

### Citizen Working Group - Zone "I" (Mid-87)

#### MINUTES

Meeting # 2	Location: West Meadowlark Community League, 9311 165 St
Date: January 31, 2018	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members		Attendance
Sharon Quickfall	Thorncliff Community League	✓
Karen Merkel	Elmwood Community League	
Erin Dobbin	West Meadowlark Community League	✓
Stephen Poole	West Meadowlark Community League	
Rusk Redmond	Summerlea Community League	✓
Tom Alston	Misericordia Hospital - AHS	
Dean Olmstead	Misericordia Hospital - AHS (alternate)	
Brian Monaghan	Misericordia Hospital - Covenant Health	✓
Bill Mayou	Public at Large	✓
Pam Winski	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Andrew Knack	Councillor	✓

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 addition of an action item regarding arranging the attendance of a project engineer at a CWG meeting, the agenda was adopted as circulated.</li> </ul>	
3.	Previous 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Zone boundaries</u> This item was covered under #5 below.</li> <li>b) <u>Group composition</u> This item was covered under #6 below.</li> <li>c) <u>Provide notice for newsletters</u> As suggested at the last meeting, Jack had forwarded information for inclusion in community league newsletters regarding the November public engagement sessions.</li> <li>d) <u>Arrange for engineer attendance</u> Jack was unable to arrange the attendance of a project engineer at this meeting, but will attempt to do so again for a future meeting.</li> <li>e) <u>Poll for meeting date</u> The intention had been to poll members for a convenient date for this meeting. However, with few options available, the meeting was arranged without a poll.</li> </ul>	Jack
5.	Zone boundaries	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following consultation with Group “J” (the “West 87” group), there is agreement that overlapping the boundaries for the “Mid-87” and “West 87” zones would help recognize the common interests of both zones.</li> <li>As a result, Zone “I” will now extend westward to 182 Street and Zone “J” will extend eastward to 170 Street, with Belmead, Aldergrove, Summerlea and Thorncliff becoming represented in both zones.</li> <li>Sharon, Pam and Bill volunteered to be “cross-over” members who would be available to attend meetings of both groups.</li> </ul>	
6.	Group composition / membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No significant progress has been made yet in adding representation from the seniors or school/student sectors. There has been outreach to the public school board and the West Edmonton Business Association but representation has not yet been arranged.</li> <li>Jack noted that West Edmonton Mall is engaged as a major stakeholder by the City and has indicated that it would like to be kept abreast of any issues raised by the group that affect the Mall and potentially attend meetings if required, without participating directly as a member of the group so as not to skew the focus of the group or its meetings. Members indicated that they would like to be kept informed of matters</li> </ul>	Jack

	related to the mall and the Valley Line project.	
7.	175 Street	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the request of the group, the planned future configuration of the intersection at 87 Avenue and 175 Street had been placed on the agenda.</li> <li>• It was explained that the current plan calls for the intersection to be maintained as a full-movement signalized intersection to provide access to the Thorncliff neighbourhood, the mall and the transit centre, and that a statement at the January public engagement session about closing access at 175 was likely a misunderstanding, and referred to a property access.</li> <li>• The City will need to purchase certain properties along 87 Avenue in whole or in part. Typically, if only a sliver is required, only a sliver is purchased. If proper access to a property can't be maintained, then the entire property is purchased. To respect the privacy of individual property owners, details of property purchases will not be discussed at Citizen Working Group meetings.</li> <li>• Members noted that rezoning has been proposed for vacant land in the area, and the project team has been made aware of the proposal.</li> </ul>	Jack
8.	Project update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack provided a project update, explaining that the Council meeting that had been expected in December to deal with LRT crossing assessments and recommended amendments to the LRT concept plan is now expected to occur in March. The additional public engagement session held on January 24 was to allow for the collection of additional public input to inform Council as it considers the recommendations.</li> <li>• Results from the public engagement session indicated strong support for the recommended change to elevate the LRT across 178 Street. Results were mixed for the recommended change from a diagonal approach to a 90-degree turn at Stony Plain Road and 156 Street. Approximately half of all respondents expressed support for an underpass arrangement at Stony Plain Road and 149 Street. There were mixed results for an adjustment in the 124 Street stop, and relative indifference to keeping the LRT on the surface on 104 Avenue at 109 Street or establishing a short side-track in the median on 104 Avenue near the 112 Street stop.</li> <li>• Members suggested that while the recommendation to keep the LRT elevated across 178 Street was appreciated, an alignment in the median or along the north side of 87 Avenue would affect fewer residential properties than the recommended south side alignment. It was explained that median and north side alignments would add significant complexity and also cost.</li> <li>• There was a question regarding potential impacts of the planned EPCOR Power West Edmonton Transmission Upgrade Project on LRT plans. Jack will investigate.</li> <li>• There was a brief discussion regarding the LRT and emergency access, and it was explained that while the LRT operates on a protected right-of-way, the curb is mountable by emergency vehicles.</li> <li>• The locations of potential noise walls along 87 Avenue will be updated based on updated noise studies and may be affected by Council's decision with respect to the crossing at 178 Street.</li> <li>• The station at West Edmonton Mall is designed to integrate with the</li> </ul>	Jack

	<p>transit centre at that location. Some reconstruction of the transit centre will be required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group suggested that an opportunity be made for additional discussion regarding amenities, anticipated kiss &amp; ride behaviour at West Edmonton Mall station and other details.</li> </ul>	Jack
9.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a suggestion that future meetings be kept more tightly focused on the topics at hand. On questions where detailed information is not immediately available, a commitment to follow up should allow the meeting to proceed with other matters.</li> </ul>	
10.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group agreed the next meeting should occur April 25 to follow the March consideration of the proposed LRT concept plan amendments by Council.</li> </ul>	All

Notes by Jack Stuempel