

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting
Monday, May 31, 2010, 6: 30
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Rencontre du Conseil d'administration d'Action Côte-de-Sable
Lundi le 31 mai 2010, 18.30 h
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Present/Présents:

Sam Almsaddi, Janice Bernstein, François Bregha, Christopher Cullmorgen, Jane Gurr, Céline Heinbecker, Ryan Kennery, Robert Stehle, John Verbaas Judy Vincent, Joshua Zanin.

Regrets/Absents:

Sophie Beecher, Ted Horton, Kyle Rik.

Presentation on Light Rapid Rail

Kevin Guérin, Manager, communications and outreach, Rail Implementation Office, gave a presentation and fielded questions on the rationale for, design, schedule, costs and benefits of the City's Light Rapid Rail Project. This information is also available at Ottawalightrail.ca. Robert Stehle invited Mr. Guérin to return to provide information on the project's progress in the future.

1. Welcome / Mot de bienvenue

Robert Stehle welcomed the three new ASH directors, underlined the importance that ASH places on working in partnership with other organisations such as the University and the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, and chaired the meeting.

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

Moved by Ryan Kennery, seconded by Christopher Cullmorgen.

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

Moved by François Bregha, seconded by Janice Bernstein.

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

The Councillor was absent.

5. Issues raised from the floor

Several residents are concerned that a City building permit granted at 362 Templeton may result in the transformation of a single-family house into a multiple dwelling.

ACTION

- Robert Stehle will investigate as soon as possible and call a meeting of concerned residents with the Councillor and City staff.

6. Advocacy activities

85 Range Rd.

Representatives of the Steering Committee met on May 31 with the developer who presented several design modifications to the high-rise it proposes at 85 Range Rd. There are now 3 design options on the table ranging in height from 9 to 10 stories and mass from 135 to 103 units. An OMB hearing has been scheduled for the end of July if residents and the developer cannot reach a compromise. The Steering Committee will present the latest proposals to residents in the next few days.

East end bridge project

John Verbaas reported on the status of the environmental assessment process for a new interprovincial bridge and asked ASH to support a joint statement drafted with several other community organisations asking the NCC to clarify whether truck traffic would be re-routed from King Edward ave if a new bridge was built.

MOTION:

- That the ASH Board approve any new position on this issue before making new commitments.

Moved by J. Zanin, seconded by R Kennery. Carried

- That the ASH Board add its name to the Joint Statement circulated by John Verbaas in advance of the meeting asking the NCC to indicate what would happen to heavy truck traffic if a new bridge is built.

Moved by J. Verbaas, seconded by C. Heinbecker. Carried.

Beautification committee

The committee is considering creating lawn signs encouraging Sandy Hill residents to keep their neighbourhood clean and an invitation by the City to "adopt" Laurier ave. east. C. Heinbecker will provide additional information, including on costs, by email.

Heritage

C. Heinbecker will provide an update by email.

7. Community-building activities

Bons voisins committee

Robert Stehle reported that some Sandy Hill residents are skeptical of the University's intentions vis-à-vis the community. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 6.

Web-site

The technical problems have been resolved and the English side of the site will be ready next week. French content will be ready a bit later and will require additional work for translation.

8. Organisational activities

Annual retreat

J. Bernstein will help R. Stehle plan the annual retreat to be held, likely in the second half of July. One possibility to be explored is to invite City staff to brief the Board about planning processes for the first part of the meeting.

Membership recruitment

Janice Bernstein noted that ASH had recruited 47 members at the AGM. She will distribute to Board members the names of new members who have expressed interest in helping out with various activities. The door-to-door recruitment is now planned for September.

9. Additional items

The Board still has openings for 2 members. Robert Stehle is in discussions with one candidate with substantial urban planning experience.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.