

ARENA DISTRICT LOCAL ADVISORY MEETING

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018

Prince of Wales Armouries

Attendance

Stakeholders:

Reymund Palpal-Latoc	Central McDougall Community League
Tim Schneider	Downtown Community League
Laurene Viarobo	North Edge Business Association
Regrets	Queen Mary Park Community League
Regrets	Boyle Street Community League
Regrets	McCauley Community League
Regrets	Edmonton and District Labour Council
Simon Yackulic	Oliver Community League
Regrets	Boyle Street Community Services
Regrets	Bissell Centre
Ian O'Donnell	Downtown Business Association
Richard Luukko	Chinatwon Business Association
Madeline Smith	REACH Edmonton

Edmonton Oilers:

Susan Darrington	Oilers Entertainment Group
Regrets	Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation
Stu Ballantyne	Oilers Entertainment Group

City of Edmonton

Roger Jevne, Branch Manager Citizen Service
 Darrell Nordell, Project Coordinator ICE District
 Troy Carriere, Edmonton Police Service
 Brett Prosser, Community and Recreation Facilities

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Roger Jevne opened the meeting at 6:40pm. Introductions were made and approval of the minutes from September 27th is requested.
- Roger will be the new Chair for the ADLAC as Rob Smyth is now Deputy City Manager with Citizen Services and Rick Daviss has retired. Very familiar with the

Committee and look to continue the good work that has happened to date.

- No new agenda items need to be added to tonight's meeting

2. September 27th meeting minutes / Question and Answer

- Questions and answers provided from the minutes from September 27th, 2017 meeting
- Questions asked last year around CRL, Revitalization of downtown and taxes raised to date can be answered in the hand out placed in front of everyone. Economic Development Edmonton produced a June 2018 report "Evaluation of the Benefits of Rogers Place"
- No questions and move to Agenda item #3 Rogers Place / Overview

3. Rogers Place / Year in Review

- Susan Darrington OEG talks about entering the third season of operation and some of additions added to Rogers Place over the summer
- Added extra male washroom stalls onto second level of building and re-positioned some Point of Sale contacts
- Other work in Rogers Place includes: Fixing of pitting in Ford Hall floor, marble countertops fixed, upgraded doors in loading docks, increased humidification in building, added coat check in Coventry Homes area
- Over 12,500 pounds of food was donated last season in the "Rock to Wrap" program
- Hiring continues to happen through Norquest college "Hospitality Program" and through partners Bissell Centre and Boyle Street Community Services. Good work experience for students from MacEwan University and University of Alberta.
- A number of community events are coming up including: Oiler Fan Day, WE Day and Grow with Google
- Roger asks are there any questions?
- Question: Have there been challenges with Public urination around Events?
- Answer: During Playoffs in 2017 and after first round public washrooms were added around Rogers Place and in Michael Phair Park. City of Edmonton Neighbourhoods Branch currently operating a 2nd year pilot on Public Washrooms in the Downtown Core. There are 2 single trailer units in Michael Phair Park and Beaver Hills Park along with porta potties in Boyle, McCauley and

Oliver as well. There is a communication handout with your packages to help answer questions on the pilot. Edmonton Eskimo games are also receiving increased public washrooms outside the stadium leading into Grey Cup. Public Washroom report to go back to Council in Spring 2019.

- Question: Beside Norquest College has there been success with Bissell and Boyle Street Community Services employment services? Answer: In some cases yes there has been success with hiring from local agencies OEG is continuing to include all partners in the discussion and recruitment of staff positions.
- Comment: More permanent solution needs to be made for Downtown Core with Public Washrooms. Answer OEG: Currently find most people enter Rogers Place from South (Downtown) and from Oliver so public washrooms in those areas would be good for access and egress of building.
- Roger asks group if we can move Agenda item #4 Edmonton Police Update for after Agenda item #5 ICE District Plaza update. All agree

5. ICE District Plaza update

- Stu Ballantayne OEG VP Operations gives a google slide presentation update on ICE District Plaza to date.
- As Mr Katz once said, "Once in a lifetime opportunity to reshape a vibrant downtown"
- Stantec group moves into their building October
- JW Marriott is capped off at top and will be moving in spring 2019.
- Former greyhound land is at grade and new construction will start in a few months.
- Under the Plaza there will be an additional 2200 stalls of parking. Some will be for hotel and Stantec and others will be for public paid parking.
- Currently working on ICE Plaza surface and many amenities are included. The Google Slide presentation tonight will accompany minutes and give all the amenities to be included in the plaza.
- Question: Does the Plaza have a grocery store tenant? Answer: Something we are working on and recognize a need for.

