



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, October 28, 2013 Lundi le 28 octobre 2013
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM 19h00 à 22h00
Sandy Hill Community Centre Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

DRAFT Minutes / Procès verbal

Present/Présents:

Eric Audet, Sophie Beecher, Robert Forbes, Jane Gurr, Alice Kwong, Yves LeBouthillier, Michael Marin, Suneeta Millington, Chad Rollins, Kyle Simunovic, Sally Southey, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Christopher Collmorgen, Elaine Koren, Sam Almsaddi

#	Item / Sujet	Action
01	Welcome/Bienvenue At 7:04 pm the meeting was called to order. Chad welcomed Board Members and the residents in attendance. Board Members and residents introduced themselves in a tour de table.	
02	Review and approval of agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour The proposition was moved by Yves and seconded by Bob to approve the agenda with no amendment (carried).	Decision
03	Review and approval of minutes (September) Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (septembre) Sally moved and Alice seconded that the minutes of the September meeting be approved (carried).	Decision
04	Councillor's report/Rapport du Conseiller (Mathieu Fleury) -I would like to congratulate John Verbaas for his excellent work on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP will be presented to the Transportation Committee on November 15, 2013 and presented to	Information

Council for approval on November 26, 2013.

-Budget process: we are still looking at the full budget. Regarding transportation and the pedestrian crossing at Strathcona Park, the beginning of the construction is set for July 2014 and full completion in 2016.

-Rideau Street construction: currently Charlotte street is only one-way and this is creating a challenge for traffic and residents. Two-way traffic is to resume on Nov 12th and then the situation will improve. Three mature trees were potentially at risk because of the construction. The City decided to keep the trees and make the sidewalks wider.

-Property standard issues: We feel that the community is often resource-drained. The issue of student density makes the challenge exponential. We highly appreciate the Block Captain initiative and we would like to ask your Block Captains not to hesitate to report any properties that are problematic whether it's garbage, debris, or other property standards.

05 Questions from the floor/questions du public

Information

Q: At the corner of Charlotte and Rideau street a person handling the traffic parked his car blocking part of the street.

A: Yes thanks for informing me, by Nov. 19th it will be back to a two-way street.

Q: Several residents have made repeated phone calls regarding drivers who are not stopping at stop signs. When I called, the police told me to take note of their license plates, which is not realistic.

A: Noted thanks.

Q: For the Rideau street sewer work, have special sewer pipes gone in to accommodate a potential building to be built at Besserer and Cobourg?

A: Nothing more than normal size sewer for the type of street that Rideau is.

Q: Regarding Town Hall meetings at City Hall, is there any comprehensive report on conversion?

A: Yes we initiated discussions with Tim Moerman but I can't get into specifics. We expect tighter rules for buildings and conversions but there is still a lot of work to do from the legal point of view. I can say that the report produced by ASH did get a lot of attention.

Q: In the neighbourhood, I would like to see consistency when it comes to road marking and stop signs. You are never sure where people stop and where there is no stop sign. Four way stops everywhere would be less confusing.

Q: MP Mauril Bélanger, is he engaged in our issues, has he been active in promoting Sandy Hill?

A: We tried to engage M. Bélanger but it's a bigger issue than what we are trying to address tonight. ASH is regularly updating him and Madeleine Meilleur. The challenge is whether we will get active support from them.

(Suneeta Millington) The Vision SH working Group has been doing outreach with other communities. Greater outreach with the diplomatic community is in our plans. We will engage Minister Baird and M. Bélanger. If interested, please get in touch with me.

Q: I'm a block rep and I have been asked by residents about Bliss Edwards. Is she the planner responsible for the split in Westborough?

A: Bliss has had a lot of coverage in the last few months. We know that her role in the organization is under review and a formal response is expected in the near future. For the time being, she continues to be active with the plan review.

Q: She circumvented the rules and can be seen as a developer, we have serious questions about her role.

A: Yes, we are aware and we are looking at this issue.

