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Citizen Working Group - Zone "D" (Whitemud)

MINUTES

Meeting # 1	Location: Argyll Community Hall, 6750 - 88 Street
Date: July 13, 2015	Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Members		Attendance
Shane Thomson	Avonmore Community League	✓
Ken Stadt	Avonmore Community League	✓
Tague Chisholm	Public at Large	✓
Jacqueline Landry	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests	
(none)	

1.	Introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants briefly introduced themselves. 	
2.	Working Group Composition	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the composition of the working group. It was noted that the education sector was not yet represented. It was suggested that Metro Continuing Education which is to be moving to Avonmore School, might wish to assign a representative. Representation from the industrial zone (i.e. south of Argyll Road) was also briefly discussed. It was felt however that industrial representation would depend on the ultimate determination of the zone boundaries. Some participation from Wagner School should be considered regardless. 	<p>Jack Stuempel</p> <p>Jack Stuempel</p>
3.	Terms of Reference (items were re-ordered from the original agenda)	
3.a)	<p><u>Zone Boundaries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the limited involvement from the industrial sector and the relatively small number of community representatives it had been suggested at a public meeting that the zone boundaries be evaluated with a possible adjustment or amalgamation of Zones C & D. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of various options. There was a desire to keep the group at a manageable size, 	



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<p>3.b)</p>	<p>ensuring each community maintained a strong voice, while maintaining linkages with neighbouring communities. The group felt this could be best achieved if the King Edward park community were treated as part of Zone D. This would create a zone boundary that would coincide with the city's ward boundary at Whyte Avenue and ensure that neighbouring communities with the greatest affinity would be grouped together. It was understood but such a change would require the agreement of group C and particularly King Edward park members. It was suggested that occasional joint meetings of Group C and Group D would be appropriate to address matters best dealt with jointly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group further felt that the industrial area between Argyll Road and Whitemud Drive might be best treated as a separate specialized zone. <p><u>Accommodating non-members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was extensive discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of making meetings open to non-members or the public by default vs permitting non-members to attend only by the consent of the group. There was a strong desire to maintain transparency while minimizing the potential for disruption and distraction or interference in members' ability to speak freely. It was noted that all citizen working groups would be dealing with this matter and that the same approach will be applied by all groups once they have discussed it. It was agreed that in the interest of transparency meetings should by default be open but rules would need to apply. For example, non-members wishing to speak should live within the zone, pre-register with the topic, and be subject to time limits. Further consideration of this matter will occur following discussion with the other working groups. It was noted that one way to prevent disruption by non-members needing an outlet might be to hold occasional public meetings in addition to those of the working group. 	<p>Jack Stuempel</p>
<p>3.c)</p>	<p><u>General terms & guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group reviewed and accepted the general terms and guidelines of the terms of reference subject to the final determination of zone boundaries and accommodation of non-members. With respect to meeting schedules, members expressed a preference for calling meetings as required with the group to be polled for convenient dates and times rather than establishing fixed dates and times. Meeting minutes should be reviewed by the members by email before being posted to the project website. 	<p>Jack Stuempel</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Project Update</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack very briefly reviewed the project schedule including the procurement process and the anticipated start of construction. It was noted that some advance work is underway including the moving of 	



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	utilities, and a number of direct accesses to the roadway being shared with the LRT will be closed.	
5.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matter of parasitic parking in the vicinity of LRT stations was raised with some concern expressed over the City's typical practice of waiting to confirm the existence and nature of the problem before addressing it, rather than anticipating and intercepting it in advance. Especially with the introduction of neighborhood renewal it was felt that measures such as signage should be considered in concert with other neighborhood initiatives. Similar views were expressed with respect to neighborhood shortcutting that might be expected as a result of the traffic pattern changes arising from the introduction of LRT. The group urged close coordination with neighborhood renewal and the great neighborhoods program. 	
6.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the group would plan to meet again in October. Jack will poll members in advance to arrange a convenient date and time. 	Jack Stuempel

Notes by Jack Stuempel