

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting  
Monday, March 29, 2010, 7:00  
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Rencontre du Conseil d'administration d'Action Côte-de-Sable  
Lundi le 29 mars 2010, 19h  
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Present/Présents:

Sophie Beecher, Janice Bernstein, François Bregha, Didier Delahousse, Céline Heinbecker, Ted Horton, Giulio Maffini, Ryan Kennery, Kathryn McCallion, Kyle Rik, Judy Vincent, Joshua Zanin.

Regrets/Absents:

Derek Reid, Robert Stehle, John Verbaas.

1. Welcome / Mot de bienvenue

In Robert Stehle's absence, Kathryn McCallion welcomed participants and chaired the meeting.

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

Moved by Janice Bernstein, seconded by Judy Vincent.

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

Moved by Didier Delahousse, seconded by Céline Heinbecker.

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

The Councillor being absent, there was no Councillor's report.

5. Advocacy activities

*Beautification committee*

The committee held a brainstorming session on March 27. Céline Heinbecker will distill the ideas collected into a set of priorities that she will report back on at the next Board meeting.

François Bregha will prepare a notice to be circulated to all members about the park clean-up, scheduled for May 8. It was agreed that we should use the University Community Relations Committee to recruit students to help with the clean-up.

### *85 Range Rd.*

Sophie Beecher reviewed ASH's involvement with local residents opposed to the construction of a high-rise at this address and Jane Gurr, chair of the residents' Steering Committee outlined possible courses of action. A vigorous debate ensued over tactics. The Board concluded that it would be premature to engage the developer in a collaborative review until the OMB had ruled on the site's zoning. It was agreed that:

- The Board continues to support the Steering Committee's efforts to find a more appropriate scale of development for the site.
- Residents should push the Councilor to be more actively involved on the issue.
- ASH will submit comments to the City on the planning and design guidelines for the site, making clear that this intervention does not prejudice its opposition to the current development proposal.
- The Board will discuss the issue again in April.

### 6. Community-building activities

#### *Web-site*

The new ASH web-site is almost ready and will include more features than the current one. It was agreed that:

- All committee chairs should post activities and notices(through Ryan), and use the website actively to reach out to the community;
- We need to ensure that there is continued French content on the website (and perhaps even a mirror French website) although this does not imply that all posted material need be translated;
- We should dedicate money received from site advertisers to improve the webs-site;
- We should create links to other sites (e.g., City press releases) to make the site more useful to residents and keep it current;
- We should consider having a projector at the AGM to show the community what the new website looks like.

#### *Hockey tournament*

The tournament raised over \$1000 which will be divided equally between the Right to Play organization and the University of Ottawa Student Athletic Council Scholarship program. It was agreed that we should aim to make this tournament an annual event.

### 7. Organisational activities

#### *Financial report*

There were no substantive issues to report

### *AGM planning*

- All Board members are asked to send comments on the draft annual report to François Bregha in the next two weeks.
- They are also asked to consider the names of possible candidates to the Board and submit these to François Bregha. ASH will need to elect 4 new directors at its AGM.
- François Bregha will draft a note to be sent to the membership asking for nominations for the volunteer of the year award.

### 8. Discussion with Ottawa Police

Inspector Ian Kingham, Sergeant Uday Jaswal and Chris Cochrane reported on criminal activity in Sandy Hill. They noted recent violent incidents were not random acts as there was a connection between the victim and the aggressor. Overall, they emphasized that Sandy Hill continues to be a safe community and that the incidence of major crime is declining.

They endorse the extension of an existing municipal nuisance by-law to sidewalks and roadways (to be considered by Council on April 22) as providing another non-criminal law tool to control offensive behaviour.

They welcome the opportunity to work with the Students' Federation to provide information and advice on safety issues. They recommend that Sandy Hill residents call in instances of threatening or inappropriate behaviour, even if the Police cannot immediately follow up because it helps to build a statistical profile of problem areas. They caution residents against leaving valuables in cars because of the high incidence of auto break-ins.

### 9. Additional items

- It was noted that the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Legislation, Ontario Bill 106 (SCAN) has been revived.
- The Student Federation will again be distributing information to students on their rights and responsibilities, including practical advice about safety, behaviour and garbage. It was suggested that SFUO and ASH should consider organizing a pick-up drive for used furniture and other household items that could be collected at the end of term when students leave. The collected items could be given to a charity or a recycling company. ASH should also consult the City on this question.
- Sophie Beecher presented for information the redevelopment plans for 517 Chapel St. which involve replacing an existing house with three new narrow houses on the same lot, one of which will be occupied by the property owner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.