

Citizen Working Groups - Zone "I" (Mid-87) & "J" (West 87)

MINUTES

Meeting # 8	Location: Belmead Community League 9109 182 Street
Date: November 19, 2019	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members	Attendance
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<i>Zone "I"</i>		
Sharon Quickfall	Thorncliff Community League	✓
Karen Merkel	Elmwood Community League	
Stephen Poole	West Meadowlark Community League	
Rusk Redmond	Summerlea Community League	✓
Andrea Kendall	Misericordia Hospital (AHS)	
Randy Lindstrad	Misericordia Hospital (Covenant Health)	✓
Bill Mayou	Public at Large	
Pam Winski	Public at Large	✓

<i>Zone "J"</i>		
Gary Adams	Aldergrove Community League	
Mark Edey	Aldergrove Community League (alternate)	✓
Jasmine Allen	Belmead Community League	
Maxime Belanger	Secord Community League	
Paul Andrews	Rosenthal Community	
Rebecca Goldsack	Lewis Estates Community League	
Melvin Lacebal	Public at Large	
Lorena Munteanu	Public at Large	
Amanda Griffin	Melcor Developments (West Henday Promenade)	✓

Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓
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Guests

Ginny Kulak	Valley Line Communications Team	✓
Eva Cheung	Valley Line Project Team	✓
Mariam Ibrahim	Valley Line Communications Team	✓

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<p>a) <u>Speaker on traffic management</u> (Jack)</p> <p>Jack will continue to work on having a representative attend in the future.</p>	Jack
5.	Project Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procurement began with RFQ in March 2019 ○ Shortlist of pre-qualified teams released on May 31, 2019 ○ In July, 2 of the 3 shortlisted teams withdrew ○ Since July, project team has been sounding the market ○ On November 12, City announced new procurement process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Design-build-partial finance (DBF) to launch in January. Eva noted that the partial finance will involve holdbacks, to give the City enhanced assurance of quality. A group member inquired whether this arrangement will increase the cost of the project. Eva stated there could be some costs associated with it, but the benefits would outweigh the risks. ■ Starting again with RFQ, to be followed by RFP ■ Light rail vehicles to be procured separately (this is a difference from the way the contract was initially drafted). A group member asked whether the vehicles need to be made in Canada. Eva responded that there is currently no requirement. It was also clarified that the contract would be subject to NAFTA regulations. ○ Process to be complete by the end of 2020 ○ 5-6 years of construction to follow 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eva informed the group that the provincial funding for the project has been affirmed. A group member expressed concern with Bill 20’s “opt out” clause. Eva stated that the project is continuing to monitor the situation and work with all levels of government to ensure there is understanding of impacts among all of them. ● Preliminary Works Underway - Trees & Shrubbery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crews have removed 11 trees, including ash, crabapples and spruce from along the LRT route. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ These trees have been relocated to Summerlea Park. A group member expressed concern with coordination between City crews and Community Leagues regarding the placement of trees. ○ Crews are removing about 16 trees located on medians along 104 Avenue from 121 Street to 132 Street ● Preliminary Works Underway - Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>87 Ave from 165 St to 170 St</u> - <i>continuing to end of March 2020</i> ○ EPCOR installing new pipes ○ 87 Ave reduced to 2 lanes in each direction ○ Bus stop #5070 closed (use #5583 or #5545) ○ Emergency vehicle access to Misericordia Hospital maintained ○ Patients, staff and visitors use east entrance on 165 St ○ EPCOR construction notice shared with CWGs. Group members noted that the information needs to be timely, in order to share it as widely as possible. The notices also need to be focused on impacts. Mariam noted that when she receives a Traffic Disruption Notice, she updates the project website. ● Preliminary Works Underway - Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>87 Ave at 159 St</u> - <i>continuing to end of December 2019</i> ○ EPCOR relocating large storm and sanitary sewer trucks ● Preliminary Works Underway - Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>95 Ave from 156 St to 157 St</u> - <i>November 14-22</i> ○ 156 Street reduced to 1 lane in each direction ○ No left turns or southbound right turns at 156 St and 95 Ave ○ Eastbound 95 Avenue reduced to 1 lane ○ A group member stated that the detour was not marked. ○ The group would welcome representatives from EPCOR at a future meeting. ● Preliminary Works Underway - Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacant buildings on City-owned properties being removed ○ No sidewalk or road closures are expected ○ Work to continue through the end of construction season this year 	<p>Jack/Mariam</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A group member noted that properties have been fenced to the street, but they can be accessed on the back side. To be raised with project team. ○ Jack let the group know that they can always check out the Current Traffic Disruptions map for the most updated road closure information. As well, Building Edmonton shows updated information regarding current infrastructure projects. ○ A group member suggested that the Safe CityYEG map could be connected with the project. 	Mariam
6.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A group member asked if there was any information available about the West Henday Transmission Line. This project is not related to the Valley Line West. ● A group member wondered if the City could hold community open houses to explain construction impacts, once a schedule is completed. As well, it would be helpful if both the City and the contractor were present. It was noted that having Councillors present can be distracting at these open houses. ● A group member asked if the economic impact to Meadowlark Shopping Centre or West Edmonton Mall during construction has been studied, as their accesses are being affected. Jack noted that the contractor is obligated to maintain access for businesses during construction. ● It is important to communicate to the public that Emergency access to the hospital will be maintained. ● Communication during the construction phase will be extremely important in raising support for the project. ● Coordination of projects between the Misericordia expansion and the Valley Line West will be important. 	
8.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed that the next meeting should again be held as a joint session of Groups “I” and “J”, with May 12, 2020 set as the initial target, again at the Belmead Community Hall. 	

Notes by Ginny Kulak and Jack Stuempel