

**Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council**  
**T.R.A.C.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**  
**Snow Valley Ski Hill, Edmonton, Alberta**



Attendees	Regrets	VIP Members	Guests
Jane Calvert (Brander Gardens)	Bruce Gritter (Hadow)	Bruce (Brookside)	Mike Nickel -- Councillor
Jim Hillman (Brookside)	Angelo Blais (Henderson Est)	Harold Hornig (Bulyea Heights)	Monique St. Louis - Comm Svc
Sherri Jaillet (Bulyea Heights)	Patrick Shaver (Hodgson)	Saeed Rabeeh (Carter Crest)	Supt. Nigel Stevens -- EPS
Rob Agostinis (Carter Crest)	Murray Chrusch (Terwillegar Tn)	Carol Kaiser (Ramsey Heights)	Adam Laughlin --CofE Transprtn
Cynthia Reckhard (Falconer)	Loren Coutts (Outlying Areas)	Tim Cartmell (Rhatigan Ridge)	Carole Cej - CofE Transportation
Tom Greenwood-Madsen (Leger)		Donna Finucane (Rhatigan Ridge)	
Susan Anton (Ogilvie Ridge)		Dave Rumbold (Rhatigan Ridge)	
Joanne McMillan (Ramsay Hts)		Zard Sarty - Urban Design	
Joe Yurkovich (Rhatigan Ridge)			

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER	ACTION
<b>1</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<b>Rob Agostinis</b>	
	Rob Agostinis -- chair called meeting to order at 7:06 PM		
<b>2</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2007 AGENDA</b>	<b>Rob Agostinis</b>	
	Motion to accept	Cynthia Reckhard (Falconer)	
	Second	Susan Anton (Ogilvie Ridge)	Carried
<b>3</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2007 MINUTES</b>		
	Motion to accept	Jane Calvert (Brander Gardens)	
	Second	Tom Greenwood-Madsen (Leger)	Carried
<b>4</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b>	<b>Rob Agostinis</b>	
	<p><b>Financial Report</b> -- Cynthia Reckhard will provide an update</p> <p><b>Fort Edmonton Footbridge and Trails Project</b> -- Adam Laughlin, with the City of Edmonton Special Projects will give a presentation on the footbridge project between Brander Gardens and Oleskiw</p> <p><b>Southwest Rec Center</b> -- Monique St. Louis will give an update</p> <p><b>Fundraising</b> -- Dave Rumbold will provide an update</p> <p><b>EFCL Area H Rep</b> -- Institute as part of the bylaws for presentation at the AGM</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> -- Donna Finucane will give us an update</p> <p><b>Communications</b> -- Jane Calvert will provide an update</p> <p><b>General</b> -- Supt. Nigel Stevens, is in attendance as a TRAC VIP</p>		
<b>5</b>	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<b>Cynthia Reckhard</b>	
	Require bank statements for year end; we currently have \$13,346 in the bank with \$5,000 available for sundry items.		Bank statements for year end
<b>6</b>	<b>FORT EDMONTON FOOTBRIDGE AND TRAILS PROJECT</b>	<b>Adam Laughlin, P.Eng.</b>	
	<p>Part of the 'Ribbon of Green' master plan, this project is in the preliminary design phase with projected completion in 2008. Funding is not in place for construction, but the City is applying for federal/provincial funds through the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) and the estimated cost of \$13.4 m will cover 3 km of multi-use trails, a large footbridge (approximately 275 m long x 4 m wide), design and engineering.</p> <p>The footbridge height will be outside the flood plain; as the east bank is higher than the west bank, the west side will have to be built up to match. It is intended to be a viewpoint -- a place where people would like to go. The site was selected due to its favourable geotechnical and hydrotechnical situation over the alternative off of Whitemud Road. (A "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" [CPTED] committee reviews the sites)</p> <p>The design is conceptual -- the City will meet with community leagues to let them know what's coming. The Transportation</p>		