Q: Can you provide a follow-up on conversions and in-fills?

A: Regarding infill 1 and 2, we are working to make sure there are no discrepancies, no loopholes. We have a (City) planning committee date for February or March.

Q: Regarding the newspaper article last week in the Ottawa Citizen, what is your position? We have heard of city officials telling landlords what to do to circumvent the City's own regulations.

A: We want to put pressure back on the campus. As for your comment on city staff, it's not acceptable. There is a lot of confusion in the community and we have to approach the issue meticulously. Rooming houses are currently the equivalent of student houses in the community. The current rooming house zoning is not meant to regulate student houses.

Q: Is rooming house defined through unrelated people?

A: A rooming house is the continuing of a shelter. It's the function in the continuum. Zoning does not speak of people, by-laws do. It's all under review. The rooming house by-law may not change but there may be a parallel model for student houses.

Q: The by-law officers should go after the owners of the student houses instead of the students. More enforcement is needed.

Kyle indicated that the accounting for the BBQ has been finalized. The

total expenses were \$1,563.73. However, ASH received \$1,000 from Mathieu Fleury's office and another \$250. Therefore the total cost for ASH was only around \$300.00

The most recent balance for the ASH accounts is the following:

- chequing \$12,067.40
- savings \$ 6,817.76

07 **Presentation by Inter Pares (Jack Hui Litster, Fundraising Program Manager)** **Information**

Special thanks to ASH for this opportunity, especially Eric Audet.

Inter Pares is a small Canadian charity founded in 1975. There are 15 staff and one office at 221 Laurier since 2002. Inter Pares (IP) has been a member of ASH for the past 2 years.

Overview

The presentation will be 15 minutes plus 5 min questions

- 1. introduce myself**
- 2. description of Inter Pares' work**
- 3. photos from a program trip to Kenya**

The following was circulated:

- November 2013 IP bulletin, 15 ENG 15 FRA,
- photo of all staff

Who am I?

I live on Blackburn with my family since 2007. I am also a U of O graduate. At IP my position is fundraising manager. Before IP I worked for 3 yrs at CCIC.

What kind of work?

Globalize equality. Inter Pares = among equals. work is based on equality in how staff is structured and in the way we work internationally

IP supporting local organizations around the world to:

- protect the human rights of people who have been displaced by war
- encourage ecological agriculture based on local knowledge
- enable community clinics to provide health care and education
- organize women, farmers, indigenous people and the urban poor to defend their rights
- nurture women's leadership within and beyond their communities

IP has an integrated approach to social justice, instead of trying to address one single issue, we work on a range of interconnected issues.

Working with who?

Currently working in 16 countries including Canada. IP has built long term relationships with over 65 organizations which are addressing the root causes of poverty, injustice and inequality.

- “counterparts” as they are working on the same issues as us, in their local context.
- No IP offices in other countries
- locally-led efforts for social justice are the most sustainable.

Inter Pares’ role in this work?

- financial support (funding to local organizations where they need it)
- advocacy support (working through coalitions to push for systemic change in Canada and at the international level)
- organizational support (serving on Board of Directors, helping build capacity to seek other int’l funding, strategic planning)
- facilitate knowledge exchanges (Jan 2012, Inter Pares brought Asian and West African activists together in Andhra Pradesh to share knowledge and strategies to promote ecological agriculture and food sovereignty)
- public engagement in Canada (i.e. what I’m doing here, or Access to Justice campaign CNCA launched last week)

Equality in practice internally

IP uses a co-management model, so all 12 full-time staff are co-managers, with equal salary and equal responsibility. We take decisions by consensus.

