

Citizen Working Group - Zone "H" (156 Street)

MINUTES

Meeting # 2	Location: Jasper Park Community League 8751 153 St (upstairs meeting room)
Date: January 23, 2018	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members		Attendance
Jamie Post	Glenwood Community League	
Clayton Johnson	Glenwood Community League (alternate)	
Byron Kwasnitza	Jasper Park Community League	✓
Brandon Beringer	Meadowlark Community League	
Sharon Beitel	Lynnwood Community League	✓
Dawne Colwell	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	
Nafisa Bowen	Rio Terrace Community League	✓
Ralph Huizinga	FCR - Meadowlark Health & Shopping Centre	
Brent Dragon	Public at Large	✓
Paula A. Smith	Public at Large	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests	

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants 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 (Jack)	
	<p>a) <u>Zone boundaries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was covered under #5 below. <p>b) <u>Group composition / membership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was covered under #6 below. <p>c) <u>Project engineer as “guest speaker”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eva Cheung, the project manager, has been asked to attend a meeting of the group. On this occasion, she was unable to participate due to attendance at another community meeting. Arrangements will be made for a future meeting, preferably the next one. 	Jack
5.	Zone boundaries	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a suggestion made in the previous meeting, the zone boundaries have been expanded to include Rio Terrace and Patricia Heights, and representation from that area has been arranged. 	
5.	Group composition / membership	Jack
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack has been reaching out to the public school board, but representation has not yet been arranged. There have been discussions with the West Edmonton Business Association, but representation has not yet been established for any of the Citizen Working Groups. Contact has not yet been made with the seniors sector. 	
6.	Project update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack provided a brief review and update on Valley Line West project, and a high-level preview of information to be shared as part of the next major public engagement session to be held January 24, 2018 at St. Paul’s Anglican Church. This next session will be a follow-up to the sessions held in November 2017, and will obtain additional public input to help inform Council as it decides on a number of possible amendments to the LRT concept plan in March. (The report with recommended concept plan amendments had previously been expected to go forward in December 2017.) The Council report will also likely contain a high-level look at a suggestion from the Stony Plain Road Business Improvement Area that Stony Plain Road west of 149 Street be converted to one-way westbound, with 100 Avenue to become one-way eastbound as a means of addressing road congestion. There was considerable discussion over the desire to see additional park & ride facilities as a stepping-stone to get more people to use LRT and reduce the amount of non-resident parking in local neighbourhoods. It was suggested that the City should look at the approach taken in Calgary with respect to park & ride facilities. There was also discussion regarding the challenges involved in balancing 	

	<p>potential grade separations with the objective of integrating the LRT into established neighbourhoods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members also noted the importance of applying lessons learned from past projects. • There was interest in the implications of the turning restrictions resulting from the 90-degree turn being recommended for the LRT track from Stony Plain Road and 156 Street. Some members felt that many travellers already take other routes to avoid that intersection. • The group also noted that the proposed underpass arrangement at 149 Street and Stony Plain Road would provide the advantage of free flow for 149 Street traffic, but would involve a larger footprint than an at-grade crossing, thereby impacting commercial properties on the west side. There was some concern over how traffic would be impacted during construction of such a major piece of infrastructure. • There was a brief discussion of alternatives to LRT. While other technologies have been suggested and reviewed, the City still considers LRT to be the most appropriate solution for improving people-moving capacity in the west end. 	
7.	<p>Round Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a strong desire for the City to act on feedback received in the public engagement process, rather than merely compiling it as a record. • There is some concern that with distance between LRT stops, the Valley Line may not meet the needs of all people with mobility challenges who currently live near the alignment. But it was acknowledged that over the course of time, and with the growth of transit-oriented development, such people will be able to choose to live near an LRT stop. It was suggested that the City consider how park & ride facilities and other measures might help in the transition from the near term to the long term. 	
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed to shortly after the March Council meeting. April 10, 2018 was set at the target, again at the Jasper Park Community Hall. 	

Notes by Jack Stuempel