

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010, 7:00
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Rencontre du Conseil d'administration d'Action Côte-de-Sable
Lundi le 26 avril 2010, 19h
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Present/Présents:

Janice Bernstein, François Bregha, Céline Heinbecker, Giulio Maffini, Kathryn McCallion, Robert Stehle, John Verbaas Judy Vincent,.

Regrets/Absents:

Sophie Beecher, Didier Delahousse, Ted Horton, Ryan Kennery, Derek Reid, Kyle Rik, Joshua Zanin.

1. Welcome / Mot de bienvenue

Robert Stehle welcomed participants and chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour

Moved by Janice Bernstein, seconded by Giulio Maffini.

3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting / Approbation du compte-rendu de la dernière réunion

Moved by Kathryn McCallion, seconded by François Bregha.

4. Councillor's report / Compte-rendu de l'échevin

The Councillor reported as follows:

- King Edward Avenue will be closed between Besserer and Laurier for most of the summer for water and sewage work. During that time, northbound traffic will be redirected towards Nicholas and Waller. One lane of southbound traffic will remain open.
- Traffic calming measures will be implemented on Friel and Chapel during the summer.

- Mr. Bedard invited ASH to take a formal position on the proposal to extend a City by-law to control inappropriate behaviour on City streets and sidewalks. SFUO opposes this proposal.

ACTION: Robert Stehle will meet SFUO to understand their concerns and seek to reach a consensus. He will draft a proposal for an e-mail vote by the Board by May 26.

- Mr. Bedard sought the views of ASH on a proposal to make it easier for the City to fine leaseholders and, in the case of repeated offences, landlords, for excessive noise complaints.
- Mr. Bedard would like ASH to support the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Rideau River at the foot of Somerset St.

5. Issues raised from the floor

- The rehabilitation of sewers in Robinson Village is raising concerns about the noise of the generators.
- What are the obligations of businesses in relation to litter and garbage?

ACTION: Kahryn McCallion will draft a list of questions for City staff to determine the parameters within which residents can help keep the neighbourhood clean. Mr. Bedard's office will establish the appropriate contacts with City staff.

- When will the City post a sign in Sandy Hill park that it is reconsidering the right of residents to let dogs off-leash in the park? This sign should be going up any day. While the consultations are expected to be difficult, there are increasing signs of use conflict in the park.
- Concerns were raised about the parking associated with the proposed Shoppers' Drug Mart on Rideau St. and the upkeep of its landscaping on Besserer St.

6. Advocacy activities

Beautification committee

The committee held its second meeting last week and is recruiting volunteers. It is identifying priority actions to pursue, including how to raise the profile of its activities. It will work with the University to recruit students to its work.

Heritage

ASH is working with the organisers of Jane's Walk to organise 2 walks through Sandy Hill on May 2 starting from All Saints Church (11 am for the English walk; 1 pm for the French walk). There was some discussion about ASH funding a history of Sandy Hill (in written form or on film) but it was agreed that ASH would only be able to fund a portion of such a project.

85 Range Rd.

The Steering Committee continues to meet regularly. It has hired a planner and a lawyer to advise it and is preparing to negotiate with the developer in advance of an OMB hearing scheduled for July. It appreciates the support it has received from Mr. Bedard.

Interprovincial bridge

The current study phase will end in June with the formal environmental assessment of the 3 current options to start in the Fall. Given that none of these options may remove most of the truck traffic on King Edward, a number of community associations are asking the NCC to include a fourth option in its study phase to cover the possibility of building a tunnel from the Macdonald-Cartier bridge to Nicholas.

MOTION: ASH supports the inclusion of a tunnel option in the environmental assessment of an interprovincial bridge (John Verbass proposes; François Bregha supports; motion carried).

7. Community-building activities

Web-site

Robert Stehle will ask Ryan Kennery to report by email on the status of the website.

8. Organisational activities

Financial report

There were no substantive issues to report

Membership recruitment

Janice Bernstein explained the purpose of the proposed canvass of the enighbourhood and distributed information on how to conduct it. She will drop off supporting materials at the Community Centre for pick-up and has started to assign routes to Board members. She will email additional information and is inviting Board members to do as much canvassing as possible before the AGM.

AGM

François Bregha asked Board members to show up by 6 pm the day of the AGM to help set up. He outlined the status of various planning activities and suggested that the AGM planning committee meet once more prior to the AGM. It was agreed that ASH should not name a Volunteer of the Year unless it can find a truly-meritorious candidate.

9. Additional items

- Robert Stehle will replace Kathryn McCallion on as ASH representative on the FCA.
- François Bregha reported on an inter-faith poverty audit he had attended on behalf of ASH.
- Robert Stehle gave special thanks to Giulio Maffini and Kathryn McCallion who are retiring as directors for all the work they had done for ASH.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.