

ARENA DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 - Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Attendance:

City of Edmonton:

Linda Cochrane, General Manager, Community Services
Rob Smyth, Manager, Community and Recreation Facilities
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office
Eugene Gyorfi, Project Manager, Arena District Project Office
Roger Jevne, Director of Facility Development
Harry Oswin, Director, Northeast District
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator
Ronna Bremer, Director, Communications Branch
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer

Edmonton Oilers:

Patrick LaForge, President
Steve Hogle, Vice President, Communications
Natalie Minckler, Executive Director, Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation

PCL Construction:

Mike Staines, Project Manager
Mike Halajian, Site Superintendent

Stakeholders:

Ian O'Donnell, Downtown Community League
Quinn Wade, Central McDougall Community League
Warren Champion, Central McDougall Community League
Tim Choy, Boyle Street Community League
Manon Aubry, Boyle Street Community League
Rob Stack, McCauley Community League
Georgina Fiddler, McCauley Community League
Shahriyar Kah, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
Brian Henderson, Edmonton District Labour Council
Mike Scott, Cupe 30
Perri Gavin, United Way of Alberta
Julian Daly, Boyle Street Community Services
Diane Kereluk, Council of Business Revitalization Zones
Laurene Viarobo, North East Business Association

Stakeholders Unable to Attend:

Chris Buyze, Downtown Community League
Jarrett Campbell Oliver, Downtown Community League
Sophy Young, Central McDougall Community League
Allan Bolstad, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
Maureen Esh, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
David Prodan, Urban Support Network
Mark Holmgren, Bissell Centre
Lorette Garrick, George Spady Centre
Mark Stanley, Salvation Army

- Linda Cochrane opened the meeting with welcome and introductions, a summary of the community benefits meetings held to date, and City Council milestone decisions. She indicated that though there remains a funding shortfall for the arena project, the purpose of this meeting was to keep the community benefits discussion going by starting a conversation with the local community, the Oilers and the City of Edmonton. As such, the primary reason for the meeting is to discuss a draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Arena District Local Advisory Committee - its purpose, mandate, committee composition and meeting schedule.
- Rick Daviss provided an update on the arena project as a whole – project history, arena design, community rink, master agreement, budget and next steps.
- Rob Smyth reviewed the Community Benefits Schedule D, a component of the Master Agreement as approved in principle by City Council on April 10, 2013 and reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for an Arena District Local Advisory Committee.
- Patrick Laforge welcomed the opportunity to work with the local communities and organizations. He acknowledged that open dialogue is needed and is looking forward to developing long term relationships with community groups.
- All participants took part in discussion around the composition of the proposed Arena District Local Advisory Committee. Linda recommended that Stakeholders share the draft Terms of Reference with their organizations and begin to think about who their representative might be. In the meantime, the City will consider all feedback received around Committee composition.
- A number of items were identified as potential topics for discussion at upcoming meetings including:
 1. Possibility of having an open house once a year for the broader community.
 2. Employment options during construction and for operations once arena opened.
 3. Parking around the Arena during events
 4. Meeting specifics: Date, Time, Location
- It was agreed that should City Council approve the Arena project, the next meeting of this group would be held in the fall of 2013.
- Linda concluded the meeting by thanking all for their attendance and participation. She indicated that Darrell Nordell will serve as the City's point person for the Advisory Committee. Darrell can be reached by e-mail at Darrell.nordell@edmonton.ca or by phone at (780) 944-5424.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.