Supporters in Sandy Hill

227 Sandy Hill residents have supported Inter Pares with 65 current donors living in Sandy Hill.

ACORD – Agency for Cooperation on Research in Development

-Created in 1976, Inter Pares helped to found the organization, IP staff have served on the Board, and we provide funding

-Today ACORD is a Pan-African organization, probably the largest indigenous African led social justice organization

-Working in 18 countries across Africa on four themes: HIV/AIDS and health rights; women’s rights; food sovereignty; peace-building

-ACORD has 400 staff, one of the largest NGOs that Inter Pares collaborates with

-Inter Pares currently provides \$100K in funding per year to ACORD, for their core program, rather than for projects (this is the hardest money to find funding for)

Mount Elgon, Kenya Background

In 2007 the region was affected by post-election violence.

The roots of the problem go far to colonialism displacement – independence 1963 - land ownership unresolved – continued tension and violence after 2007 presidential elections. Politicians inflamed ethnic tensions –to divide the vote along ethnic lines - vote rigging alleged = massive unrest

1,000+ people killed, 350K displaced

Widows groups

is an example of peace-building, food sovereignty, and women's rights work together.

In 2008, ACORD peace-building worked across Kenya including Mount Elgon

The women welcome us – singing, shaking hands, honesty

-Provide community workers - trauma healing; build group to give mutual support, not alone

-Agricultural training for those who needed it, including mixed cropping, composting, small scale dairy farming, and record-keeping/accounting

-Saving seeds, participating in each other's harvests

-Working together to improve access to markets, control relationships with middle-men who take advantage of them for prices (sizes of boxes)

-Working towards building a co-op

-Group meets twice per month, has a savings circle

-ACORD has more or less phased itself out of this region, women are doing well

Elder council

The elder council approach used by ACORD is a community peace-building models used in other parts of Africa. It's a dialogue between divided parties to facilitate healing, truth, reconciliation and forgiveness. The goal is peaceful co-existence and non-violent alternatives to conflict. The elder council brings together elders of the three ethnic groups in region: Subboht, Bukusu, Tessahh.

They developed and signed a Peace agreement and now they are implementing early warning systems of sharing information by mobile phones in violence-prone areas to address potential conflicts early on. They are rehabilitating the ex-combatants and providing them skills

training. Susan Moss is a member of the Elder Council in Mount Elgon. As Susan explains "Living together gives you more than living alone." Big Picture: there has been literally no violence to speak of at the 2013 elections; and several prominent Kenyan politicians are being tried at the ICC for their role in instigating violence in 2007.

If anyone is interested I have the sign-up sheet for IP's online newsletter monthly.

Any questions?

Thank you

08 Special events/Évènements spéciaux

-One and Only Craft Show (Alice)

This event will be held on Sunday Nov 17th, from 10:00 to 4:00 in the main hall of the Community Centre. Three volunteers are required for the following role: Kitchen help, food replenishment, and clean up / take down at the end. Please contact me if you can help.

-Haunted Hotel / Halloween (Alice)

It will be held this Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00. The organizers are looking for some volunteers for: role playing, set up and take down.

- 09 Chad :** We will amend the agenda to move item 10 Community Relations to item 9, ahead of Committee Reports. We have the President of the Greek Council who has other commitments later tonight so he will be presenting now.

Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité

- Greek Council / Greek Olympics

Chris Clarke, the President of the Greek Council, came to the ASH Board Meeting to listen to community concerns related to the Greek Olympics event held last week, and to start a dialogue.

Chad: The Greek Olympics were held at Strathcona Park last week by about 250 students from the Greek Council. Some complaints were filed by residents and ASH followed-up with emails with the Greek Council. The concerns were related to alcohol, smoking, the children's play area and garbage left in the park. ASH also recognizes that the City should take on some of these issues and be more strict with requirements that go along with the permit. ASH received some correspondence from the Greek Council and we were pleased with the answers we received.

Chris: The minute we were notified, we reviewed the incident and we took corrective measures. There is a section of the Park which is muddy. We will wait for the spring, as a measure of good faith, we will

buy seeds and go reseed. On another note, we will do a food drive on November 10th. The food will be donated to the student food bank which is run by SFUO. FYI our website is: www.UOGC.org

Chris was invited to participate in the next Town and Gown meeting on Monday November 4th at 5:00 at the Desmarais building.

