



Citizen Working Group -
 Zone "C" (85/83 Street Corridor) & Zone "D" (Upper Mill Creek)

MINUTES

Meeting # 5	Location: W.P. Wagner School, 6310 Wagner Road
Date: September 18, 2017	Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

<i>Zone "C"</i>		
Jonathan Lai	Bonnie Doon Community League	✓
Shauna Kuiper	Bonnie Doon Community League	
Scott Wylie	King Edward Park Community League	✓
Kevin Richtscheid	King Edward Park Community League	✓
Lee Birkett	Idylwylde Community League	
Eric Flanagan	Idylwylde Community League	
Michael Chocho	Holyrood Community League	✓
Geoff Harder	Holyrood Community League	
Andrea Hagan	Holyrood Community League	
Jean Johnson	French Quarter BRZ	✓
Martin Van Keimpema	French Quarter BRZ (alternate)	✓
Currently unassigned	Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association	
Charlene MacIntyre	Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre	
Jean-Daniel Tremblay	École publique Gabrielle-Roy	✓
Brad Wotherspoon	Public at Large	
Bryan Zuch	Public at Large	✓



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Zone "D"		
Shane Thomson	Avonmore Community League	✓
Ken Stadt	Avonmore Community League	
Trina Empson	EPSB - W.P. Wagner School	✓
Currently unassigned	Metro Edmonton Continuing Education	
Monique Lapalme	Public at Large	
Jacqueline Landry	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests

Dean Heuman	TransEd LRT	✓
Tim McCargar	Director of Civic Properties, City of Edmonton	✓
Janice Lee	Planner, City of Edmonton	✓
Satya Gadidasu	Project Manager, Centre LRT Study, City of Edmonton	✓

1.	Welcome & Introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting attendees introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was confirmed. 	
3.	Previous meeting minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting of the combined groups were accepted. 	
4.	Status of Action Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>French Quarter identity (TransEd/FQ BIA)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean has contacted the Edmonton Arts Council to request that the French Quarter Business Improvement Area be identified as a stakeholder to be consulted for public art at the Bonnie Doon LRT stop. At this time, the BIA has not been contacted. Dean will follow up with the EAC again. ii. <u>School Safety (TransEd)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was carried forward from the previous meeting, at which TransEd indicated it would be rolling out a construction safety initiative 	TransEd



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6.	<p>Centre LRT Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satya Gadidasu presented an overview of the Centre LRT Study (copy attached), explaining that the study seeks to provide more seamless connections between major centrally-located destinations. • The study team is currently undertaking public and stakeholder engagement as it works to narrow down corridor options as part of the study's first phase. • Future phases will include the actual corridor selection, concept design, concept selection and concept/design refinement. • Currently, a number of corridors, including an east-west connection between the University and Bonnie Doon, remain under consideration. A preferred corridor will likely be identified by late fall. • The study team would consider the input of the Valley Line LRT Citizen Working Group to be helpful as a supplement to the study's other public/stakeholder engagement and technical analysis. • The group asked questions regarding the extent of community engagement, and it was explained that a number of community groups remain to be engaged. • Some members expressed concern over the prospect of 76 Avenue being chosen as the east-west corridor. At the same time, there was concern over congestion levels on 82 Avenue being exacerbated with an at-grade LRT alignment, especially at the 83 Street intersection. Satya noted that where a north-south and east-west line cross, a grade separation would be required between the tracks. • There was interest in traffic studies identifying the impacts of the Centre Line on the road network. Traffic impacts will be examined as part of the concept design process. • Follow-up comments can be sent to Satya, who is also open to attending the next Citizen Working Group meeting to share results of the current public engagement program. 	<p>All; Centre LRT Study</p>
7.	<p>Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean provided a construction update for the 85/83 Street corridor and Upper Mill Creek zones, highlighting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage work is underway in the vicinity of 95 Avenue and 85 Street. • Construction is beginning at the Bonnie Doon traffic circle. Two lanes will be maintained in the traffic circle until the conversion to an intersection is complete. The conversion will take place over a weekend, possibly in late 2018. • While TransEd has committed to keeping Connors Hill open 	



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	<p>for its LRT construction work, Epcor is expected to require a three-week closure of Connors Hill for underground utilities in late winter or early spring 2018 before the LRT work takes place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new access to the Bonnie Doon shopping centre is being built near the library. • No major additional activity is planned for this fall on 83 Street north of 76 Avenue. South of 76 Avenue, drainage work is almost complete on the west side. The plan is to complete sidewalks and pave by the end of the construction season. • The unrelated work that has compounded traffic management issues in the area of Argyll Road is to be completed very shortly. • Work is continuing on the underpinnings for the elevated guideway section. • TransEd is trying to avoid the need for night work near residential areas. For night work, some machines are equipped with strobe lighting to replace the sound of backup signals to mitigate the noise impacts. • Between Wagner Road and Roper Road, 75 Street is being widened as the guideway is built on the east side of 75 Street. Davies Road should be reopened in the near future. • In general, construction impacts on 75 Street should be reduced in 2018. However, there will continue to be a major construction presence on 85 Street and 83 Street next year. • A new fall/winter construction schedule will be issued in the near future. (Note: now available for download at http://transedlrt.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/TransEd-ConstructionSched-FallWinterr2017-16.75x11-PRINT-2.pdf.) • Discussion included expression of local concerns over increasing use of 79 Street by motorists travelling between 82 Avenue and 90 Avenue. However, it was noted that some use of the rest of the road network is a natural consequence of the City's growth as arterials become increasingly congested. • While the contract with TransEd includes extensive shared-use paths, it was acknowledged there will still be some gaps in the continuity of cycling facilities. • TransEd was encouraged to ensure close coordination with ETS to mitigate construction-related impacts on school bus routing to Wagner School. Dean will follow up with ETS. • A small number of properties on 83 Street north of 76 Avenue may find it challenging to find an appropriate location to put snow they must clear from their sidewalks. The LRT project team is seeking a solution. 	TransEd
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood screen fencing shown as "potential" in the LRT booklet along 83 Street is not being contemplated by TransEd. • It was suggested that more renderings would be reassuring to residents concerned over the appearance of the roadway with the LRT in place. 	
8.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved timeliness of minutes was encouraged, particularly as members use them for reference when reporting back to their respective groups. • Members also expressed interest in a possible site tour being considered by the City and TransEd. It would likely occur on a Saturday. 	Jack Jack/ TransEd
9.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the next meeting should be a special session devoted to following up on the current meeting's presentations. • Members welcomed the suggestion that the special session might also include a resource from Edmonton Parking Services to provide advice on addressing non-resident parking concerns. • A subsequent meeting should be held for regular agenda items. • Dates for these meetings (both to occur at 7 pm) are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special follow-up session: January 22 • Regular meeting with project update: February 26 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel