



## Citizen Working Group - Zone “B” (River Valley)

### MINUTES

Meeting # 8	Location: Cloverdale Community League 9411 97 Ave NW, Edmonton
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018	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	✓
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)	
Chris Perl	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	✓
George Kosowan	Member of the public	✓



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1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees introduced themselves.</li> </ul>	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the inclusion of “reclaimed wood”, the agenda was confirmed.</li> </ul>	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated.</li> </ul>	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>i. <u>Updated landscape renderings &amp; opportunity for input into aesthetics (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean shared renderings of landscape plans and of the various surfaces and the approved treatments, noting the emphasis on graffiti resistance and continuity of appearance of various types of walls, such as retaining walls and noise walls. These treatments meet the requirements of the LRT Design Guide. Group members reiterated previous suggestions that particular attention be paid to the aesthetics of the LRT crossing over 98 Avenue.</li> <li><i>(Post-meeting note: the LRT Design Guide was prepared to apply the principles of “sustainable urban integration”, system consistency with localized “themes”, and desirable aesthetics. It was developed with consideration of public input received in earlier stages of the project. Further investigation has determined that due to the parameters of the design guide, there is less flexibility to accommodate follow-up input than seemed possible in earlier discussions.)</i></li> <li>Naturalized areas will not be manicured, and plants that naturally occur in such areas will be planted when landscaping occurs. There is still interest in a site tour/walkabout at some point to review and discuss landscaping details and implications for the safety and security of the neighbouring community.</li> <li>While there is internal coordination within the City to ensure the LRT project does not preclude the daylighting of Mill Creek, some working group members are concerned about the daylighting potential being compromised.</li> <li>There was a brief discussion regarding retaining walls and noise walls on Connors Hill, and the distinction between their functions.</li> </ul> <p>ii. <u>Drawing of final alignment of portal access road (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean will follow up.</li> </ul> <p>iii. <u>Images of traction power substations (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean will follow up with these.</li> </ul>	<p>Dean</p> <p>Dean</p> <p>Dean</p>



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	<p>iv. <u>Louise McKinney soil condition report (Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Louise McKinney Riverfront Park soil condition report has been completed and submitted to Alberta Environment. It has not yet been posted to the Alberta Environment website. Jack will seek to obtain a copy to share with the Citizen Working Group.</li> </ul> <p>v. <u>Site tour (Dean/Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site tour for members of all Valley Line Southeast Citizen Working Groups was held on April 28.</li> </ul> <p>vi. <u>Tunnel excavation completion event (Dean/Jack)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of members of several Citizen Working Groups joined the construction team for the final tunnel breakthrough on April 10.</li> </ul> <p>vii. <u>Notice boards in LRT stop shelters (Dean)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was decided that the idea of neighbourhood notice boards in LRT shelters should be discussed in the context of the LRT Design Guide. Jack will follow up.</li> </ul>	<p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p>
5.	Reclaimed wood	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recent marketing of furniture promoted as containing wood reclaimed from the Cloverdale Footbridge has generated some questions in the community, especially as the river valley communities had expressed interest in obtaining the salvaged wood only to be informed it had been chemically treated and TransEd would require liability waivers as a condition of providing it.</li> <li>Dean explained that the liability was assumed by the wood recyclers, who accepted the responsibility of ensuring all toxic elements were disposed of properly, and then repurposed portions that were safe for other uses.</li> </ul>	
7.	Construction update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean provided an update on recent and upcoming construction activities and handed out the latest community updates (Dated March 2018; available at <a href="http://transedlrt.ca/resources/">http://transedlrt.ca/resources/</a>).</li> <li>While the tunnel breakthrough has occurred, considerable work continues to be performed inside the tunnels.</li> <li>TransEd continues to work to accommodate the concrete mass that is buried deep in the riverbed which has affected the bridge foundation work on the north side of the river. It has been previously noted that the pedestrian crossing of the river will be delayed, but the extent of the impact on the schedule is still being assessed. In the meantime, TransEd is exploring opportunities to restore east-west trail passage as early as possible. Pier construction is proceeding normally on the south side of the river.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary work on the Muttart stop will be carried out this year.</li> <li>• Retaining wall and noise wall work will progress on Connors Hill, and steps have been taken to minimize night work.</li> <li>• Considerable drainage work is occurring on 95 Avenue, where the track will run down the middle of the road.</li> <li>• Work will again accommodate the Edmonton Folk Music Festival.</li> <li>• Bombardier is expected to ship the first light rail vehicle this summer.</li> <li>• Jack provided a summary of plans for Cloverdale Hill Road, explaining that the intention to provide for both parking and a shared-use path. The long-term future of Cloverdale Road will still require some community engagement.</li> <li>• A full-function signal is now in operation at 95 Street and 98 Avenue.</li> <li>• In Riverdale, community concerns over the traffic mix on Cameron Avenue have resulted in the placement of a road-sharing sign at the top of the hill.</li> <li>• It was reported that some members of the Cloverdale community are expressing concern over crime sometimes associated with LRT stations. It was suggested that communications drawing attention to security measures being implemented to assure public safety might be helpful. It was noted that TransEd is developing an LRT safety awareness program that might be a useful vehicle for the personal security message.</li> </ul>	
8.	Round table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional items were raised.</li> </ul>	
9.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 4 would be the target for the next meeting; location to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	

Notes by Jack Stuempel