

# **Action Sandy Hill/Action Côte-de-Sable**

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

Monday, August 27, 2012/ lundi, le 27 août 2012

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Present/Présents : Sam Almsaddi, Sophie Beecher, Christopher Collmorgen, Julie Crôteau, Jane Gurr, Elaine Koren, Councillor Mathieu Fleury, Nathaniel Mullin, Matthew Laker

Regrets/Absents: François Bregha, Eric Creighton, Mona Frendo, Marcia George, Liz Kessler, Alice Kwong, Claire MacDonald, Jawad Quereshi, Kyle Simunovic, and John Verbaas

## **Record of Meeting/Compte rendu de la réunion**

### **1. Introduction (17h00)**

Christopher welcomed Board members, and guests, including Councillor Mathieu Fleury.

### **2. Review and approval of agenda (Elaine/Jane)**

### **3. Approval of Minutes of the Retreat (Julie/Christopher)**

### **4. Councillor's Report (given by Mathieu Fleury)**

- Town & Gown Committee (initial meeting held that afternoon, August 27, 2012 from 16h00 to 17h30)
  - Terms of Reference were ratified
  - Credit was given to ASH for all the background work that had been done to establish the Committee (ASH trip to London, ON, in October 2011 and again the T&G Symposium in May, 2012)
  - Mathieu wants to submit the *ad hoc* September Strategy Working Group report to City of Ottawa at the next Protective Services Committee meeting
  - He agreed to be the initial chair of Town & Gown Committee (rotating chair with one year term)
- Richcraft
  - Questions about Charlotte/Rideau
  - Irrigation and drainage issues, which need to be revised in the Site Plan, have been the cause of the delay in proceeding on the demolition and installation of the park.
  - Mathieu indicated that site plan approval will require addressing irrigation issues
  - No timeline given as to when this can be expected.
- Rideau Street reconstruction
  - More work has been completed to the east of King Edward than expected
  - So far, the project is on time and within budget
- Downtown Casino

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- Mathieu maintains that raceway site should be for the casino
- A number of proposals have been submitted for different sites such as the Arts Court, Lebreton Flats, Lansdowne Park
- Councillor Fleury is opposed to a casino in his ward
  
- Co-Chair United Way Campaign for the City of Ottawa
  - Mathieu is the new campaign Co-chair for United Way (replacing Max Keeping)
  - Angie Poirier from Magic 100 is involved as co-chair
  
- Interprovincial bridge
  - Once the NCC submits its report, the focus would be on funding of the project
  - It is anticipated funding will come from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec as well as the federal government
  - Mathieu agrees that a reasonable solution involves a reduction of truck traffic
  
- Visioning piece of Byward Market
  - Possibly set stage for visioning piece of Sandy Hill
  - Look at University of Ottawa to pay 50% and City of Ottawa to pay 50% for project

### **Committee Reports**

#### **5. Planning, Development and Transportation** (given by Sophie Beecher and Jane Gurr)

- Abandoned properties
  - Wilbrod St. (@Cumberland and Wilbrod)
  - Boarded up buildings on King Edward Avenue (formerly used for Social Sciences)
  - No news or updates have been provided regarding the University of Ottawa 20 year plan
  
- 142-144 Osgoode Street
  - Variances have been applied for re: parking (5 spots reduced to 4, cash-in-lieu) and set-back to fire escape
  - It was a licensed 19 room rooming-house that has been converted to 8 apartments. Additional storey to be added to existing structure at the rear, resulting in 10 apartments.
  - Developer is seeking to avoid a fight about the addition and wants ASH's agreement to their proposal.
  - Sam consulted with the developer and has advised that ASH should not oppose the new construction because the property has been greatly improved over its previous state, despite the addition of an extra two units.

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- In-fill Properties existing in Sandy Hill
  - Next step to In-fill study is underway
  - City is looking for residents in Sandy Hill to offer access to their properties for the City to view how in-fills are affecting neighbours
  - Names to be sent by e-mail to Sophie
- Interprovincial bridge
  - Meeting held at Councillor Fleury's office with representatives from ASH (Sophie Beecher & John Verbaas), Lowertown, Rideau and Byward Market BIAs
  - Sophie discussed the issue of establishing key messages and strategy
  - Next meeting within 2 months, John sent an e-mail to the Councillor's office to discuss strategy prior to the next meeting of all groups.
  - They will meet with Councillor Fleury prior to the next meeting of Lowertown, Rideau and Byward Market BIAs
  - John and Sophie to develop a strategy and communications messaging if needed.
- 2010 Heritage Report
  - Research done around 2005,
  - Sophie and Katherine Spencer-Ross will meet City of Ottawa to discuss heritage plan and visioning exercise
- 6. By-laws and Environment** (given by Christopher Collmorgen)
  - Walk about on September 6 (between 3 and 7 p.m.)
    - ASH in collaboration with Ottawa Police Services, By-law officers), U of O Housing Services, 33 student advisors, U of O administration, and residents will go door to door
    - 750 to 1000 information kits for distribution
    - Plan door drops and visit the more problematic addresses.
    - Contact Christopher about participation (via e-mail)
- 7. Special Events** (given by Christopher Collmorgen and Sam Almsaddi)
  - September 8, Yard sale in Sandy Hill from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
    - Encourage neighbours to participate
  - September 15, BBQ
    - Tables will display information from various groups including the UofO Student Federation, Ottawa Police Services (OPS), Bylaw Committee, ASH membership drive, Betty Hyde, Strathcona Heights homework club, Bylaw Services, etc.
    - Issues with BBQ this year - SFUO has made a policy not to loan out their BBQ - Jane will contact them so see if they will make an exception in their

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policy for our BBQ on the grounds it is a community bbq aimed at welcoming students back to the neighbourhood.

- Proposed menu will include veggie burger and dogs as well as hamburgers and hotdogs

### **8. Town & Gown/Community Relations** (given by Christopher Collmorgen)

- Initial meeting on August 27, 2012: Soft Launch
  - November meeting will be the formal launch
  - Adopted terms of reference will be passed
  - Rotating chair (between the City of Ottawa-University of Ottawa-Sandy Hill Community) for a one year term
  - A Nomination Committee Working Group was struck to solicit nominations for the position of Resident at Large and Landlord Representative for Sandy Hill,
  - T& G will meet three times annually (November, March-April and beginning of August) to review progress and set priorities.
  - Working Groups of T&G will be struck and meet as needed

### **9. Membership and Outreach** (given by Christopher Collmorgen)

- Website in limbo until Kyle and Andrej return from Europe
- Increasing membership and communications with members is key for this year, including BBQ
- Christopher reminded Directors to get their 10 new members

### **10.** Next Board of Directors is scheduled for meeting September 24, 2012.