4. Edmonton Police Service

- Rogers introduces Troy Carriere from Edmonton Police Service

- EPS main role is trying to implement a lot of crime and disorder strategies around not only Rogers Place but the number of more people who are residing in the downtown core
- Currently looking at staffing numbers and how to deploy
- Construction around Rogers Place / ICE Plaza does cause issues when planning EPS and special events. Traffic is a concern on event days and getting cars in and out of downtown
- Staffing for Rogers Place is around size of scope of the event. Currently doing a pretty good job with staffing for events but recognize there is room for adjustment
- With increased people in the Core does come with challenges as well and recognize this. Boyle area is seeing increased drug trafficking and crime and disorder. Stakeholder Comment: More than just Boyle and how about Central McDougall and Chinatown Business Assoc also seeing increase in criminal behavior.
- Some issues with Baccarat casino still standing and working on fencing and not allowing people to congregate. Hopefully building comes down sooner rather than later.
- Try to manage collectively both Rogers Place and Downtown
- Comment: Central McDougall has seen an increase and Crime and Safety and who with EPS are we to work with? Our goal is to have a safer community for our own neighbourhood and for visitors going to Rogers Place. Answer: This is exactly what we need to hear and I will send your comments and concerns onto the Superintendent in charge of Beats for your area.
- Comment: Great work was done by EPS in the Boyle area about 4yrs ago and still seeing some positive changes.
- Comment: Agreed and some positive success also in the Chinatown Business District. Still need to keep working together on both business area and neighbourhood.
- Comment: Downtown BIA is seeing a different types of incidents and youth that are causing problems.
- Comment: Crime and Safety is a bigger issue than just Rogers Place and events. Our Arena District Committee meetings are great to hear about other areas but we need this topic covered more often than just when we meet.
- Answer: Edmonton Police Service has heard your concerns tonight and we will

be speaking in the future on a neighbourhood and business level with Crime and Safety.

6. Edmonton Downtown Community Arena

- Brett Prosser from City of Edmonton Facilities shares information on Downtown Community Arena and successes over the past year.
- Currently 13 hrs a week of free program offered at DCA
- Over 10 x the amount of community programming is offered over other City single sheet ice surfaces
- Over 60% of the public skating times people are taking advantage of the skate and helmet rentals which is great.
- PDF of skate schedule and stats is attached with minutes
- Question: How much Rental Equipment is available? Answer: 192 Skates, 68 helmets

7. Round Table: Impacts / Opportunities

- Comment: Is Baccarat scheduled to be demolished? Answer: OEG Yes the building is slated to come down but a timeline cannot be given.
- Comment: Is Cineplex a No for sure in ICE Plaza? Answer: Yes there will not be a Cineplex on site.
- Comment: The Downtown Community Arena is a great news story with all its Free and Community Programming. City needs to do a better job of sharing the story.
- Comment: REACH Edmonton and 24/7 van is out there during Rogers Place events 2 hours after every game to make sure everyone is safe. Please use 211 line to request services for community and business area. OEG has been a partner of the program at our monthly meetings and is greatly appreciated.
- Comment: Will Plaza be available for some Plug and Play opportunities? Answer: Possibly and if interested please contact Susan Darrington at sdarrington@edmontonoilers.com
- Downtown BIA - Great to see more people coming downtown
- NEBA BIA - Coordinated Crime and Safety improvement in the area needed

- Roger thanks everyone again for the meeting and next meeting date will be scheduled at a later time.
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:17pm