

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting
Monday, August 30, 2008, 7 pm
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Rencontre du Conseil d'administration d'Action Côte-de-Sable
Lundi le 30 août 2010, 19 :00 h
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Present/Présents:

Sam Almsaddi, Sophie Beecher, Janice Bernstein, François Bregha, Christopher Collmorgen, Jane Gurr, Céline Heinbecker, Ted Horton, Jill McFarland, Kyle Ric, Robert Stehle, Mona Staples, John Verbaas Judy Vincent.

Regrets/Absents:

Ryan Kennery, Joshua Zanin.

1. Welcome / Mot de bienvenue

Robert Stehle welcomed the observers to the meeting.

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

Robert Stehle noted that the meeting's agenda would be more fluid than usual because of several last-minute additions.

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

Jane Gurr suggested the following change in wording in the minutes of the Board retreat: "You will recall that at the retreat Sophie and Jane volunteered to co-chair the planning working group. Upon reflection, in the time since the retreat, Robert had second thoughts about stepping away from chairing the planning working group and asked Jane if she would cede that role to him, to be shared with Sophie. Jane agreed",

François Bregha moved (Céline Heinbecker seconded) adoption of the minutes of the June Board meeting, the Board retreat (as amended) and the August working group meeting. Carried

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

Mr. Bédard reported as follows:

- The artwork, that was part of the renovation of Sandy Hill park, has been installed. It will be officially unveiled at the September BBQ.
- A developer is proposing to build a condominium tower on an empty lot close to the corner of Rideau and Augusta. Mr. Bédard will arrange a meeting between ASH and the developer.
- Two four-story condominiums are proposed for Robinson Village. They would require the tearing down of some existing buildings but fit within zoning rules.
- Claridge is negotiating the construction of Phases 2 and 3 of its Rideau St development (at Cumberland) with the City Design Committee.

5. Issues raised from the floor

- Can residents ask for the installation of four-way stop signs? These stop signs are erected based on traffic volume and accident records. Janice Bernstein will consult John Verbaas and propose at the next Board meeting that ASH write a letter to the City proposing specific new stop signs in Sandy Hill.
- Can pedestrian crossing at King Edward and Laurier be made safer? Current traffic volumes may not justify an all-way pedestrian crossing, followed by traffic crossing.
- What is the purpose of the pylons on the Lees Ave bridge? They redirect traffic while work is being done to strengthen the bridge structure that has been corroded by salt.
- How does the Councillor spend his budget? The information is available on the City website.

6. Advocacy activities

85 Range Rd.

An OMB hearing took place on July 26 and approved the building design and site plan that had been negotiated by the developer and the community. The OMB Adjudicator asked that the developer consult the community before the site plan was finalised. The developer is also awaiting proposals for community benefits that it might fund. Jane Gurr has agreed to draft a note on lessons learned from the experience for future reference.

362 Templeton

ASH and area residents met City officials to express their concern about the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a de facto rooming house. They learned that as long as fire regulations were respected and minimum space per occupant provided, there was very little that they could do. They remain concerned about the possible deterioration of a large property as a result of reduced upkeep.

Laurier House

Drawings for the new visitor centre are available for viewing.

Beautification committee

The committee continues to meet monthly. It has approached Bed and Breakfast establishments for their support and is seeking a price estimate to post signs encouraging neighbours to keep Sandy Hill beautiful. It has also asked for community input on where new City garbage cans could be installed and will 'adopt' Laurier Ave for two years (The City will place a sign to this effect soon). The Committee is also trying to set up a meeting with the Bylaw office to understand better how complaints about community standards are handled.

Heritage

Céline and Mona will develop ideas on how to engage students under the University's Experiential Learning Program.

7. Community-building activities

Community BBQ

The date is likely to be September 19. The University and the SFUO have agreed to contribute to the event. The program will include food, music, display tables and the unveiling of the artwork in the park. SFUO will publicize the BBQ in an email it will send incoming students. Janice Bernstein needs additional volunteers to help organize the event.

All-candidates debate

The debate will take place on September 30 or October 5. ASH is recruiting a moderator and has received several expressions of interest from other community organizations and the SFUO to co-sponsor the debate.

8. Organisational activities

Financial report

ASH will have \$3900 (excluding a GIC) in the bank after having paid for the artwork in the park (with a City grant). Judy Vincent proposed that Board members could incur expenditures of up to \$100 (supported by receipts) without prior Board approval and should talk to her and seek Board approval for expenditures above \$100.

Robert Stehle noted that he would like ASH to set up a Community Renewal and Development Fund to be allocated to community improvements.

Board voting procedures

It was agreed that the Board should make decisions outside its monthly Board meetings as the need arises, using the following procedure:

- A Board member would propose a motion, seconded by a colleague, explaining the rationale (where required) and giving a reasonable deadline for the vote.
- Board members should vote by replying to all in their email so that the vote is transparent.
- The vote will carry if a majority votes in favour and eight or more Board members vote.
- Such votes will be recorded in the minutes of the next scheduled Board meeting.

Board membership

Ryan Kennery is leaving the Board as he has moved to the City's west end but is willing to volunteer some of his time. ASH could ask the University's ELP if a student with the appropriate skills would be prepared to take on the role of director of communications for ASH.

Robert moved (Céline seconded) that the Board accept Jill McFarlane and Mona Staples as new members. Carried.

Membership recruitment

Janice Bernstein reminded Board members to start their door-to-door canvassing and set a deadline of October 31 to complete the areas assigned. She suggested that Kyle help François and John help Jane.

New academic year

Ted outlined the activities planned for incoming students in the first week of September and identified which were open to the community as a whole. He will circulate a full list to Board members.

9. Additional items

Robert Stehle will be away until September 16.

10. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.