

## **Sandy Hill Northwest Neighbourhood Improvement Group (SHNNIG)**

### Minutes

Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 (6-7:30pm)

Present: Councillor Mathieu Fleury (Ward 12, Rideau-Vanier), Dave Ro (St. Joe's Supper Table), Keith Nuthall (Neighbours of St. Alban's), Judy Armstrong (Neighbours of St. Alban's), Rev. Mark Whittall (St. Alban's Anglican Church), François Bregha (Action Sandy Hill), Mary-Martha Hale (Centre 454), Rebecca Volk (Centre 454), Tania McCumber (By-law and Regulatory Services, City of Ottawa), Insp. Uday Jaswal (Ottawa Police Service), Jim Hubay (200 Rideau Condominium), Nathaniel Mullin (Councillor's Assistant)

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Fleury welcomed the group to its inaugural meeting and indicated how pleased he was to see how this group came together.

#### 2. Review of the agenda

The group generally agreed on the agenda for the meeting.

#### 3. Roundtable on the objectives, vision and expectations of the committee

François from ASH said that this should be a forum to discuss issues and find solutions to these. Keith Nuthall indicated that he would like to see presence of the Downtown Rideau Business Improvement Area, and that every effort should be made to encourage them to attend. Councillor Fleury indicated that he sees this as an excellent place to exchange information and share strategies so that the community is better served by all the area's service providers and community groups.

#### 4. Consideration of the draft Terms of Reference

Some amendments were made to the draft before a general agreement was reached by the group to accept these. An amendment was made to section 5.1 to add the 200 Rideau Street Condominium Board. Also, a suggestion was made to invite St. Paul's Eastern United Church, the University of Ottawa as well as the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa (the Councillor's office will make these invitations prior to the next meeting). Another amendment was made to completely remove section 6.3, which is the section referencing voting. It was agreed upon that the committee would work on a consensus model. Further to this, an amendment was made to section 7.1 by removing its last sentence, and replacing it by: "The proposed change would have to be debated and prior to its adoption, a consensus would need to be met on it."

## 5. Stakeholder Updates

- Councillor Fleury gives a brief update on the Rideau Street Renewal project (beginning construction in June 2012) and the St. Patrick's Day activities, which were deemed by the members to not be as intense in Sandy Hill Northwest. It was highlighted that in the future by-law will continue to coordinate with police on enforcement and to put additional resources on when it is anticipate that heavier than normal activity will be taking place.
- Insp. Jaswal speaks to the call volume in the area. Mostly seeing break and enters and crimes of opportunity such as thefts from vehicles. Overall, crime in this area is on the decrease. Insp. Jaswal also highlights the fact that crack and heroin are trending upward at the moment.
- Tania McCumber of By-law and Regulatory Services indicated the majority of their calls for service in this area are noise and property standards. Jim Hubay identified the alcoves at the Metro as an issue for property standards.
- Diane Morrison of the Ottawa Mission said that her numbers saw an increase in January. She also speaks about the importance of coordinating response with other organizations.
- Dave Ro advises that his numbers have seen approximately a 20% increase over January and February.
- Mary-Martha Hale speaks about Centre 454's desire to continue to create a safe environment for their clients, especially as their move comes closer (set for June 2012). She indicates that since OxyContin is no longer available, people are turning to unfamiliar drugs. She also explains that intoxicated and disruptive individuals are asked to leave.
- Jim Hubay offered that the 200 Rideau condominium would propose a project for the community at their upcoming AGM; details for this are to come.

## 6. Other

Councillor Fleury asks everyone to bring an issue or a concern to the table for the next meeting.

## 7. Next Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at St. Joe's Church.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Councillor Fleury at 7:30pm.