

ASH BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 2 October 2018

Present

Doug Ainslie (Secretary)

Susan Young (President)

Bob Forbes (Vice President)

Lawrence Newman (Director)

John Verbaas (Transportation Director)

Scott Williams (Director)

Plus assorted guests.

7:15 meeting starts.

Approval of Agenda with an agreement to revise the order to move the Town Gown and Councillor's reports to the start of the meeting.

The minutes of the last Board meeting are to be circulated later.

1. Town Gown Report

On 11 September a walk about was held by ASH, the University of Ottawa, the ward councillor Mathieu Fleury, City Bylaw officers and the Ottawa Police to visit student addresses in Sandy Hill. This activity was successful however the list of student addresses needs updating.

On Sept 22nd the Fall Barbeque was held. The event was a success. The U of O students did a good job of organising it. Food and money were donated by Father and Sons, ASH and the U of O. As a result of donations \$380 was raised for Saint Joe's supper table.

The Panda Game was held on Sept 29th. In the run up to the game there was a great deal of planning to ensure that Sandy Hill was not affected by pre game parties in particular a repeat of last year's street party on Russell Street. However despite several meetings involving the Police, the University, the Councillor's office and ASH, a large street party did occur on Russell before the Panda Game. During the course of this party several properties suffered damage. Concern was expressed that there will be a repeat of this on Saint Patrick's Day.

2 Councillors Report

With regards to the Panda Game the Councillor will receive a debrief from the Ottawa Police on exactly what happened in regards to the Russell Avenue party. The Councillor did emphasise that there was no special event permit given nor a special liquor licence obtained. In addition research was done via the AGCO to see if any corporate interests were involved. The Councillor is very upset about this event. The University could face financial penalties relating to the costs the City incurred because of this event. A debrief call is scheduled for October 15, and the Town & Gown will receive a debrief. We heard from residents about the extent of the damage, the disruption to residents, and the general hooliganism.

Rats. As a result of work by the City's Rat Task Force the policy for the 311 call centre has been clarified. As of now no 311 operator will refuse to take any rat-related calls. On a related note the city is continuing to enforce the construction of garbage enclosures to help reduce the problem with garbage that may be contributing to the rat issue. There were questions as to whether the possibility of more frequent garbage collection might help with this issue. But no conclusion was reached.

Somerset Street is to become a priority bike corridor with a new advance bike signal at Somerset and King Edward.

3. Executive Report

ASH, with Lowertown and Vanier community associations is sponsoring an All Candidates forum to be held on Thursday Oct 4th.

There will be an informal Board meeting with pizza on Oct 19th at the President's house.

4. Treasurer's Report

Which was submitted via e-mail is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT – August 2018

(as at August 31, 2018)

Chequing account	\$11,919.58
Homestead account	\$26,473.55
Save Sandy Hill account	<u>\$ 940.06</u>
Total	\$39,333.19

5. Planning and Heritage

A new plan has been submitted for 404 Daly. In addition a new plan has been submitted for 71 Russell, a large infill is proposed. There is no news on 332A Somerset which appears to be a case of demolition by neglect. There is no news on either the Niger or Malawi embassy buildings.

ASH and a number of other community associations have collaborated on a report which is very critical of the City of Ottawa's progress on Heritage Conservation.

6. Bylaw Report

Much work has been done by the City to deal with the 150 properties that are facing property standards infractions. Despite this there is still much work to be done.

Some landlords are feeling the squeeze from the effort on property standards. Garbage containment is the biggest violation and garbage cans being visible from the street. Garbage enclosures are being built as a result. But the question was asked does this merely hide the garbage problem from view.

7. Environment

Nothing to report.

8. Communications

Much has happened in this area. The Save Sandy Hill committee has worked on a pledge for municipal candidates to sign, committing them to working with residents and the City to advance better community planning. Also an on line petition has been created to this effect for Sandy Hill, which now includes 2,800 or more signatures. There is also a blog. The question is what is to be done with this after the election. This issue will be discussed on 19 Oct at the ASH Pizza night.

9. Membership

There has been a steady flow of new members, the total now stands at 310 members with 270 of those paid up. On 11 October there will be a walk around to get those holding expired memberships to renew them.

10 Transportation

A meeting was held with Clive Doucet to make him aware of the downtown truck problem and to inform him of the truck tunnel proposal. He supports the idea but does not want to publicly commit to it. A meeting will be held with Nathalie Des Rosiers to talk about the truck tunnel.

The revised plans for the rebuilding of the streets of Mann, Range and Templeton after sewer work should be released soon. These plans were revised after an information session and should be released in November.

11. Events

Nothing to Report

12 Old Business

The One and Only craft fair has filled all its exhibitors' slots.

13. In Camera Session

Meeting Adjourned 9PM. Next meeting October 30th.