

# Edmonton Pride Seniors Group: (Zoom) Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: July 5, 2021. 4pm start time via Zoom

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ATTENDANCE: ✓ = present R = regrets			
Attendees			
✓	Michael Phair	R	Laurie Winder
✓	Alvin Schrader	✓	Liz Massiah
✓	Dave Gilbert	✓	Paul
R	Dawn Carter	✓	Thais McKee
R	Eric Storey	✓	Ron Byers
✓	Jan Schmitz	✓	Sydney Goss
✓	Joan White Calf	✓	Larry Jewel
✓	John Toogood		<i>Members in Memoriam: Robert Smith &amp; Sherri McKibbon</i>

Agenda Item	Pertinent Discussion and Decisions Made	Actions, By When&Whom	Actions Completed?
Welcome & Introductions: Michael	Frank Kense, Board Chair, GUALP (owns & operates The Ashbourne)		
EPSC website:Ron	Due to technical difficulties this topic was not addressed, a "Communications" sub-committee was formed, it will meet and report back during our next 'special meeting' (proposed date is July 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Michael will call this sub-committee to a meeting, this week	
GUALP presentation: from Garneau United Church to The Ashbourne: Frank	<p>-1995-96: feasibility study identified need for a new seniors residence in Edmonton,</p> <p>-a new society &amp; an Alberta #Co. were created to handle the land &amp; funds raised, successful fundraising raised \$1.4m from individual investors who participated in 'investment opportunity', \$ used to purchase land adjacent to the church, additional financing was secured, the construction was completed in 2020,</p> <p>- initially, GUALP had two external collaborators ( St. Michael's &amp; Sheppard's Care) both have been instrumental to the success of the project,</p> <p>Take-aways: (1) outright purchase of land gave GUALP control over the project (2) collaborators each offered unique resources essential to the success of the project (3) our project has an advantage because we c/should be able to appeal to our 'community' to fundraise and inhabit the residence, this niche makes this project unique among other Edmonton senior residences.</p>	Follow-up discussions with Frank & GUALP are needed to obtain more details about the 'investment opportunity' and the necessary legal structures required	

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<p>Land &amp; Housing:Paul &amp; Blair/Sydney</p> <p>Blair</p> <p>Michael/Jan</p>	<p>-we've updated and met new agent for CMHC, Liane Degenais, see Paul's 'notes' attached</p> <p>- The Eric Cormack Centre and City of Edmonton's interest in affordable housing, see attached 'notes'</p> <p>Communitas is not making any changes to the 'use' of their property, at this time.</p> <p>Jan: encouragement from Jackie Foord, re: City land</p> <p>Michael Walters 'interested' in our housing project, may be able to loop in "Home Ed" with our project &amp; our follow-up with Jackie Foord</p> <p>Michael identified several other interesting 'sites', see his notes attached</p> <p>More work needed to identify 'developers' who could be approached,</p>	<p>Follow-up needed re: Federal Lands Initiative &amp; with City's Director, Capital Planning, Robert Craig for ideas about the ECC &amp; other City 'affordable housing' initiatives</p> <p>Follow-up about next steps needed for all these topics</p>	
<p>Tri-City: Michael</p>	<p>Fed \$ have been received by Sage, additionally, \$10k has been approved by Edmonton Community Foundation-to be used by EPSG for internal admin. Tasks/contract a co-ordinator for 2-3 months</p>	<p>We need to identify &amp; contract someone for this short term role</p>	
<p>Education Committee: Larry</p>	<p>-collaboration continues between Pride Centre, EPSG &amp; Sage for Seniors Program, could begin as early as October,</p> <p>Larry and Michael did a Pride month presentation, a look back on Edmonton during the Aids crisis,</p> <p>Eric &amp; Michael attended a Prime Timers event in June about 'gay &amp; lesbian' perspectives ala 1950's-1970's ...also spoke out our housing project 😊</p>	<p>PC will send 1<sup>st</sup> draft of MOU to Larry &amp; Jan</p>	
<p>Special Meeting: July 19th</p>	<p>Due to the number of follow-ups to be done &amp; decisions to be made about future direction, EPSG will hold a special meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>...via Zoom, Agenda to follow</p>	<p>Michael will prepare the Agenda</p>	
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>July 19<sup>th</sup>? To be confirmed, Aug 9 &amp; Sept 7</p>		