

Citizen Working Group - Zone "J" (West 87)

MINUTES

Meeting # 2	Location: Belmead Community League 9109 - 182 Street
Date: January 16, 2018	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members		Attendance
Gary Adams	Aldergrove Community League	
Aaron Clark	Aldergrove Community League (aternate)	
Jasmine Allen	Belmead Community League	✓
Maxime Belanger	Secord Community League	✓
Paul Andrews	Rosenthal Community	✓
Rebecca Goldsack	Lewis Estates Community League	✓
Neil Stephens	Public at Large	
Lorena Munteanu	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests		
Andrew Knack	Councillor	✓
Dana Lesmeister	Member of the public/ Belmead Community League	✓

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 confirmed 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	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Adjustment of zone boundaries</u> This item was covered under #6 below. b) <u>Recruitment from school sector</u> This item was covered under #7 below. c) <u>Recruitment from West Edmonton Business Association</u> This item was covered under #7 below. d) <u>Better use of City website</u> Jack has passed along the group's observations and suggestions that the City look at ways to connect better with the younger demographic through its website and social media. e) <u>Notification of engagement events</u> Jack will notify the group of relevant engagement events, and had provided a sign-up link in the last minutes to subscribe to automatic email updates for LRT. f) <u>Presentation on residential parking program</u> A presentation from Parking Services on parking programs will be arranged for a future meeting. Community interest in expanded park and ride facilities as a stepping stone to reduced reliance on the single-occupant vehicle is also increasingly being acknowledged. It was noted that with the introduction of LRT there will also be adjustments in the rest of the transit system that should enable more people to commute without their cars. 	Jack
5.	Terms of reference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The terms of reference will be adjusted as necessary to reflect the shifting zone boundaries for the Citizen Working Groups. 	
6.	Zone boundaries	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed to overlapping the boundary with the "Mid-87" zone. The result will be that the eastern zone boundary for the "West 87" zone (Citizen Working Group "J") will shift from 178 Street to 170 Street, and the western zone boundary for the "Mid-87" zone (Citizen Working Group "I") would shift from 178 Street to 182 Street. The communities of Thorncliff and Summerlea, along with portions of Aldergrove and Belmead, would be in both zones. • It is anticipated that some members of each working group (primarily from the overlapped portion of the zones) will attend meetings of both groups. 	
7.	Group composition / membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some gaps remain, with representation still to be arranged from the seniors sector, the school sector, and the West Edmonton Business Association. Jack will continue to reach out to fill these gaps, and will contact the West Henday Promenade developer to ascertain interest. 	Jack

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8.	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. 	
9.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of funding is expected to be announced in the near future. Procurement will take some time, but construction could conceivably begin as early as 2019. There was a brief discussion of potential opportunities to pair community league memberships with LRT park & ride access as a means of increasing both LRT ridership and participation in community leagues. It was noted that the City is building the "Abundant Community" initiative to help strengthen neighbourhood ties. Councillor Knack shared some perspectives on transit in Edmonton, including the relative merits of LRT and BRT (Bus Rapid Transit), why anticipated ridership and capacity requirements alone favour LRT for the Valley Line West, and potential innovations to enable easy access to LRT for those not already within walking distance of the service. 	
10.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed the next meeting should be held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, again at the Belmead Community Hall. 	All

Notes by Jack Stuempel