

ROGERS PLACE COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Monday, February 22nd, 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
Fasortanti Taiwo	Boyle Street Community League
Mike Van Boom	McCauley Community League
Dan Glugosh	McCauley Community League
Bruce Fafard	Edmonton District Labour Council
Richard Liukko	Chinatown Business Association

Edmonton Oilers:

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

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Rob Smyth, Acting 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
Brad Badger, Director, Programs and Events
Doug Costigan, Director Northeast District
Bohdan Maslo, General Supervisor Transportation
Brian Murphy, Supervisor Transportation
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer
Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Ed McLissac, Edmonton Police Service
Ronna Bremer, Corporate Communications
Jack Ashton, Program Manager

Others

Mark Huberman, Bunt and Associates

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together in November 2015 was shared. This is the seventh meeting of the Community Benefits committee to date. We are less than 7 months from Rogers Place and the Downtown Community Arena opening.
- Rogers Place Community Benefit Committee is fundamental to the project and your ideas, comments and feedback is greatly appreciated.
- Rick Daviss provided a power point update on Rogers Place. The project is on track for an early September opening. The construction site is very active right now and expects it to pick up with landscaping and exterior finishing going on. Inside the building the rink will be poured in early March while seats and escalators are being installed.
- The Downtown Community Arena is pretty close to being completed.
- The plaza will not open till 2019.
- Susan Darrington General Manager for Rogers Place spoke about the recent Supervisor hirings that has been happening. March and April will see Part Time hiring fairs for a number of Rogers Place positions.
- In the fall when Rogers Place opens there will be a cross section of events across the city. Grand Opening will be 45 days long full of activity.
- Currently working on a Traffic Management Plan for event nights and this discussion will come at a later time.
- Stu Ballantyne Oilers Entertainment Group Senior Vice President of Operations talked about being committed to the community and neighbourhoods surrounding Rogers Place. The Draft Rogers Place Good Neighbour Program is to form part of an open dialogue that OEG has as new neighbours and want to work with the community.
- Brad Badger City of Edmonton Director Programs and Events talked about the Downtown Community Arena and some of the community programming that will be offered. The Downtown Community Arena will be different than all other City run arenas with a higher volume of Arena based programming.
- Direct program products: 10-12hrs per week. Drop in skating, Adult fitness skate, Shiny hockey, Community-only skate time similar to the community swim program. All programs should be solidified by end of April 2016
- Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation endowment fund to be used toward community programming, invitation to direct programming and more discussion needs to be made of where specifically funds will go.
- Bohdan Maslo and Brian Murphy from parking discussed the E-Park launch that has started happening in the downtown core. Great success to date on the program and more people finding it easier to pay for parking.

- Mark Huberman from Bunt and Associates shows power point on the Residential Parking Management Program. Power Point asked to be shared with minutes.
- Rob thanked all for attending the night once again and indicated as Rogers Place gets closer to opening that more meetings of the committee may be needed.
- The next meeting will take place in May 2016 with a possible Epcor Tower viewing of the site. Darrell Nordell will be in touch with future meeting agenda and location.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.