

**Ellerslie Community League Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2016 – 6:30-8:30 Grace Point Church**

**Present:** Alicia, Christine, Jerry, Jenn, Jody, Gemma, Barry, Amanda

**Regrets:** Imy, Irfan

**Guests:** Howard Lawrence

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>	
<b>Meeting Called to Order @ 6:40pm</b>			
<b>Intro of Guests</b>	Howard Lawrence from Abundant Community – contracted with city to roll out engagement program for Community Leagues.		
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	Additions/Changes: Add: Under New: First Aid Course, Website		
	<u>Moved:</u> Jerry		<u>Second:</u> Dan
	<u>Passed:</u> Yes		
<b>Adoption of Previous Minutes</b>	Additions/Changes: Added Amanda to “present”, will email rest of changes.		
	<u>Moved:</u> Janna		<u>Second:</u> Gemma
	<u>Passed:</u>		
<b>Standing Agenda Items</b>			
<b>Guests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abundant Community – board received resource guides.</li> <li>• Basic premise – one person on every street/cul de sac</li> <li>• Person “block connector” reminds neighbours of upcoming events, hosts a block party every year, and asks what the person’s vision is for the community. Creates a new ‘social unit’</li> <li>• Can break neighbourhoods into workable units (1000 houses). Each “neighbourhood” has a sub-committee with a neighbourhood connector (leader) and block connectors who have approx. 20 houses.</li> <li>• Many reasons why having block connectors is a good idea (caring for seniors, disaster preparedness, safety, etc).</li> <li>• Survey each house using a standardized form</li> <li>• ACI would work with the ECL to hire a neighbourhood connector through a CIP grant (x3 to cover approx. 3000 households). 400hrs</li> </ul>		

	<p>to find 50 block connectors, after these block connectors are found the person could continue in that role unpaid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACI trains the coordinators, walks with them through the neighbourhood</li> <li>• ACI asks for approx. \$2000 for the initiative (CIP looks at it as a \$20-30,000 endeavor.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>CRC Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Update</li> <li>• Recreation Network – trying to network with agencies and community leagues. Want to invite the ECL to attend a social event to connect with non-profits, etc around our community. Hopefully will be in October, will contact league to see what we'd like in the event. Also will have a bigger event in January with a guest speaker</li> <li>• Year Round greenshack will start again soon</li> <li>• Canada 150 Grant – new initiatives can apply for this grant.</li> <li>• Open house for concept design for SE District Park (south of orchards) to open new recreation center. Tuesday Sept 13 7-8:30pm at meadows recreation center Rm 101. Will have concept design. Will have library as well.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reports</b>	<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about bank account balances</li> <li>• Financials 2015/2016 presented.</li> <li>• Trending financials from 2010-2016 presented</li> <li>• 2016/2017 budget deliberated</li> <li>• Budget requests submitted from Social, Memberships and President.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Amanda to bring balances of all accounts for discussion next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Gemma to look into TechSoup for discounted Quickbooks.</b></p>
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>Charlesworth Park Sign</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haven't heard from the city about locations. Alicia will submit applications for the three locations and see what happens.</li> <li>• Easiest location would be at park, could also get grant, but not best location.</li> <li>• League agrees best would be outside of park for visibility.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Community League Day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 cultural groups have signed up. All groups want to sell things, Janna has said no, but they can make contacts to sell things later.</li> <li>• Has received responses from everyone except lmy. Alicia will call.</li> <li>• Alicia will do signs.</li> <li>• RBC and gracepoint will have a table.</li> <li>• ADmazing books and 50/50 tickets to sell at membership table. Will have square.</li> <li>• Whimsical Entertainment – one person at table</li> <li>• Orbis cannot attend.</li> <li>• Co-Op has given us \$200 giftcard. 40c/ice cream cup at cost.</li> <li>• League needs to purchase drinks/chips and condiments.</li> <li>• Set up for 1pm</li> <li>• Gemma to grab free city passes.</li> <li>• Jerry did not hear back from Save-On</li> </ul>	<p>Amanda to send Beau invoice for movie.</p> <p>Dan – turn on fridge Friday before event.</p> <p>Jenn to grab hockey game and connect 4</p> <p>Barry to contact Magnetic Signs for CL Day</p>
<p><b>Popsicles in the Park</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One case of freezies left in Freezer – bring to community league day.</li> <li>• Was a success – should do again next summer.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>Hockey Arena</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MWPC meeting last week, Alicia asked board if they had experience building an arena. Alicia will speak with the Meadows and Ridgewood. Ridgewood has the boards in good condition, would be willing to sell to us possibly.</li> <li>• 4 Season with building \$700-800,000. \$400,000 without a building.</li> <li>• Possibility to have snowbank rink maintained by community.</li> <li>• Meadows has had issues getting theirs in, 5-6yr process.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>GPC Fall Kickoff BBQ</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBQ is on Sunday – league has done Popcorn Janna, Christine, Gemma &amp; Amanda can help. Popcorn started at 11am, done by 2pm.</li> <li>• Advertise community league events.</li> </ul>	<p>Grab flag banner, flyers ,volunteer list for CL Day and tent.</p>
<p><b>First Aid Course</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard (Nov 5 &amp; 12 \$120 + GST) &amp; Emergency (Nov 5, \$75 +GST) 8am-4pm</li> <li>• Can deliberate during budget talks.</li> </ul>	