	<p>Department is in the process of preparing a brochure that will be sent out in early to mid-March for input and an open house will be held on April 4 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm at:</p> <p>Wolf Willow Community League Hall: 505 Wolf Willow Road for input on the type of bridge, design alternatives, trails etc.</p> <p>The drawings will go on the website once the brochure comes out and TRAC can access them for distribution at that time.</p>		Footbridge Open House April 4 from 4:00-8:00 PM

	<p>Map Symbols:</p> <p>Green -- paved portion; can pave (3 m wide)</p> <p>Yellow -- granular</p> <p>Hatched Yellow -- unimproved trail; not maintained by parks; they will evaluate whether these are feasible to keep</p> <p>Red -- staircases; standard park staircase with bicycle track</p> <p>Whitemud Road -- they are assessing connection to the existing trail at Fort Edmonton Park; will consult residents directly affected</p> <p>Terwillegar Park -- part of the 'Ribbon of Green' master plan; on hold</p>		
7	<b>SOUTHWEST RECREATION FACILITY</b>		
	<b>a. Update from City of Edmonton</b>	<b>Monique St. Louis</b>	
	<p><b>Arena P3 Arrangement:</b> The RFQ process has been completed and three groups have been qualified to participate in the RFP process. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edmonton Arena Partners (5 companies)</li> <li>Edmonton Community Sport Foundation (7 companies)</li> <li>Forum - Capital Sports Management Arena Partnership (4 co's)</li> </ul> <p>Details are available on the City website</p> <p><b>Arena RFP's:</b> the City is halfway through the RFP process and anticipate completion by the end of March.</p> <p>RFP Document -- stage presentation for TRAC for feedback; this will include both sport and geographic communities</p> <p>Monique looked into the possibility of a TRAC member signing a confidentiality agreement to be part of the RFP Evaluation Committee but this request was declined due to legal, proprietary reasons. In lieu of this, TRAC will be part of the Terms of Reference. The City is working on the final details and will present the Terms of Reference to TRAC in the 3rd or 4th week of March.</p> <p><b>Facility Program:</b> final design; 11th hour discussion regarding TRAC's November 6th letter on schematic design covering thirty items we asked that they consider. By March or early April they should have a decision.</p> <p><b>Naming Rights:</b> this will be presented to City Council on Tuesday for final decision. For facilities with historical reference (i.e. Commonwealth Stadium) naming rights would not be considered, but new facilities are more flexible. Naming rights would apply to either individual parts of a facility or the entire facility, but not both. A cost/benefit analysis would be used to determine. In the case of a stand alone facility (i.e. the arena) there would be value for the proponent to name it; this would have to be factored in on the overall decision.</p> <p><b>Percent for Art:</b> City policy is a percentage for art up to \$100K; the SW Rec Center qualifies for \$100K. Marc Quinn has stepped forward on TRAC's behalf and a preliminary meeting has been held. The process is to engage a series of artists to mock-up concepts and short list; then facility location is selected. It has been recommended that due to the size of the Rec Center, the money should be spent on one piece for greatest impact. Alternatives discussed include hiring local artists for better value for the money or corporate sponsorship of art.</p> <p>Wall of Recognition -- restricts artists creativity; if TRAC has money for it at a later date, hire an artist to do the wall</p>		<p>Terms of Reference presented to TRAC end of March</p> <p>Monique and Tom to look into borrowing corporate artwork</p>
