

Action Sandy Hill / Action Côte-de-Sable

Meeting of the Board of Directors / Rencontre du conseil d'administration

Monday May 28, 2012/ le 28 mai 2012

Sandy Hill Community Centre / Centre communautaire de la Côte-de-Sable

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In attendance : Christopher Collmorgen, John Verbaas, Sam Almsaddi, Sophie Beecher, Claire MacDonald, Jawad Qreshi, Marcia George, Mona Frendo

Absent: Jane Gurr, Liz Kessler, Eric Crighton, Julie Croteau, Francois Bregha, Kyle Simunovic, Elaine Koren

1. Words of welcome and introduction of all in attendance.
2. Review and approval of agenda – Sam moved to approve and seconded by Jawad.
3. Review and approval of minutes (April) – John moved and seconded by Sam.
4. Councillor's report (Mathieu Fleury) – Nathaniel Mullin delivered the Councillor's report in his absence.
 - Derelict Properties – 197-201 Wilbrod continues to be an issue for community even though lower windows have been boarded up. When asked why upper windows and holes in roof are not sealed, Nathaniel advised he was told there was no mechanism to force their closure. Consensus from the Board is that this remains unsightly, unsafe and unfair and is not in line with the condition of neighboring properties.
 - Stratchona Park Clean Up – the garbage and debris in Dutchy's Hole has been removed and OCHC and the City will be planting a hedge at the top of the parking lot to delineate OCHC property and the park to ensure that boundaries for snow and garbage storage are respected.
 - St. Patrick's Day Follow Up – only some of the owners of the 18 addresses that were called in to 311 received a letter from the City regarding the involvement of their tenants in the events of St. Patrick's Day. Nathaniel to follow up with OPS and Bylaw to get breakdown of how many addresses actually received fines. ASH still awaiting response from Mayor to the letter sent on 5 April, 2012. Christopher to follow up with Mayor's office.
 - July 1 Strategy – OPS and Bylaw to be principal response and they will both be starting much sooner. Bylaw to add two additional officers and Town and Gown Working Group to flesh out strategy. OPS will be stretched that day due to resources be channeled to downtown. OPS to be reminded to use all tools at their disposal – including *Highway Traffic Act* – to crack down on public drinking and street parties.
5. Questions from the floor/ questions du public - none

Committee reports

6. Planning, development and transportation
 - 85 Range Road – Plans are afoot for construction to begin as early as November, 2012. Homestead has issues as to what to do with existing tenant cars (90) and worker vehicles (30-40) when they being construction of garage. Proposal is to use ball diamond in Strathcona Park for 18 months though it would remove use of field from public use for almost three years until new grass is ready for use. City opposes use of public park space for such an activity. Jane to meet with Fleury, Parks and Rec and Homestead to discuss scenarios on 29 May, 2012.
 - New Infill Guidelines – 7 June, 2012, is the date to oppose the new infill guidelines. They are expected to pass.
 - New Bridge to Gatineau – in two weeks there will be public hearing to discuss the three proposed locations for the new bridge and gather public input. John Verbaas and Sophie Beecher to form group and determine the ASH position on the bridge options and truck route situation and possible form alliances with other community associations.
7. By-laws and environment
 - Noise Bylaw amendment – was heard at Committee on 17 May, 2012. ASH made presentation. No speakers opposed and it was adopted unanimously by Committee. Claire reviewed the four additional motions brought forward by Councillor Fleury that were also adopted. Amendment goes before full Council on 13 June, 2012 for vote and is expected to pass.
8. Special events
 - AGM de-brief – overall, AGM went very well and a good number of booths were set up around the room. Attendance was down this year and more advertisement is required for next year. It appeared that many members that signed up last year did not receive an invitation via e-mail. Steps to be taken to investigate and remedy. Elections were held and two new members joined the Board – Elaine Koren and Jawad Qureshi.

Councillor Fleury unable to attend but Mat Genest and Nathaniel Mullin delivered his report. MPP Meilleur and MP Belanger also in attendance.

- Upcoming events
 - Betty Hyde Fair on 2 June, 2012 – Claire to attend to promote ASH.
 - Community BBQ in September.
 - Community yard sale in September.

9. Community relations

- Town and Gown
 - Kingston Symposium – Christopher and Sam provided a brief review of the events of the Symposium in Kingston on 13-15 May, 2012. Highlights included discussion of an increase to the “Heads and Beds” levy paid to municipalities that host provincial institutions, an update on licensing of rental properties in Ontario, student-led community initiatives at schools across the province, and the relationship that was strengthened between the nine (9!) Ottawa delegates that attended, including three from the University of Ottawa. The full trip report is attached.
 - Town and Gown Association of Ontario – Sam joined the Board of Directors while in Kingston (a two year commitment) and his position will bring Eastern Ontario representation to the TGAO and strengthen Town and Gown presence in Ottawa.
- Town and Gown Committee – an *ad hoc* working group will meet on 13 June, 2012 to discuss strategy for Canada Day and Welcome Week in September. TGC to be formally launched in September, likely a week or two after Welcome Week.
- Centre 454 – Francois absent - no update.

10. Membership and Outreach

11. Election.

- Website update – The website continues to be developed and is expected to be operational before the next meeting. Content is being sought to populate the site.
- Membership update – The AGM netted \$189 in membership fees versus \$275 last year, likely due to the lower attendance at the AGM. Membership drive was discussed, perhaps to coincide with the launch of the website and the on-line registration tool. Also, discussions of using other platforms, like Facebook and Twitter, were discussed.

12. Election/Appointment of Executive

- It was discussed that the current configuration of two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer worked well and those in attendance were amenable to retaining the configuration. All incumbents expressed a desire to continue in their roles for another year. There were no challenges by those present. Board members that were not present will be asked if they wish to run for any position. If not, the Executive structure and membership will remain the same for 2012-2013.

13. Future Meetings

- Next Working Group meetings:
 - The Bylaw and Community Environment Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, 4 June, 2012.
 - The Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, 11 June, 2012.
- Community Leaders Breakfast with the Mayor – Christopher to attend on 11 June, 2012 to represent ASH.
- Next ASH Board meeting: 25 June, 2012.
- Board Retreat – July (date TBD)

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.