



Meeting Minutes

Community Liaison Group (First Place Program)

Date: January 22, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Central Lion's Seniors Centre 11113 113 Street Edmonton

Attended

Ida Richards (Twin Brooks)

Rob Agostinis (Terwillegar, Riverbend Advisory Council)

Bruce Petterson (Tawa)

Tim Battle (Skyrattler)

Simone Desilets (Skyrattler)

Christine Brown (Blue Quill, Skyrattler)

Neil Dunwald (Blue Quill, Skyrattler)

Richard Hughes (Blue Quill, Skyrattler)

Peter Moskaliuk (Kirkness)

Jim Bradshaw (Haddow)

Leon Pfeiffer (Haddow)

Keoma McMurren (Dunluce)

Loretta Wonitoy (Dunluce)

Kim and Fred Loeffler (Dechene)

Theresa Shaw (Caernarvon)

Harold Hornig (Bulyea Hts)

Kelley Peeling (Larkspur)

Regrets

Bearspaw

Belle Rive

Casselman

Kirkness

Larkspur

Michael's Park

Sifton Park, Kernohan

Topics of Discussion and Key Decisions

A. First Place Community Liaison concept

- Attendees indicated their support for the proposed Community Liaison concept.
- Communities are requested provide two volunteer liaisons to be a part of the Community Liaison group.
- Names are to be emailed to surplusschools@edmonton.ca by February 28, 2013.
- The Community Liaisons will meet with the City to hear updates, share community concerns and ask questions about programs and progress.
- The first Community Liaison meeting is scheduled for October 2013.

B. Communications



- Attendees indicated support for methods of communication including website updates, newsletter mailing list, Community Liaison concept, as well as specific group or community face-to-face meetings, as necessary.
- Everyone was invited to visit edmonton.ca/surplusschools to sign up for the newsletter distribution list.
- It was suggested the City leverage social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook to further support communications. The City replied indicated that it will work to use these tools in the future where resources allow.
- It was suggested that web pages be time-stamped or dated, so visitors know when information was last updated. The City indicated it would consider this suggestion and indicated that the Corporate Properties branch is currently developing a web strategy related to surplus schools.

C. Other items discussed

Positive experience with builder on First Place pilot site

- An attendee from Caernarvon described her positive experience with the engagement process that took place between the builder and the community before construction of that neighbourhood's First Place site.
- She indicated the City and developers listened to her community throughout the development experience and that community concerns or questions always received answers. She said the builder had made changes to accommodate community-specific requests, such as allowing for a walkway within the development to allow children a more direct pathway to school.
- She said her community is excited about welcoming their new First Place residents to the neighbourhood.
- She indicated that throughout her 18 years of experience, this process was the best engagement process her community had ever taken part in.
- A representative from Tawa shared a similar experience with the engagement process.

Neighbourhood-specific items and tasks addressed

- City will arrange meeting with Tim Battle and Simone Desilets regarding Skyrattler site.
- Tim McCargar will prepare and send an email to the City of Edmonton's legal department requesting commentary on implications of removing exemptions granted by Province when MGA was amended in 2006 for First Place. Tim McCargar will email Neil Dunwald and Christine Brown of Blue Quill to confirm this.
- Community leagues will email liaison contact information by February 28, 2013 and City will then schedule a time for that group to meet in October.
- Tim McCargar will call Ida Richards with regards to the support the City can provide to Twin Brooks regarding the First Place program.
- The City will arrange a meeting with representatives of Haddow to discuss their concerns regarding First Place siting.
- The City will reply to Blue Quill Community League regarding Skyrattler's concerns shared earlier.
- The City will prepare a summary of public involvement initiatives taken on both the First Place program and the Seniors' Housing Initiative and indicate how Administration came to its land use decision.



Contact Information

- With errors or omissions, please contact us at surplusschools@edmonton.ca.
- If there are any changes to league representatives' contact information, please email us to let us know.

Attachments

1. PowerPoint presentation (January 22, First Place Community Liaison meeting)
2. Community Liaison Concept Overview
3. First Place Program overview
4. First Place Implementation Schedule as of 2013
5. Builder Community Engagement Process diagram

Next Meeting

October, 2013