

ROGERS PLACE COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Monday, August 15th, 2016

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Attendance

Stakeholders:

Reymund Palpal-Latoc	Central McDougall Community League
Ian O'Donnell	Downtown Community League
Jarrett Campbell	Oliver Community League
Rylan Kafara	Bissell Centre / Boyle Street Community Services
Caitlin Beaton	Bissell Centre
Gary St Amand	Bissell Centre
Laurene Viarobo	North Edge Business Association
Randy Shuttleworth	Queen Mary Park Community League
Alfred White	Boyle Street Community League
Mike Van Boom	McCauley Community League
Richard Liukko	Chinatown Business Association
Bruce Fafard	Edmonton and District Labour Council
Dan Glugosh	McCauley Community League

Edmonton Oilers:

Susan Darrington	Rogers Place and Oilers Entertainment Group
Natalie Minkler	Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation
Stu Ballantyne	Rogers Place and Oilers Entertainment Group
Tim Shipton	Oilers Entertainment Group

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Rob Smyth, Branch Manager, Citizen Services
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator
Travis Kennedy, Acting Director Northeast District
Chantile Shannon, Director Neighbourhoods Branch
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer
Ronna Bremer, Corporate Communications
Treena Schmidt, Management Supervisor Neighbourhoods
Mark Torjusen, Senior Communications Advisor
Jenny Kain, Director Family and Social Services

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together on June 20th was shared. This is the tenth meeting of the Community Benefits committee to date. Please continue to connect with Darrell Nordell.
- Rob talked about the countdown to Rogers Place opening and it is important that information and topics shared here are discussed internally and brought back to

the next meeting. Some topics are also linked separately where we can ensure a direct link of communication.

- Rob reviews the agenda and moves agenda item 5. Communication Plans up first as it will also cover agenda item 2 and 3. Two topics of discussion are added to agenda
 - 1) Living wage added agenda item 7.
 - 2) Parking added agenda item 8.
- Rob introduces Tim Shipton Oilers Entertainment Group and Ronna Bremer City of Edmonton to discuss Agenda item 5. Communication Plans for Rogers Place
- No questions are asked
- Rob introduces Susan Darrington General Manager Rogers Place to discuss agenda item 4. Rogers Place Event Schedule. Susan shares with group a Google Doc event schedule for Rogers Place as it is today August 15th. Event schedule to be shared in minutes.
- Questions from Susan Darrington presentation
 1. Is there a place where people can go and buy tickets to events without going through Ticketmaster? Answer: Yes during business hours in Ford Hall a ticket booth will be set up
 2. For Opening Celebrations can tickets be given to community leagues affected by Rogers Place? Answer: Yes this is our intention
 3. Will information be coming out to community on the Downtown Community Arena? Answer: Yes communications is working on a few communication pieces. Information is expected to be out later in September. Information is also available at Edmonton.ca/godowntownrogersplace.com
- Rob directs the stakeholders to the pieces of information on the table for tonight's meeting. In the next meeting of the Community Benefits Committee more time will be given to address broad topics and to review the Terms of Reference. A facilitated discussion on the Terms or Reference will occur at the next meeting. Meeting process and how the committee can make recommendations will be determined.
- One piece of information on the table is Schedule D "Community Benefits" and what was agreed upon by the City Council and Katz Group. Schedule D does describe the direction for the Advisory Committee and the working relationship under Benefits.
- Rick Daviss talks about the Commercial Revitalization Levy (CRL) and how it adds to Community Benefits
- Questions on materials shared on the table

1. Community Benefits Agreements in most cities talk about giving back to the community. Is it possible to negotiate a binding Community Benefit Agreement to discuss ways to give back? Answer: Rob and Rick will talk this over and get back to group at next meeting
- Rick advises that he likes this forum of discussion but smaller groups may be needed for certain topics to be discussed further. Information can then be shared, questions raised can be addressed and an update can be given at future meetings
 2. Can a report be given on how many people were actually hired to work at Rogers Place during construction and to date for Rogers Place operationally? Answer: Yes a report can be given and will be followed up on
 3. Can a report on Norquest College be given on numbers of people that have gone through Hospitality Program? Answer: Yes a report can be shared at a future meeting
 - Rob talks about the DRAFT Good Neighbour Program and the most recent revisions made to date. Please look over the Draft document and will be placed on the next Agenda to discuss further
 - Rob addresses added agenda item 7. Living Wage and indicates that this topic is a City discussion and does fall under the End Poverty Task Force initiative.
 - Jenny Kain Director of Family and Social Services talks about the End Poverty Task Force and where the project is to date. Currently in the process of reviewing Governance Model.
 - Susan Darrington from OEG comments that the commitment to their employees is creating a great place to work. Looking at parking, transit and food benefits to also help their employees. Susan is open to discussing how OEG is hiring staff for Rogers Place.
 - The role of the Rogers Place Community Benefit Committee is to let City of Edmonton and OEG staff know how the project is moving along and how stakeholders may feel about certain impacts. Discussion on ways to mitigate issues and rights of membership will be under review of the Terms of Reference.
 - Rob talks to added Agenda item 8. Parking and recognizes that community leagues have been contacted by City of Edmonton Parking Staff and discussing proposed changes for fall. Still more discussion needed on parking and Rob and Rick will follow up with Parking Management staff.
 - Questions on Parking?
 1. Not a question but a comment that parking in the area is not just around Rogers Place events but is an ongoing concern all day long. Royal

Alexandra Hospital, MacEwan University and new developments to open like the Alberta Museum will cause more residential parking issues.

- Rob thanks everyone for attending the meeting and the next meeting will be in early November 2016.
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:47pm.