

ARENA DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING

Monday, March 3rd, 2014

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Attendance:

Stakeholders:

Ian O'Donnell, Downtown Community League
Habib Fatmi, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
Jarrett Campbell, Oliver Community League
Reymond Palpal-Latoc, Central McDougall Community League
Manon Aubey, Boyle Street Community League
Sophy Yeung, McCauley Community League
Randy Shuttleworth, Queen Mary Park Community League
Julian Daly, Boyle Street Community Services
Cam McDonald, Inner City Executive Directors
Richard Liukko, Chinatown and Little Italy Business Association
Brian Henderson, Edmonton District Labour Council
Laurene Viarobo, North East Business Association

City of Edmonton:

Rob Smyth, Manager, Community and Recreation Facilities
Rick Daviss, Executive Director, Arena District Project Office
Rod Heinricks, Senior Planner, Arena District Project Office
Roger Jevne, Director of Facility Development
Harry Oswin, Director, Northeast District
Darrell Nordell, Community Recreation Coordinator
Mark Torjusen, Communication Advisor
Daren Dwernychuk, Supervisor Arenas
Jodi Tauber, Communications Officer
Ellen Finn, Director Community and Recreation Facilities
Bohdan Maslo, General Supervisor Transportation
Brian Murphy, Supervisor Transportation
Darryl Mullen, General Supervisor Transportation

Edmonton Oilers:

Patrick LaForge, President
Natalie Minkler, Executive Director, Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation
Patrick Machacek, Norquest College

- Rob Smyth opened the meeting. Introductions were made and a summary since the last time the group was together on November 4th was shared. Rob asked that agenda item #5 Good Neighbour Approach be tabled to a later date and time for discussion. Special guests Patrick Machacek from Norquest College and Darryl Mullen from City of Transportation were introduced.
- Rick Daviss provided an update on the arena project as a whole – arena design and new images, community rink, construction lay down area and that for now

the Baccarat Casino was staying on site. Icon Venue Group will project manage and PCL construction will build the arena. Federal government has announced a new grant framework for the community rink portion still unfunded as the Canadian Building grant is no longer an option. On February 14th Edmonton Design Council gave a positive review of the arena design and its iconic architecture. Construction on site will start on the east side and move west.

Construction Schedule

March 2014 – Site preparation and building excavation

September 2014 – Erection of steel structure

March 2015 – Begin closure of building envelope

May 2015 – Begin work on interior rough ins and finishes

August 2016 – Build completion and activation

September 2016 – 1st Event

- Arena community communication will be handled similar to other large City projects. Quarterly mail drops in neighbourhoods with information will occur.
- Darryl Mullen from Transportation Department presented on the Arena District Impact Assessment and Shared Use Parking Plan that has been started.
- Parking slide show is shared in the minutes for stakeholders to review.
- Rob Smyth indicated that parking agenda item will be brought back to the Community Benefits table for larger discussion at the appropriate time.
- Patrick Laforge opened discussion on the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation involvement with Norquest College Hospitality program and introduced Patrick Machacek. Patrick delivered an overview on the program.
- Good discussion occurred and questions around bursary funding, opportunities to tap into other hospitality industries and leadership training was all discussed.
- Potentially there will be 1200 positions a night at Roger Place that will need to be staffed.
- The other employment piece is during construction. It is possible to have PCL out to future community benefit meeting to discuss opportunities.
- Though this group was formed specifically for the Arena and Entertainment District, status on other downtown projects will be shared with the group on a timely basis.
- Some of the topics of discussion may in the future need sub-committees formed to address items.
- Everyone was again thanked for attending and meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.