10 Committee reports / rapports des comités

Information

10.a Communications, Membership and Outreach (Sub-committee: Fundraising)/Communication, membres et engagement de la communauté (Sous-comité : Levée de fonds) (Alice)

- Fundraising Sub-Committee TORs (Eric/Jane)

The terms of reference for the Fundraising Sub-Committee were circulated a few days before the Board Meeting. No additional comments were received. A motion was proposed to adopt the TORs. Jane moved the motion and Yves seconded. It was adopted unanimously.

Decision

Jane indicated that the Sub-Committee is working on a fundraising strategy. As far as she can remember such a strategy has never been done. The student rooming house crisis in SH is of paramount importance and for the moment the bulk of any fundraising should rest for moving that file. One of the best ways to raise money for that goal would be to reach our members with a letter. The letter would need to clearly state what our fundraising goal is and how the money will be spent. The Sub-Committee will need to meet with the other committees to formulate a coordinated strategy.

The Sub-Committee will continue its outreach activities recruiting members at the main ASH events. The formula used at the BBQ will be repeated for the One and Only Craft Show.

The Sub-Committee will also examine whether businesses could have better visibility on the ASH website when they sponsor ASH events and whether there is a way to donate money online and pay membership online.

The Sub-Committee will examine the option of ordering more ASH T-shirt for fundraising.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of using social media such as Twitter to reach our members. This option was discussed in the past and the Board had decided that any tweeting would have to be bilingual. Currently ASH does not have the capacity to do so. To note, there are 6,700 Twitter users in SH.

- 2014 Better Neighbourhoods Program - Proposal from Action Sandy Hill (Suneeta)

An application was submitted on behalf of ASH. I would like to thank Councillor Fleury for assisting with this proposal. The application consists of a few different proposals which can also be assessed individually. The proposed projects took inspiration from a number of success stories in North America. The winner will be announced in January 2014. In a nutshell, the proposed projects are:

1-Welcome signs at entry points in SH. Let's not leave the UofO alone in promoting itself, let's also welcome people who visit our neighborhood with signs put in strategic locations.

2-Network of free little libraries: these little libraries are small structures on private space with books for the community. The bookstops promote literacy and walking. They are accompanied by Stop Spots, like a little bench to sit on next to the Little Library.

3-Wayfaring signs: these signs promote different aspects of the neighborhood without being typical publicity signs. They may indicate something like 'Hot chocolate in 0.6 km' or 'Romance alley to the left'. The signs may also promote walking and cycling.

4-Garbage bin art: these represent endless possibilities.

-Update on Nestle Waters Canada project (Suneeta)

Nestle water is interested in funding the garbage bin art project as part of their corporate sponsorship program to increase recyclability of plastic bottles. It is something to keep in mind if our project is accepted by the City.

-Overview of Prototype D project (Suneeta)

This topic is not for approval, only for your information. PrototypeD is a non-profit organization. Their concept is to bring together designers, artists, and inventors with entrepreneurs, community associations, and enterprises, with the purposes of fostering economic opportunities and community improvement projects. In Ottawa, PrototypeD has a project with Carleton University architecture students working on a community-based project in Vanier. The work they are doing could be used as an example in Sandy Hill. As part of our outreach, I will be meeting a member of their team in the coming weeks and I will report back to ASH as this could bring opportunities for our community. For additional

information regarding Prototype D, please check their website at: www.prototyped.org

Mathieu: the redevelopment of St-Charles Church and Eastview Plaza in Vanier is one of their projects.

