



## **ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **Sandy Hill Community Centre**

**February 24, 2020**

**In attendance:** Susan Young, Megan Reilkoff, David Elden, Cathy Major, Larry Newman, John Verbaas, Claude Jobin, Trina Bolam-Carter, Paula Tchen

**Guests:** Jan Finlay, Jennifer Cox, Angela

**Regrets:** Chad Rollins, Michael Barnes

**1. Call to order:** 7:00 pm.

**2. Agenda:**

- Approved, no changes

**3. Minutes:**

- Cathy proposed that the minutes for the January 27 meeting be approved. Motion seconded by Paula. Unanimously approved.

**4. ASH Board:**

- At the January 27 meeting, the nominations of Claude Jobin and Trina Bolam-Carter were approved by the Board members who were present. Chad Rollins and Michael Barnes approved the nominations by email. Paula Tchen approved the nominations at this meeting.

**5. Ottawa Police Services:** No report this month

**6. Block Reps Report: Jan Finlay**

- Nothing to report.

**7. Executive Report: Susan**

- An all candidates meeting for the provincial by-election was organized by several community organizations including ASH for February 18<sup>th</sup>. However, the Libertarian and None of the Above Parties were not invited, and these two parties threatened to obtain an injunction to stop the meeting. It was cancelled. A number of community groups regrouped and organized a later meeting that included these two parties.

**8. Treasurer's Report: Megan**

- Please see attached statement for January as well as an update on the Strathcona Park gazebo project.
- ASH will be responsible to secure funds (through fundraising or otherwise) to pay for 50% of the cost of the gazebo project. ASH is not required to spend the full budget allocated by the City.

We are permitted to reduce and refine the scale of the project.

- A meeting will be held on March 4 with Barry Padolsky, a well-known local architect, who has agreed to provide plans on a pro bono basis. It is hoped that Barry will be able to provide input on the estimated cost of the project.
- A small steering committee will be necessary to work with City Staff. Claude Jobin has indicated an interest in being part of the Committee and to develop a work plan. Eventually a community meeting will be held to make the community aware of the project, to solicit funds and ideas.
- Trina raised the issue of Heritage Designation. However, she recommended that this only be obtained after the gazebo is in place to ensure the broadest possible range of design.

## **9. Councillor's Report:**

### Updates:

- Town & Gown: a teleconference will be held later this week to prepare for St. Patrick's Day festivities. The uOttawa has been asked to present its Master plan at the next Town & Gown meeting which is scheduled for mid-April.
- Panda Game: the Councillor has requested a meeting between the new Police Chief and the uOttawa President to persuade the new Police Chief to take more action ahead of the Panda Game.
- The City is trying to align the Parks and Recreation and Social Services Departments so that both staff can better work together. The Councillor is trying to organize a Strathcona Hub which would bring the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, ASH, Parks and Recreation and Social Services together to provide services through one umbrella for the neighbourhood.
- A notice was issued to the owner of the strip mall on Rideau St. regarding garbage overflowing from a large bin located beside the Makut restaurant. Bylaw met with the owner of the strip mall to discuss the garbage issue. If nothing is done, next step is to contract out to have the bin removed.

### Construction:

- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Rideau Street will be closed between Dalhousie and Sussex until late fall. All businesses will be accessible by foot only. The closure will allow for the installation of wider sidewalks, proper lighting, bus shelters, trees etc.
- City will be redoing the intersection of Nicolas and Laurier as well as grading Cumberland. uOttawa wants to reduce hard surfaces.
- Construction is proceeding at two sites on Rideau at Coburg
- Excavation of the old beer store (Waller & Rideau) will start soon.
- The Rideau-Waller mall will soon be reopened. Lighting and benches will be added.

### Other:

- The Councillor's office is working on setting up a community meeting with the developers of 118, 122 Russell Ave.
- There was a brief discussion on the appeal of the Planning Committee's decision on Robinson Village and whether a lawyer was necessary to launch the appeal. Dave with the help of Jen will try to put together the appeal documentation to be sent to the LPAT.

## **10. Committee Reports**

### **Planning and Heritage: Susan**

- R4 Review: ASH has contacted other communities regarding their issues with the R4 Phase II recommendations. Chad is writing another response to City staff.

**Environment: Susan**

- People's Official Plan for Ottawa's Climate Emergency: ASH was represented by Janet Creery. Her message was that intensification must be done in a way that respects neighbourhood context, and in close consultation with the residents of each City neighbourhood.
- Our Councillor confirmed he will vote against expanding the urban boundary.
- Rosaline Hill, an architect, will be holding coffee houses with different speakers who will address such subjects as neighbourhoods and zoning over March and April.
- On February 26, there will be an information session at the Impact HUB Ottawa on reducing the cost of energy retrofits in post-Second World War homes, by optimizing the work across multiple units at once. As many of Sandy Hill's homes fall into this category, this may be an interesting climate change mitigation measure for our neighbourhood.

**Membership: – Dave**

- Currently there are 240 members. There are more renewals to come in May.
- Dave and Paula will prepare a bilingual letter to be included in the package sent to new homeowners in Sandy Hill from the Councillor's office.

**Transportation: – John Verbaas**

- John has been asked to join Shawn Menard and others to keep the Alta Vista extension corridor out of the new Transportation Master Plan.

**12. Old Business:**

- The February 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Mentoring event went very well. There were 12 mentors and about 25 youth in attendance.

**13. Motion:**

- Dave proposed that the \$1600.00 in proceeds from the One and Only Craft Sale should be split equally between Awesome Arts and ASH. Trina seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- It was decided that the Board should ask the organizing committee for the One and Only to propose other groups to whom the proceeds could be directed.

**14. Next Meeting:** March 30, 2020**15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.