

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting
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Rencontre du Conseil d'administration d'Action Côte-de-Sable
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Present/Présents: Sam Almsaddi, Dave Bagler, Janice Bernstein, François Bregha, Sophie Beecher, Christopher Collmorgen, Eric Crighton, Julie Crôteau, Jane Gurr, Claire MacDonald, Louise Saint-André, Robert Stehle, John Verbaas.

Regrets/Absents: Liz Kessler, Alice Kwong, Marcia George.

1. Welcome and introductions

Robert welcomed new Board members and explained that the meeting would be held in camera. All major items on the agenda excluding Centre 454 and the Robinson Village development project were deferred to ASH's June Board meeting.

2. Robinson Village development

Representatives of Stantec Consulting presented the drawings for a proposed new development at 17, 19 and 23 Robinson ave. The building would be six stories high, with the two upper stories recessed from the street. It would hold 37 condominiums and have a two-storey underground garage. The building's construction will require minor variances to the side and back yards and a zoning amendment to allow greater height. While expressing satisfaction with the building's overall design, Board members recommended that the developer speak to neighbours to address possible concerns (e.g., a zoning change could allow the construction of taller buildings).

It was also agreed that the Board should invite Alain Miguelez, head of approvals in the City's Planning department to a future Board meeting to discuss how developers can be encouraged to consult the community earlier when they develop proposals.

3. Centre 454

Robert briefed new Board members about the issue and reported on meetings he had had with the MP, the MPP, the police and the Counselor. The MPP is looking to be more actively involved and the Mayor's office has shown some interest in the issue as well. All are encouraging opponents of the centre's move to St Alban's to look for possible solutions.

Board members debated the issue and agreed that ASH needs to collect more facts before taking

a stand but needed to arrive at a position soon. Some members expressed concerns that there were too many rumours and not enough factual information surrounding the issue.

Jane Gurr moved (Janice Bernstein seconded):

Given the concerns expressed by some members of the community about the possible impacts of moving Centre 454 back to Sandy Hill, ASH commits to engage the Centre's management, the Diocese and City authorities to obtain answers to these concerns as soon as possible, including alternatives to the move.

Motion carried.

Next steps:

- Robert will contact the representative of the neighbours opposed to 454's move (Keith Nuttall) to let him know what ASH is doing.
- Robert will contact Nathaniel Mullin to get a copy of the concerns expressed by neighbours at the March meeting and give it to Dave.
- Robert will let Centre 454 know that we want to meet them in the next few weeks.
- Dave will pull together a list of the concerns expressed and circulate it to the Board. Board members are to send any concerns to Dave by end of week.
- François, Sam, Dave, Christopher and Eric will prepare a list of questions for Centre 454 based on the concerns listed.

4. Other items

Janice reminded Board members of the Bettye Hyde Fun Fair on Saturday.

ASH will pay for the installation of one more garbage bin in Sandy Hill park with the money left over from the park renovation.

Sophie will find out information about training courses for the Board members of voluntary organisations.

Robert will take on the duties of treasurer until a Treasurer can be designated.

Jane will draft a letter that she will circulate to the Board in response to the concerns expressed by a participant at the AGM.

Dave has created a GoogleGroup email address to facilitate Board communications (see his email to Board members).

One of the issues for discussion at the retreat should be how to strengthen the role and responsibilities of ASH committees.

François will canvass Board members about the best date for an ASH retreat in July.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.