

AUBURN BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. | Held Online

MINUTES

1. Introductions of Guests and Board Members

Leanna McMillan (D); Terri Richards (D); Carla Obuck (D); Erica Martin (D); Sarah Ferguson; Joylynn Matheson; Nusrat Jehanara (guest).

- **2.** Call to Order by Chair (Terri Richards) at 7:03 p.m.
- 3. Approval of Agenda. Carla motioned. Tiffany seconded. Approved.
- **4. Approval of past minutes.** Carla motioned. Terri seconded. Approved.

5. Round table discussion

Presentation from guest: Nusrat, Jehanara, Transportation Planning Engineer with City of Calgary)

52 Street East Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Functional Planning Study – We want your feedback! The City of Calgary is working to improve transit along 52 Street East, and we need your help! We're exploring options to upgrade Route 23 into a faster, more reliable Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. As part of this process, we are conducting a Functional Planning Study to gather feedback and shape the future of transit along this important corridor.

How to Get Involved:

- Online Feedback: Share your thoughts from February 10 to March 10 by visiting engage.calgary.ca/52BRT or scan the QR code.
- Pop-Up Events: Look for City of Calgary staff at various locations in February and March to provide your feedback in person. (See engage.calgary.ca/52BRT for location list. The first one is: Seton YMCA: Saturday Feb 15, 2025 10am – 2pm (more pop-up events will be posted on the website).

6. Reports from Advisors and Affiliates (N/A)

- Matt Jones' Office n/a
- Evan Spencer Office Report
 - Catholic School Board Elections: Chantelle Dur has been elected to represent Wards 11 & 12.
 - Ward Community Event Fund: Get applications in asap (before May).

- Op ed: 'Political polarization' threatens local democracy Evan Spencer for Ward
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- <u>Property Assessments</u>: The City of Calgary 2025 Property Assessments have gone out, marking the beginning of the Customer Review Period that ends March 21, 2025.
- <u>52 Street East BRT Functional Planning Study</u>
- Connect with your Councillor at the Seton YMCA (3-7):February 21, March 21, April 11, May 16
- Civic Arts Policy Engagement Civic Arts Policy | Engage
- Community Resource Officer n/a
- Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator Joylynn report
 - Annual Requirements Letter: Sent to us via email.
 - Service Measures Infographic
 - Circular Economy Grant In 2023 and 2024, the CEG has provided funding to 13 organizations that piloted circular economy initiatives in Calgary. You can learn more about them at www.calgary.ca/ceq.
 - <u>Inspiring Neighbourhood Grant</u>: Beautification and Placemaking Maximum Funding \$15,000 funding increase for 2025.
- o Tom Kmiec's Office n/a
- Auburn Bay Residents' Association/Auburn House
 - March 8 Nerf games
 - March 18 Coffee with a cop
 - April 7 ABRA Board
 - April 12 Easter Egg hunt
 - April 12-19 Easter scavenger hunt
 - April 15 Coffee with a cop

7. President's Report

Moment of reflection from outgoing President, Terri Richards. It included a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers and everyone that has made an impact for this amazing community.

8. Treasurer's Report

• Everything is filed for the Casino Report. I will need to follow-up to confirm some of the classifications and clarity on use of funds.

9. Social Media Updates/Communications Report

FB Followers: 4,871 FB New Followers: -4 FB Post Engagement: 28 IG Followers: 1,453
IG Accounts Views: 837
IG Accounts Interactions: 14

10. Community Garden Update

- Asked previous gardeners to see if they want to be part of a committee on the future of the gardens. Based on those conversations, I would like to get the gardeners involved to drive projects forward. We have a list of the community garden projects, we need to be more active at the site and need volunteers to step up.
- Nelson's Gravel: They are donating the blocks for the water to sit on.
- Feb 15: registration for the gardens opened for the plots.

11. Newsletter Updates - nothing new

12. Community Garden

- Gazebo: Shelter that is in Deer Ridge and Parkland and the potential of us doing something similar on our LOC site. It would be open for people to come by for events, for family dinners, and as a place we can host day-camps, etc.
 - **Grant**:The Council COmmunity Fund could be a funding source
 - **Quote**: 35 x 35 shelter professionally built and installed would be \$150,000 plus the permitting fees. Then we would also need picnic tables. It would have concrete rings that the picnic tables would attach and they can be moved. We are still waiting to hear back about Power.

13. Sports & Events Report

- Foothills registration is now open and is posted on our website.
- 14. Other business not covered above n/a
- **15. Next meeting** is March 12, 2025.
- 16. Adjournment at 8:16 p.m.