	<p>June -- tentative donor wall</p> <p><b>Open House Feedback:</b> A summary of the input from the open house will be e-mailed to Rob. Some of the items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of aquatics, flexi hall, social heart</li> <li>Request for second flexi hall dedicated to soccer</li> <li>Disapproval of indoor track -- tight turning radius; blind spots</li> <li>Suggest -- wood floors to reduce injuries; moveable walls in multipurpose rooms; more food and lease space; 'Wall of Fame' for amateur athletes; covered parking for the disabled; bike locks at each entry; two-storey parking (future)</li> </ul>		<p>Monique to e-mail the input from the open house to Rob</p>
	<b>b. Advocacy Report</b>	<b>Joe Yurkovich</b>	
	<p>Rob, Joe and Tim met with Linda Cochrane, Monique St. Louis and Roger Jevne after the Open House as follow-up to two letters that were sent out by TRAC on November 27 highlighting our design</p>		<p>Circulate design letters to TRAC members</p>

	<p>concerns; in the meeting, Linda said that she would look at the major concerns.</p> <p>Leisure Ice -- TRAC requested leisure ice, separate from the four rinks; the City has made a request for time allotted on one of the four rinks for recreational skating but not dedicated leisure ice.</p> <p>Running Track -- TRAC requested a running track around the perimeter of the ice rink but have been told that the rinks are separate and the track would entail going through walls</p> <p>The following week, Rob, Joe and Tim met with Mayor Mandel and were told that TRAC cannot raise enough with our small endeavors but that they want to tie our hands regarding raising large funds. We have gone as far as we can to influence the RFP; perhaps the three groups may come up with something innovative.</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided that a group consisting of Rob, Joe, Tim, Sherri and Jane will put together a letter, based on TRAC's position paper tailored for public release, and include the response from the open house as well as the City's response regarding "addressed" items. They will send identical letters to the three qualified bidders as well as the City; assuring the City of TRAC's willingness to fundraise, and requesting separate pricing for both leisure ice and the suspended track from the three qualified bidders for possible future partnership with TRAC.</p>		Rob, Joe, Tim, Sherri and Jane to put together a letter
<b>8</b>	<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>Dave Rumbold</b>	
	<b>a. TRAC Second Annual 10K &amp; 5K Run/3K Walk</b>		
	<p>A volunteer sign-up list will be re-circulated as we need a lot of volunteers; Rob, Dave and Susan distributed 250-300 registration forms during sports registration and at the Winter Festival. Monique donated colour boards of the Rec Center and they were a big draw. Registration for the run can be done on-line and we already have some participants registered. Dave is working with Save-on-Foods as they are very community friendly and will be open on 23rd Ave around the same time as the run.</p> <p>Dave will be on Global TV May 15 to promote the TRAC run. The Running Room is opening a store in Riverbend Square (where Little Caesar's used to be) and there will be a kick-off run at 6:00 pm (\$10.00)</p> <p>Rob and TRAC Kids will be there with Lorraine Mansbridge; TRAC will be asked to participate in the 6 pm opening</p>		Dave to give Harold the volunteer list to circulate
	<b>b. Women's Luncheon</b>		
	Caterina hasn't got a date yet; because of the scope of the task, she has been encouraged to use TRAC's fundraising team and pool of volunteers.		
