

Citizen Working Group - Zone "F" (Downtown/Groat)

MINUTES

Meeting # 2	Location: Queen Mary Park Community League 10844 - 117 St
Date: January 18, 2018	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members		Attendance
Andrew MacIsaac	Downtown Edmonton Community League	
PM Edmond	Oliver Community League	
Derek Macdonald	Oliver Community League	✓
Derrick Forsythe	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Karen Vanderlaan	Queen Mary Park Community League	✓
Robert Summers	Westmount Community League	✓
Jeff McLaren	124 Street Business Association	
Sarah Proudlock	124 Street Business Association	
Dan Young	City Market Downtown	✓
Brent Francis	Edmonton Chamber of Commerce	
Melaniee Smith	Oxford Developments - Edmonton City Centre	
Ian O'Donnell	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Kajsa Duke	Public at Large	✓
Thomas Oster	Public at Large	
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	✓

Guests	

1.	Welcome & introductions	Action by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants introduced themselves. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3.	Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated. 	
4.	Status of action items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Additional recruitment (Jack)</u> This item was covered under #6 below. 	
5.	Zone boundaries (update)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack provided an overview of the evolution of Citizen Working Group boundaries for the entire Valley Line West LRT area. Citizen Working Group “G” has supported the idea of an overlapping boundary with Group “F” due to the similar characteristics of the Glenora and Westmount neighbourhoods on both sides of Groat Ravine. It was agreed that Groat Road is still a fitting western boundary for Group “F”, having the zone for Group “G” overlap as far eastward as 124 Street was appropriate. 	
6.	Group composition / membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack provided an update on recruitment for the Citizen Working Group. Gaps still remain to be filled for the seniors’ community, MacEwan University, the MacEwan students’ sector and the school sector. It was suggested that participation from Norquest College might also be welcome. 	Jack
7.	Project update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group received an update on the status of the Valley Line West project. Input received at public engagement sessions held in June and November 2017 generally indicated support for grade separated LRT crossings at major intersections. The presentation included a preview of information to be shared as part of the next major public engagement session to be held January 24, 2018 at St. Paul’s Anglican Church. This next public engagement session will be a follow-up to the 2017 sessions, and will obtain additional public input to help inform Council when it holds a public hearing and meeting in March to consider proposed amendments to the Valley Line West LRT concept plan (this had previously been anticipated for December 2017). Discussion included the community’s desire for sufficient pedestrian crossings and access points. Jack will check for updates. 	Jack
8.	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns continue to exist over the impact of the LRT on various accesses. These include the expectation that due to the scarcity of turning opportunities, 127 Street will be used as a shortcut. The Westmount Community League would like the City to give greater 	Jack

	<p>consideration to a proposal to modify the access from Stony Plain Road to 127 Street to discourage non-neighbourhood traffic. This request will be taken back to the project team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints on turns at 124 Street were also cited as a continued concern. • There is also concern over potential tree removals, including those in the median of 121 Street on the south side of 104 Avenue / Stony Plain Road. • It was noted that the project team will be meeting next week with residents in the Glenora Pointe area to discuss access-related concerns on the south side of Stony Plain Road. 	<p>Jack</p> <p>Jack</p>
9.	Next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed the next meeting should be Thursday, April 5, 2018, again at the Queen Mary Park Community Hall. 	All

Notes by Jack Stuempel