does not stand out unless a very dark red. 4" border should work. Salmon color too light. Can test paint swatches with people with low vision. - Pavilion is to be an iconic symbol of the park. Adjacent plaza supposed to be one with the building - warm, inviting tone to draw people in, esp being a winter City, reference to the ward name (strawberry) - Glass needs etching that is not captured in renderings. It will have the required etching. - Dark red is more contrast than salmon or just have white doors. - City owns the building. Furniture not ordered yet and will follow the Access Design Guide. Renderings do not represent what will be chosen. - Colour can be red but needs more contrast. Signage needs to be high contrast, large print and braille. - Potential to work with a white door and this colour but need to see a new rendering to know for sure. 		

4.0 Standing Items	TIME / LENGTH	
<p>4.1 Council Advisor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nice to see members at recent community events. - Assisted Snow Removal Pilot at Committee meeting today. Well done, thank you for speaking out. - Andrew Knack put a motion forward for a service package for option 1 for spring supplemental budget adjustments. Will be funded from Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy budget. Looking for 300K from the City (3 positions to administer Provincial program). Anticipating 3500+ people wanting to sign up. No income threshold (seniors provincial program has an income threshold). Using Assisted waste as a model. - Few individuals with disabilities with high income that would take advantage (AAC member) - Who advocates to the province? Mayor on behalf of Council writes letters. Edmonton Senior Coordinating Council can also advocate. - Need legitimate data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - could use disability tax credit info/accessible placards (not everyone with a disability has a 		<p>Clr. Tang/Clr.Wright</p>

car)/Aish (data may not be available to the City). - Administrative burden to prove disability need.		
4.2 Chair Updates Assisted Snow Removal Program - covered above.		T. LaRiviere
4.3 Community Engagement Sub Committee Update - Gateway Association - presentation - Social Media Content Creation Meeting - Google Form - quotes		Z.Weeks
4.4 Policy Subcommittee Update - No quorum so planned for the public realm conversation		D.Antaya-Moore
4.5 Administration Update: 1. Universal Design Jane's Walk - May 3rd noon @ City Hall 2. CoE Presentation to Deaf & Hard of Hearing - June 22nd 1:00 to 3:00pm 3. May 13 Meeting - headshots with Parodos 4. May 13 Meeting - onboarding/welcoming new members 5. Interagency on Inclusive Recreation - June 20th @ Chrysalis Society 6. Feedback on in person meeting location welcome. ET better option than the library.		A.Szafranski

5.0 Other Reports	TIME / LENGTH	
5.1 Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board Update		Tabled
5.2		

6.0 Upcoming Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 8 - Assisted Snow Removal Pilot 2. April 23 - Spring Operating Budget Adjustment 3. May 2nd - Licenses for E-scooters & E-Bikes 4. June 25th - Admin Response to Equitable Recreation Programming Audit 5. August 13 - Old Strathcona Public Realm 6. Sept 16 - Public Spaces Bylaw 7. Sept 17 - Rider Experience on Paratransit

Next Meetings		
Date: May 13th, 2024	Time 5:00pm to 7:00pm	Location TBD