

ARENA DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Monday, February 9th, 2015

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Attendance

Stakeholders:

Bruce Fafard	Edmonton and District Labour Council
Jim Taylor	Downtown Business Association
Julian Daly	Boyle Street Community Services
Thim Choy	Boyle Street Community League
Bill Moore Kilgannon	EFCL District F Representative
Laurene Viarobo	North Edge Business Association
Richard Liukko	Chinatown / Little Italy Business Association
Randy Shuttleworth	Queen Mary Park Community League

Edmonton Oilers:

Patrick LaForge President

Consultant:

Mark Huberman, Bunt & Associates Engineering (N.Alberta) Ltd.

City of Edmonton

Rob Smyth, Manager, Community and Recreation Facilities
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office
Rod Heinrichs, Senior Planner, Arena District Project Office
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator
Julie Stormer, Acting Director Civic Events and Partnerships
Doug Costigan, Director Northeast District
Bohdan Maslo, General Supervisor Transportation
Brian Murphy, Supervisor Transportation
Darryl Mullen, General Supervisor Sustainable Transportation Section
Brad Badger, Director, Programs and Events
Paul Robinson, Supervisor, Active Living and Wellness
Jack Ashton, Program Manager, Project Management and Maintenance Services
Jodi Tauber Communications Officer

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together in September 2014 was shared. Rob reviewed the agenda and asked if any additional items needed to be added. This is the fourth meeting of the committee to date.
- Rick Davis provided an update on the arena project and indicated that weekly meetings occur with PCL and the Oilers about construction progress. Arena

project is on time and on schedule. Working to get public information out in a timely manner.

- Arena slideshow is included in minutes for review.
- Bohdan Maslo and Brian Murphy from Transportation discussed the residential parking study that has been taking place over the past several months. Meetings have been held with various stakeholders in the seven study Areas and some great information has been shared.
- The goal of this study is to evaluate current on street parking facilities and systems controlled by the City of Edmonton within selected study areas. Achieving this goal will provide direction into the development of new and appropriate parking regulations, strategies and parking management programs (including enforcement) to assist the City in managing these parking resources in a sustainable fashion.
- The primary goal of the study is to identify a parking management program that will seek to maintain a balance in parking opportunities, parking provision and parking priorities for area residents, visitors, local business and general public.
- Residential parking report going to City Council for March 25th.
- Pay by Plate is tentative to be launched later on in 2015.
- Mark Huberman from Bunt and Associates Engineering who discussed road closures and impacts on new buildings (Block K) in the Entertainment District. Since the last meeting in September, there have been new development announcements including Stantec building, Greyhound Station and Delta Hotel.
- Rob indicated Transportation representatives would continue to be invited to meetings to provide updates as required.
- Patrick Laforge talked about the newly launched Hospitality training program with Northquest College. An estimated 500 people a night will be needed at Rogers Place for various hospitality roles.
- Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation is providing bursaries for students and helping to build a training centre. 48 students are registered to date for spring 2015 session.
- Success of program will be measured by how many students are enrolled, attend courses and succeed in finding employment.
- Rob gave an overview of the Downtown Community Arena (DCA) and recent announcement from the Naming Committee. DCA will form part of our City facilities and offer community programming.
- Edmonton Oilers, Edmonton Oil Kings and MacEwan University will rent ice similar to other ice rental groups.

- Brad Badger Director of Programs and Events outlined some enhanced DCA programming options.
- Partnership opportunities are there to offer some unique programs to the community. Please feel free to provide feedback at any time.
- Rob shared the current committee Terms of Reference and that members review it in preparation for further discussion at our next meeting. New Business Association forming in Little Italy changing the TOR name reflecting the Community Benefit meeting name.
- The next meeting will take place April or May 2015. Darrell Nordell will look into possibility of booking a community venue for next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.