University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim and Emily Ball; Guests: Hugh Warren, John Mercer, Grachella Garcia

Community members: Janet Palmer (Garneau), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Cory Dawson (Belgravia), Jeannette Smit (Bonnie Doon)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked all to introduce themselves and indicate which community they represent.

1. Slowpoke decommissioning: Hugh Warren and John Mercer
   a. The nuclear reactor called SLOWPOKE will be decommissioned by the end of 2017 or early 2018. The reactor is situated in the Dentistry Pharmacy Building and to maintain the facility during and following the planned redevelopment of this building would be a very expensive option costing millions of dollars. With this cost and other considerations it was decided that the reactor will be decommissioned.
   b. Slowpoke has been on site since 1977. It is small research reactor with an important role in a variety of research areas including medical research. It is not a power reactor or a source for nuclear energy. It produces neutrons which can be used for isotope production and for elemental analysis. While operating in its usual mode it produces about the same energy required to operate a kettle and toaster at the same time. It is very safe; no issues have ever risen from this reactor. The U of A is among four SLOWPOKE reactors presently in use across Canada.
   c. Because it is a nuclear facility the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) oversees its operations and is fully involved in every aspect of the decommissioning process. The process for decommissioning requires a detailed plan that is used to justify the "License to Decommission" granted by CNSC. U of A has until 2019 to complete this process after which the United States Department of Energy would no longer accept the fuel core at their disposal site in Savannah River. All security and protocols are quite confidential and all must be approved by the CNSC.
   d. A consultation process was mandated by the CNSC – obligating a public awareness process and an open house to inform about the reactor’s decommissioning process and timeline. U of A submitted a consultation plan and the CNSC approved the plan for implementation. The open house is slated for Thursday, October 6 from 4pm – 7pm.
   e. Mail drops for residents within 60 meters from the North Campus area providing information about the October 6th open house is complete. In addition signs have been erected in numerous locations, an ad has been placed in the Edmonton Journal, and information about the open house has been placed on the U of A website. Other internal communications measures will also be used. Aboriginal communities within a 50km radius of the facility were also engaged to come to the open house.
   f. Question arose about the renovations in the Dentistry-Pharmacy building. H. Warren spoke about $250M worth of redevelopment that needs to be done and no funds have yet been identified. Meanwhile, the west wing has been demolished down to the original craftsmanship.
of the building, east wing is used for police, RCMP and defense department training, north tower is occupied by Government of Alberta Education for marking of exams (three year agreement), and exterior will not be touched to maintain the traditional architecture.

2. Campus Community Recreation (CCR): Grachella Garcia
   a. This is a new branch overseeing programming for the campus and general community.
   b. Most activities are on North Campus with activities also held on South Campus through the Saville Centre. Nothing has been programmed yet through CCR at Campus St. Jean, although they would like to try a partnership with them.
   c. Augustana also has their own programming and they share usage time with the City of Camrose.
   d. G. Garcia asked if there are public community spaces that CCR help program and depending on the activity – partner with the community or rent the space. She is also seeking ideas for how CCR and the community may come together for mutually beneficial programming.
   e. An idea brought forward is there seems to be a lack of programing for seniors – this might be an opportunity.

3. Community engagement activities: Anastasia Lim
   a. Base Camp 2016 took place on August 30 – four communities submitted projects: McKernan, Lendrum, Grandview and Bonnie Doon. The afternoon went very well. Call for projects again will come out next March/April. A. Lim will write up a short brief on projects that have taken place as ideas for leagues that have not put forward projects in the past.
   b. Community League Day – A. Lim was out with Ambassadors to a few leagues who invited her out. The Ambassadors were at a community BBQ at Bonnie Doon, engaged with citizens and were in mascot costumes at Riverbend Art in Our Park, and A Lim went to the Donor Wall and new hockey rink ribbon cutting at McKernan.
   c. The 57th annual Turkey Trot will take place on Sunday, September 25 at 10am. Windsor Park was informed early on about road closures and the walk/run route.
   d. Alumni Weekend activities – September 23 to 25 – please see the website and come join campus for festivities.
   e. Loopy Lunch will take place on the bus loop on Wednesday, September 28 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Come join the campus community as eight food trucks will be on site selling their delicious food for lunch. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the United Way campaign.
   f. Speakers’ Bureau was launched last year and has been very successful. We have almost 50 speakers now registered on the site; profiles will include bios and their topics. If communities wish to have a speaker come to a large community gathering (25+ people) or an AGM gathering, University Relations can arrange to find a speaker for you. Please visit uab.ca/speakers to see the roster of speakers.
   g. Sesquicentennial celebrations – Canada celebrates its 150 anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The university will have celebrations. The U of A team started discussions about what we can do, but no concrete events are on the calendar yet. We will invite the community to participate once those events and dates have been determined. If there are any community based events that our neighbours would like the university to participate, please also let us know.
h. Any ideas the community has for engagement events or initiatives please put them forward. We look for opportunities to maintain good relationships and to engage with our neighbours.

4. Community sharing – nothing put forward
5. Adjournment (8:30pm)