-Communications Plan (Sally)

We need an overall communication strategy for the community that will raise awareness of the issues and bring consistency in delivering the message. I took a number of documents that people have written and I am using them to develop the strategy. We have to seize the momentum, the Ottawa Citizen has an appetite to follow our story. We have had 3 letters to the editor, this is very unusual. Let's keep the momentum alive through as many emails as possible. When communicating with the media, our message should be the following:

- 1) Save Sandy Hill from being turned into a student ghetto framed by high rise towers.
- 2) Sandy Hill is a great place to live, work, learn, play and do business.
- 3) The City must develop a city-wide student housing strategy immediately.
- 4) Updating the Sandy Hill Secondary Plan is an urgent priority for the City.
- 5) Sandy Hill welcomes development consistent with approved plans and zoning.

ASH needs the big main messages to be consistent and we will need two spokespersons, a francophone and an anglophone.

Suneeta: There is interest in following with an Op-ed in a few months. In our Ottawa Citizen piece we stated what the problem is, we should present solutions in the next article.

Yves: Au sujet de la communication francophone, il faudrait avoir une rencontre, peut-être un sous-comité. Pour la radio, il faut absolument faire les entrevues en français.

In case someone is looking for translation related to infills and development in general, Sophie has all the terminology in French.

Céline: nous avons déjà fait un inventaire des médias francophones et on peut le partager.

Action:

Chad will share the Vision Mission developed at the retreat with Sally. The two documents should complement each other.

(Sous-comités : Zonage et aménagements intercalaires résidentiels;
Revue des demandes d'aménagements; Patrimoine) (Chad, Bob)

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

1. Planning Committee Overall:

- a) At 16 Oct meeting, we confirmed that the existing Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee are still appropriate.
- b) Elaine, Yves, Suneeta and I all attended the City's "Planning Primer II" on 19 Oct, I believe all plan to also attend an elective on Residential Intensification and Infill on 16 Nov.

2. Infill/Zoning/Conversions (Planning studies):

- a) Submitted ASH's comments to the planner carrying out the study on Residential Conversions
- a) Three public meetings have now been held on Infill Study 2
- b) The planner responsible for the study has asked me to submit to him in writing some recommendations that I voiced at one of the public meetings
- c) We've had discussions with other community associations in the central area about a joint response on the Infill and Conversion studies, they're receptive to this. We've also raised the idea with them of a joint call for action on student housing, more about that later on.
- d) Former Ward 12 Councillor, Stéphane Émard-Chabot, attended a meeting of the Infill/Zoning sub-committee to discuss past successes with downzoning in Sandy Hill and to offer his recommendations for how to approach some of the current planning issues

3. Development Applications Review Committee (DARC)

- a) 87 Mann, former St. Clement's Church – Black Iris submitted a rebuttal to our submission, so we have prepared and submitted our own rebuttal, which was circulated and is available online.
- b) 275 Laurier – Viner's have filed their application for Laurier/Friel, public comment period has technically ended but the planner responsible for the file has confirmed that she will continue to accept comments up to and for a short time after the public meeting, which is scheduled for 6 Nov at 6:30 PM at SHCC

Bob: I am opposed to this project. It would be inconsistent to approve this project while we are putting pressure for on-campus student residence.

Louise: people in the community are very concerned about Viner. People don't want this project.

Chad: I have been writing a proposal for a student housing strategy and will be looking for our Councillor to advocate/promote this approach

This will involve defining student residence in the zoning bylaw and identifying it as a permitted use in some zones.

Q: There was a house that was closed last week and people were evicted. Have you heard about it?

A: They were not in conformity with the rooming house by-law, the building is owned by Black Iris.

- a) 45 Mann – Received a community heads-up on 9 Oct that Zoning By-law Amendment (D02-02-13-0093) and Site Plan Control (D07-12-13-0180) applications had been received, these applications are still not available online
- b) 400 Stewart – according to the developer, applications have been submitted to the City, but we have not received any notification yet from the City
- c) 365 Friel – minor variance was granted, next step will be demolition control

Sally: there was no consultation with the community. Can we change the decision?

Mathieu: We cannot chase heritage designations after a decision for demolition is made. This site was never designated heritage. Leslie, the heritage planner, will be there at the next planning meeting.

