

ROGERS PLACE COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Monday, November 2nd, 2015

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
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
Tom Cornwall	Oilers Entertainment Group
Kevin Lowe	Oilers Entertainment Group

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Rob Smyth, Manager, Community and Recreation Facilities
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
Doug Costigan, Director Northeast District
Bohdan Maslo, General Supervisor Transportation
Brian Murphy, Supervisor Transportation
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer
Dean Hilton, Edmonton Police Service
Ray Akbar, Edmonton Police Service
Ronna Bremer, Corporate Communications
Mark Torjusen, Senior Communications Advisor
Jack Ashton, Program Manager

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since last time the group was together in May was shared. This is the sixth meeting of the Community Benefits committee to date. These meetings are a mechanism for the City of Edmonton and the Oilers Entertainment Group to communicate with community stakeholders and gather feedback.

- Rogers Place Community Benefit Committee is fundamental to the project and your ideas, comments and feedback is greatly appreciated.
- Rick Daviss provided an update on Rogers Place. The project is on track for opening fall 2016. At this time Rogers Place, Wintergarden and Downtown Community Arena is the 2nd largest construction project in North America. \$330 million has been spent to date.
- The Downtown Community Arena was officially named on March 10th, 2015 and operation and programming is starting to be initiated. This arena is City owned and operated.
- The plaza will not open till 2019.
- Dean Hilton and Ray Akbar from Edmonton Police Service were introduced and shared a general over view of the layered policing approach that will be taken with the 40 additional officers coming on board in 2016. Many of the 40 officers will be on foot patrol.
- Safety and Security discussion also revolved around Rogers Place security and Edmonton Police working together to handle hockey games and special events. EPS will need to follow up with OEG to determine policing needs once OEG completes a security plan. EPS anticipates a working relationship similar to other medium and large venues.
- Edmonton Police is working closely with OEG, Social Agencies and Business Associations in the Downtown Core to address some of the more vulnerable populations.
- Bohdan Maslo and Brian Murphy from parking discussed the E-Park launch that will be happening with parking machines.
- There are three types of parking programs.
 - 1) E-Park
 - 2) 2017 Residential Parking program
 - 3) Parkade wayfinding and guidance system is being looked into
- Currently working on a Traffic Management Plan for event nights and this discussion will come at a later time.
- Rob introduced Tom Cornwall from Oilers Entertainment Group and other key representatives attending from OEG.
- Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation is providing bursaries for the Norquest College partnered Hospitality Institute. To date this is a success story with over 300 graduates. Future Community Benefit Meetings can give more details and updates to the program

- 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 February 2016. Darrell Nordell will be in touch with future meeting agenda and location.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.