

# **ROGERS PLACE COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING**

Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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
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

### **Edmonton Oilers:**

Susan Darrington	Rogers Place and Oilers Entertainment Group
Natalie Minkler	Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation
Stu Ballantyne	Rogers Place and Oilers Entertainment Group
Darcy Strang	Katz Group
Paul Silverman	Oilers Entertainment Group
Steinunn Parsons	Oilers Entertainment Group
Kevin Kobi	Katz Group

### **City of Edmonton**

Rob Smyth, Branch Manager, Citizen Services  
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office  
Rod Heinrichs, Senior Planner, Arena District Project Office  
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator  
Tannia Franke, Civic Events and Partnerships  
Nicole Poirier, Director Civic Events and Partnerships  
Brett Posser, Programs and Events  
Doug Costigan, Director Northeast District  
Heather Sheppard, Civic Events  
Chantile Shannon, Director Neighbourhoods Branch  
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer  
Terry Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service  
Ed McLsac, Edmonton Police Service  
Ryan Peckaitis, Director Community Standards  
Ronna Bremer, Corporate Communications  
Brad Vanderhoek, General Supervisor Transportation  
Treena Schmidt, Management Supervisor Neighbourhoods  
Mark Torjusen, Senior Communications Advisor

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together on May 18<sup>th</sup> was shared. This is the ninth meeting of the Community Benefits committee to date. Please continue to connect with Darrell Nordell.
- Rogers Place Community Benefit Committee is fundamental to the project and your ideas, comments and feedback is greatly appreciated.
- Rick Daviss provided a construction update on Rogers Place. The project is on budget and on schedule. The construction site is very active right now as finishing work is going on. Centre Ice scoreboard will be raised fairly soon.
- The Downtown Community Arena is pretty close to being completed.
- The plaza will not open till 2019 or 2020.
- Susan Darrington General Manager for Rogers Place is looking at a September 2<sup>nd</sup> handover to OEG for operations. End of August OEG staff will move into office tower beside Rogers Arena. All operational plans are being checked over to be ready for opening day.
- Announcing concerts as opening events and Oilers first regular season game announced for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> against Calgary
- Stu Ballantyne Oilers Entertainment Group Senior Vice President of Operations advises that outside of Rogers Place will be a construction zone for next couple of years. The plaza is already being scheduled for events
- Kevin Kobi from OEG Safety and Security introduced his security team and power point of presentation is included with minutes.
- Ryan Pleckaitis Director of Community Standards shared power point included on how his staff will enforce communities around Rogers Place for parking and bylaw infractions
- Jenny Kain Director Neighbourhoods Branch talked about Downtown Social Agency group and the development of proactive versus reactive issues in the area. Some discussion and strategy around:
  - 1) Public Education
  - 2) Coordination of existing resources
  - 3) Employment
  - 4) Job Fair circulation to targeted neighbourhoods
- Some research being conducted on other Cities and their ambassador programs with vulnerable populations

- Tannia Franke Supervisor with Civic Precinct shared plans for the Downtown Community Arena Grand Opening on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This will coincide with Free Admission Day. Power point of presentation is included with minutes
- Rob thanked all for attending the night once again and gathered feedback for a possible early August 2016 meeting.
- Darrell Nordell will be in touch with next meeting date and location
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.