Céline: In regards to plan A and B for Viner, if we set up a consultation while we are preparing our strategy, this may not be the best approach.

Chad: the consultation is a legal obligation removed from what ASH is doing, it is not a ASH consultation.

Q: Do we have a single example of a project that did not occur as a result of public consultations?

Mathieu: the Minto project on Beechwood was amended.

Jane: the project on Range Road was amended from 17 to 10 storey.

As a reminder, the Planning Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month . The 20th Nov is our next meeting.

Suneeta: for your information if you are interested in infills, go to the September issue of the Ottawa Magazine.

4. Derelict/vacant properties:

- a) 404 Daly – demolition permit will be granted. This file raised some concerns, particularly with the lack of requirement for plans for replacement building. The owner plans to sell as a vacant lot. Some people made attempts to contact the owner and perspective developers who might want to restore the existing structure, but apparently the owner wasn't interested.

5. Heritage:

- a) Planning Committee discussed the Sandy Hill Heritage Study at our 16 Oct meeting, Katherine and Sophie gave an overview of the study and made some initial recommendations
- b) Planning Committee will have a presentation from the City on the Sandy Hill Heritage Study at our 20 Nov meeting, we will also discuss how we want to see some of the recommendations in the study implemented

6. Transportation (John)

On the Transportation master Plan there are four key issues identified in the final version of the Plan. John will discuss with Mathieu how to prioritize the issues such as the truck route, the bike lane connecting SH to the market and the impact of STO buses on Rideau street.

Q: At 222 Stewart, a tree removal permit was granted because the tree is rotting and in danger of falling. Is there anything we can do to save this tree?

Larry: there are two trees in one. One half may be sick but the front tree could be saved.

Yves: could ASH ask for a second opinion?

Mathieu: His office has read the forestry report assessment. 2 reasons for cutting the tree: Poor tree health and the proposed construction.

The second issue is whether the tree could be put down by the contractor if the construction goes ahead.

Mathieu: I will look for an appeal or a way to appeal

It was suggested that a motion be moved that the ASH board ask Mathieu to ...No, Mathieu will provide an answer including whether if half of it can be saved.

This tree is a landmark tree.

- On campus residence petition (Bob)

A month ago, I reported about the meeting with the University. We didn't reach any agreement. They indicated that they would launch an RFI and drop the 10 min walking distance. Over the past few weeks we have mobilised, and our block reps did great work. We have reached the 1000 signature goal for the petition, which represents over 10% of the SH population. We also put together a communication strategy. The meeting with the UofO Board of Governors has been a good experience for ASH. We were not able to speak at the Board of Governors meeting but they have offered us a meeting with one of their senior committees. They have also agreed to let us speak at the next BoG meeting. Nevertheless we distributed information and it was very gratifying to be present and see how the Board of Governors works, and to see Governors look through our documentation. Informally I was able to meet the Chair who also works at the Aga Khan Foundation, Mr. Khalil Sharif. All in all, there is some progress. Our petition will be very hard to ignore.

Sally: it is interesting to note that three times more people signed the petition than the total number of ASH members.

More than 10% of the population in Ottawa are students, the City needs a strategy to deal with students.

Suneeta: Splashpad

I need input from the community. If there is no input, my proposal will not represent the views of the community. So far I have received input from only two people.

10.c By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement Information

No report this month.

10.d Governance/Gouvernance (Yves, Michael) Information

- Conflict of interest policy

Michael thanked Board Members for the many feedback comments received. The Governance committee met a week and half ago and they have drafted a new proposal. The Governance Committee will ask for a

Special Meeting dedicated to the conflict of interest policy as soon as Elaine is back in town.

It was suggested that the Committee should use Doodle to guarantee the maximum availability of Board Members.

10.e Town & Gown/Ville et Toge

No update. Next Monday is the meeting.

11 Future meetings / Prochaines réunions

Information

-November 25th, as always the last Monday of the month.

12 Adjournment / Fin de la session

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.
