



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, October 26, 2020

7:00 pm - 9:05 pm via video conference

MINUTES

Present: David Elden, Claude Jobin, Cathy Major, Megan Reilkoff, John Verbaas, Susan Young, Hilary Duff, Paula Tchen, Michael Barnes

Regrets: Trina Cooper-Bolam, Yipeng Ge

Guests: Jan Finlay, Erin Woods (Councillor's office), Jane Waterston, Kathy Moyer, Nanatha Bajaria, Lloyd Deans

1. Namrata Bagaria, a Sandy Hill resident and explained that she is the founder of Seniors Junction, a new start-up that is providing purposeful and meaningful recreation to seniors in our community. She thought that her start up would be a relevant way to bring together ASH and the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC). She has already connected with the folks at Rideau Place Retirement Home. Susan will introduce her to Gerald Dragon at the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre. Namrata also mentioned that her group is going to conduct virtual holiday recreation activities for seniors around the "12 days of Christmas theme".

2. The agenda was approved without additions.

3. Review and approval of September 28 minutes – Motion to approve moved by Cathy Major seconded by Paula Tchen, unanimous.

4. Councillor's Report:

- Replacement trees for those lost at Daly. There are 12 free trees available for planting. If anyone is interested, they should contact the Councillor directly. It will not be possible to replace the trees that were cut down on Daly, Besserer and Friel as they were removed because of foundation problems caused by tree roots.
- Mann Ave. planting plan: The plan has been received. Comments have been sent to the City. Planting in front of the strip mall will be undertaken next year. The planting of trees on the south side of Mann is in progress.
- Strathcona Park Gazebo: Is there a fundraising approach being developed?
- Rideau St: The last segment of the Rideau St construction project is planned to open on December 23. There will be some minor landscaping conducted in the spring.
- Combined Sewage Storage Tunnel (CSST): The final work on the CSST on Cumberland is scheduled to finish on November 27. More trees will be planted and a cycling plan is to be added.
- Mann/Templeton/Range Road Work: Most of the work has been completed. The Russell Ave. segment of the project will be completed in 2021.

- Ottawa Mission Food Truck: The Ottawa Mission has launched a program offering warm meals from a truck that was donated by the Pelican Restaurant. The truck will visit Vanier and Strathcona Heights on a weekly basis.
- Respite Centre: The Councillor is reaching out to community partners such as the Ottawa Mission and Centre 454 to discuss a respite centre and temporary housing for those in need during the winter.
- Renaming of Sandy Hill Park: The proposal to change the name of the Sandy Hill Park to Annie Pootoogook Park is before the Commemorative Naming Committee. The Councillor is working with arts groups to determine appropriate artwork for the Park.
- Tree Policy Updates: The Councillor would like to invite Martha and Tracy, Manager of the Forestry Department to give an update on policy changes to the City's tree management which are coming in January 2021.
- Budget Priorities: The Councillor held public consultations with about 40 interested parties on the upcoming budget priorities. Some of the issues identified were investments in public housing and the lack of programming for youth.
- Rideau River Winter Trail: This year, the goal is to groom the trails from the Rideau Sports Club and south of the 417 to Hurdman Hills. The Councillor is working with the NCC to prepare the land. Some fundraising will be necessary for equipment maintenance and then volunteers will have to be recruited.
- Halloween: Ottawa Public Health has announced there will be no trick or treating on Halloween. There is a Spooky House Contest sponsored by the Councillor. If you have decorated, you should submit pictures to the Councillor's office. There will be prizes from local businesses. There are already 9 entries in the Sandy Hill House Decorating Contest.
- Rio Vista at 400 Daly Ave: The Councillor's Office is following up on plans to tear up the underground parking garage.
- Smart Living Projects: The plans for the project on Chapel have been structured so as to avoid site plans. ASH will ask City Planners to let the community know what the plans are. For the two other projects; The former Moon Dog Restaurant on Laurier and 360 Friel, site plans will have to be submitted.

5. Block Reps Report: Jan had nothing to report.

6. Executive Report: ASH Archives: Chad Rollins has boxes in his basement to be culled. Claude volunteered to review the material in the filing cabinet which will remain in the Sandy Hill Community Centre.

7. Treasurer's Report: Megan

- The Treasurer's Report for July, August and September 2020, were circulated by email to the Board members. The September report includes the \$5K from the Councillor's office for the Rideau Winter Trail.
- ASH mail is still going to the Sandy Hill Community Centre. Megan asked that membership fees be sent directly to her at home.
- At this time, we are usually gearing up for the ONE and ONLY Craft Fair. Due to COVID, the fair will not take place and ASH will receive no revenues.

8. Sandy Hill Skating Rink: Susan's son Yann will run the rink team this year. Another resident living at the corner of Templeton and Sweetland is also interested in volunteering. Susan will talk to the resident and her son regarding rink operations. She will also seek the City's COVID 19 protocols for outdoor rinks.

9. Committee Reports:

- a) Planning and Heritage: Susan, Trina and John had a conversation with the Smart Living team, who indicated that they are now focusing on existing buildings and renovating for young professional and student renters. They talked about 6 properties: the rooming houses on Osgoode between Nelson and Sweetland, 146 and 170 Osgoode and 255 Nelson at Somerset. The rooming houses are being converted into co-living spaces e.g. bathroom added to each bedroom which will be fully furnished, a common lounge and kitchen per 5 bedrooms, and the rent would include all services. Smart Living indicated they will not be taking advantage of the new R4 rules as they are not interested in new builds, one factor being the cost of the Site Plan process. Susan, Trina and John are also planning to speak with TCU and the Martin family.
- b) Town and Gown: uOttawa is planning to demolish 3 of 5 buildings on the old Algonquin College site on Lees Avenue. uOttawa has not announced its plans for this site.
- c) Communications: Hilary had nothing to report.
- d) Environment: Mann Avenue greening plan has been received.
- e) Membership/Website: Dave announced that we have 249 members. Susan suggested we should consider the Nextdoor app to promote ASH. Dave presented a motion that ASH pay 2 honorariums of \$100.00 to the two people who helped with the repair of the ASH website. Claude seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
- f) Transportation: John gave an overview of the NCC's long term inter-provincial crossings plan which is in the consultation phase. Currently, there is little mention of the removal of trucks from the downtown core in any of the NCC's documentation. John proposed that ASH send a letter various officials including the MP, MPP, the Mayor emphasizing the need to address the removal of truck traffic from the downtown core in the crossings plan. John will draft the letter and circulate it to the Board for comment.
- g) Strathcona Park Gazebo: The online survey produced 61 comments on the proposed gazebo. Eight people thought the gazebo should have a more contemporary look. 26 agreed with the proposed plan but thought the gazebo should be larger and more open. Claude will prepare a summary of the comments for Barry and will discuss the possibility of enlarging the gazebo. Barry Padolsky has offered to obtain estimates for the project once size and look have been firmed up. Once the estimates are available, then fundraising plans will begin. The Councillor would like to be involved in the budget and fundraising process. Susan has signed the funding contract with the City.
- h) Halloween: Hilary presented the COVID protocol for the Dark Side of Sandy Hill walking tour which is happening October 29, 30 and 31. She thanked Dave for creating the spreadsheet for registration. Hilary will be collecting membership and/or donations during the tour. Megan asked that the membership monies be kept separate from the donations.

10. New Business:

- Due to COVID, there will be no in-person Christmas Party. Susan suggested we discuss ideas for the 2020 Christmas Party at the next ASH meeting.

11. Next Meeting: November 30, 2020