	<b>c. General</b>		
	Thank you letters are being worked on; \$20,240 has been raised The Casino application is being worked on		
<b>9</b>	<b>EFCL -- AREA H REP</b>	<b>Rob Agostinis</b>	
	<p>"Area H" is a district designated by the EFCL; the rep is selected to attend meetings, get the community league presidents together and disseminate information. In the past, there has been poor representation. As TRAC represents the area's community leagues, it makes sense for someone from TRAC to be the Area H representative. It is felt that there is real value in having a district rep, particularly in relation to on-going communication with the city (i.e. transportation master plan), and looking to the future, as a vehicle to revitalize an aging community -- neighbourhoods go into transition past 50 years and it is important for TRAC to continue to be avant-garde to keep the community focused, vital, meaningful. Issues discussed included how to approach the issue with the community leagues (i.e. formal letter stating that TRAC will take responsibility subject to any opposition) and how to elect the rep (i.e. VIP member elected by Ambassadors).</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> To temporarily assign the EFCL Area H representative position to Harold Hornig. Harold will bring information to the community leagues about having TRAC select the Area H representative.</p> <p>Second</p>	<p>Joe Yurkovich (Rhatigan Ridge)</p> <p>Jim Hillman (Brookside)</p>	Carried

10	TRANSPORTATION UPDATE	Donna Finucane	
	<p>In light of the transportation committee's focus for 2007, this update is very disappointing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rabbit Hill Road:</b> despite the real need for widening this road, the project has been delayed indefinitely -- a casualty of escalating costs. It is not on the five year capital plan horizon, which means it will not happen for at least six years. Donna has made efforts to get this project on the agenda and make a presentation.</li> <li><b>40th Avenue Interchange:</b> the Whitemud/Terwillegar interchange has been delayed as has the 40th Ave/Bulyea intersection. During rush hour, the intersection experiences a huge backlog of vehicles and it can take 25 minutes just to get to the Whitemud; no other community has to wait 25 minutes -- this is unreasonable.</li> <li><b>23 Ave and Calgary Trail:</b> this project will go ahead. Donna expects the city will start working on detour routes in 2007 in preparation for construction.</li> </ol> <p><b>LRT</b> -- coming down 111 Street in 2007; working very quickly  <b>BRT</b> -- (Belgravia) the project is on hold, but this portion is going ahead because it involves access to the south campus  <b>Ellerslie</b> -- from 66 Street to 115 Street is being paved  <b>41 Avenue SW Interchange</b> -- south of Ellerslie at Calgary Trail (south of the Tourist Center); matching grant from federal gov.  <b>Harry Ainley LRT</b> -- the city voted against a station at Harry Ainley School, and are looking at alternate access.  <b>New transit garage</b> -- slated for Windermere area (currently one in the northwest).  <b>Transportation Master Plan</b> -- stakeholder groups; Donna is looking into whether we had representation in the meetings. The Southwest continues to be the fastest growing area in the city and we should have been at the table.</p>		
11	COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE	Jane Calvert	
	<p>Fred Grieves has taken over as TRAC's Webmaster and we will move forward with changes, including a weekly update. A day will be designated for submissions to Fred so he's not bombarded. We receive \$125 from Servus each month and Fred will receive \$75 of that. A "dotMAC" account was discussed which</p>		
	<p>would allow everyone to go in and update their portion from any computer without interrupting the webmaster. This service costs \$139/yr. The balance of funds can go toward domain name etc.  <b>MOTION:</b> That TRAC pay for a dotMAC account to provide supplementary information in addition to the TRAC website.  Second</p>	<p>Jane Calvert (Brander Gardens)  Jim Hillman (Brookside)</p>	<p>Carried</p>
12	AGM PLANNING		
	<p>Please note that the AGM has been changed to Tuesday, April 17, 2007 and will be held in the main room at the Snow Valley Ski Lodge. John Stanton of the Running Room will be our Guest Speaker and topic ideas were put forward: fitness, biography, running trails in the city and within the TRAC area; programs that will be offered from the Riverbend Square location; community involvement; corporate background.  There may be a mini-meeting at Rob's house before the AGM  <b>MOTION:</b> To spend \$100 on refreshments for the AGM  Second  Nominations from community leagues for ambassadors  - Joe will generate the letter  Nominations for Executive  - have nominating committee contact ambassadors to ascertain their intentions  Harold Hornig has agreed to handle this task on TRAC's behalf; he will contact the ambassadors.  *Jim Hillman will be resigning from his position as Ambassador but he will remain involved with TRAC on the transportation committee and continue to provide the venue for our meetings  *Saeed Rabeeh anticipates having the Leger/Carter Crest</p>	<p>Joe Yurkovich (Rhatigan Ridge)  Sherri Jaillet (Bulyea Heights)</p>	<p>Rob to let Jim Hillman know our requirements for sound etc.   Carried  Joe to generate the ambassador nomination letter   Harold to contact ambassadors regarding their intentions</p>