<b>Website</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webmail – SSL error noted</li> <li>• Not secure membership form on ECL website noted by community member. Solution is an SSL certificate, approx. \$5-10/m to have a secure email/website.</li> </ul>	Barry to look into cost for SSL certificate.
<b>Notes:</b>		
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<b>Adjournment @ 9:07pm</b>		

**Next Meeting:** September 8, 2016 @ 1830  
Grace Point Church - AGM

Aug 2016 CRC Update for **Ellerslie Community League**

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**FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING**

1. Sent info re: Community League sign. Waiting to hear back from transportation on possible locations. Once the location is confirmed you will need to send in a project request form.
2. I have a copy of the community event equipment list for you event. Please submit at your earliest convenience if you have upcoming events and would like to use City equipment

**GENERAL**

**1. The Park Bench e-NEWSLETTER:**

- Each month you will discover a variety of recreational programs and events, parks/green space initiatives, and social services available across the City of Edmonton, as well as news that is specific to your quadrant of the city (SW, SE, NW, and NE including downtown). To subscribe: [http://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/for\\_communities/the-park-bench-newsletter.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/the-park-bench-newsletter.aspx)

**RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

1. **Summer Programs**
2. **Green Shack**

Site Name	Total # of Entries	Total # of Participants	Average Participants
Ellerslie (PM)	<b>20</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>8.7</b>

**PARKLAND**

**1. Green Shacks**

- The City is planning on leaving the green shacks at all park sites year round to save on transportation costs.

## OPPORTUNITIES, GRANTS & FUNDING

### 1. Free Community Volunteer Training

- This session will be focused on preparing activities for Community League Day!

**When:** Wednesday, August 17th, 2016

**Where:** Ottewell Community League (5920 93a Ave NW, Edmonton)

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Course Code:** 566568 Please register on e-reg or through 311

### 2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPLICATIONS FOR NONPROFITS

*Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations and the Pembina Institute*

**August 31, 8:30 a.m. to noon Fantasyland Hotel**

**\$15 for ECVO members; \$20 for non-members**

- This [session](#) will provide information about energy efficiency initiatives and programs implemented in other centres in North America. You will also learn about the latest developments from the Alberta Climate Change Office; specifically its' plan to involve nonprofits in helping to shape energy efficiency programs.
- Members of the Alberta Energy Efficiency Panel will be in attendance to hear your thoughts and ideas on the types of programs and supports that would help nonprofit organizations transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/energy-efficiency-implications-for-nonprofits-tickets-26329408971>

### 3. Think Tank Conversations: Diversity in your voluntary program

**When:** August 31, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** ECVO/ALIGN Training Room Suite 258, Bonnie Doon Professional Centre

- How do you welcome and affirm diverse volunteers?
- Who is missing from your volunteer base and how do you recruit them?
- What are the barriers to entry for diverse volunteers?
- Join us and evaluate your voluntary program's inclusion practices. Delve into activities that will strengthen your understanding. Learn from others and explore how your volunteer program can celebrate diversity.
- Attend this brainstorming, problem-solving and idea sharing session with an open mind and you will come away feeling rejuvenated and ready to take action!
- Free registration at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/think-tank-conversations-diversity-in-your-voluntary-program-tickets-20003149960>

### 4. Community groups invited to celebrate Canada's 150th

- 2017 will mark Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The City of Edmonton is looking to celebrate this milestone Edmonton-style!
- The City is accepting applications from non-profit organizations that want to host a special event in honour of our nation's 150th anniversary.
- Consideration will be given to celebrations that will engage, connect and inspire Edmontonians, that exhibit collaborative partnerships within the community, and that highlight a "made-in-Edmonton" approach to celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.



- Non-profit organizations are encouraged connect with other groups who share a similar passion to work together to explore the possibilities for hosting community events throughout 2017.
- Organizations interested in applying for City of Edmonton Canada 150 Community Celebrations Sponsorship Grant funding should read through the [information package](#) to determine both organizational and event eligibility. If all of the requirements are met, please fill out the [application](#) and submit it by one of the two deadlines: **September 30, 2016 or March 1, 2017.**
- Community celebrations funded by the City of Edmonton Canada 150 Sponsorship Grant program can take place any time between December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017.
- For more information: [edmonton.ca/Canada150](http://edmonton.ca/Canada150)