Citizen Working Group - Zone "G" (Stony Plain Road)

MINUTES

Meeting # 1	Location: Grovenor Community League, 14325 104 Ave.	
Date: October 26, 2017	Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	

Members		Attendance
Peter Doell	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	\checkmark
Michael Paull	Glenora Community League	\checkmark
Allan Bly	Grovenor Community League	\checkmark
Mariette Seed	Grovenor Community League	\checkmark
Rod Matheson	Crestwood Community League	\checkmark
Tony Lovell	Canora Community League	\checkmark
Diane Kereluk	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	\checkmark
David Stokes	Public at Large	~
Carol Secord	Public at Large	✓
Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	\checkmark

Guests		
Lynn Odynski	Old Glenora Conservation Association	\checkmark
Christine Lefebvre	Old Glenora Conservation Association	\checkmark
Les Miok	Member of the public	~
Zeehat Syed	Member of the public	✓

1.	Welcome & introductions	
	 Attendees introduced themselves and provided their perspectives on the Valley Line West LRT and their participation in the Citizen Working Group process. 	
	 Jack gave a brief summary of the history and purpose of the Valley Line LRT Citizen Working Groups. 	
2.	Confirmation of agenda	
	The agenda was adopted as circulated.	
3.	Terms of reference	
	• The group reviewed the terms of reference, which describe the role, purpose, membership and coverage areas for the Citizen Working Groups. These terms of reference have evolved with the input of working groups themselves. There was some discussion over the role of members, and it was explained that the City hopes to have participants bring their awareness of local interests to share at meetings, and in turn share information back with their communities as part of their normal activities. Part of the facilitator's role is to function as an advocate within the City organization for matters raised by the working group.	
	 It was suggested that where possible, materials to be considered by the group should be distributed in advance. 	
4.	Zone boundaries	
	 The group reviewed the boundaries that have been proposed for the Stony Plain Road zone (Zone "G") as well as other zones. 	
	 It was suggested that the eastern boundary of the zone might be extended to 124 Street (overlapping Zone "F") to reflect the common characteristics of the communities on either side of Groat Road. It was felt that communities adjacent to the Groat Bridge will also share common experiences when the bridge is replaced to accommodate the LRT. 	Jack
5.	Group composition / membership	Jack
	 The group reviewed the composition of the group. It is hoped that the vacant positions will be filled in the near future. It was noted that both public and Catholic school systems are present in the area and outreach should consider including both. However, it was also noted that Glenora School will be the most directly affected by the presence of LRT. 	
	 It was also noted for consideration is that there is a seniors' complex at 127 Street and Stony Plain Road, and seniors' apartments at 149 Street and 100 Avenue. There was some discussion of the merits or ability to involve the sector 	
	 There was some discussion of the merits or ability to involve the sector that serves the transient or homeless population. Jack will investigate potential opportunities. Members also supported the request of the Old Glenora Conservation Association to participate on the Citizen Working Group and welcomed Chris Lefebvre to the group. 	

6.	Project update	
	 Jack presented an overview and status update of the Valley Line West project. Information included some history and context, and an explanation of the technical review that is currently being carried out to adapt the concept plan and preliminary design to any unforeseen changes since the design was completed in 2013. As part of the review, LRT crossings at several major intersections are being assessed for opportunities to address congestion concerns. Public engagement sessions are planned for November 15 and 16 to obtain further input on LRT crossing assessments before recommendations go to City Council. Jack will share a copy of the newspaper advertisement for members to include in local newsletters. 	Jack
7.	Round Table	
	 It was suggested that the City consider additional park-and-ride capacity to help encourage LRT usage from "feeder" areas and possibly reduce non-resident parking in local neighbourhoods. It was noted that street parking capacity is already becoming a concern. It was also suggested that if the City has not already done so, it might yield valuable information by studying the usage of the Ordze Transit Centre park & ride facility, in addition to the City's own facilities. Short-cutting is already an issue in local neighbourhoods, and expected to become a greater concern with the introduction of the LRT. There are concerns over how traffic that currently uses Stony Plain Road will find other routes due to lane reductions and bridge construction. There is a desire to understand the City's support strategy for new traffic patterns. Jack will arrange the attendance of a technical member of the team to help respond to such questions and concerns. 	Jack
8.	Next meeting	
	• The group agreed the next meeting should be targeted for a Thursday in late January or early February, again at the Grovenor Community League Hall, with Jack to poll for a date.	Jack

Notes by Jack Stuempel