



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, February 28, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:53 pm via video conference.

MINUTES

Present Board Members: David Elden, Cathy Major, Megan Reilkoff, John Verbaas, Michael Barnes, Susan Khazaeli, Yipeng Ge, Jan Finlay, Stéphanie Plante and Trina Cooper-Bolam.

Regrets: Will Milner, Peggy DuCharme, Anya Fraser,

Guests: , 12 participants from the Community as well as the Councillor and his assistant Bailee Johnson.

1. Motion to Approve minutes: Moved by Cathy Major and seconded by Jan Finlay that the minutes of the January 31, 2022 meeting be approved. Motion carried

2. Vice President's Update:

- Trina Cooper-Bolam reported that the 2 buildings at 197-201 Wilbrod were tear downs. The developer made no attempt to build within the heritage overlay. She continues to work with the Rockcliffe group to propose stronger wording in the new Official Plan to support heritage. Trina also reported that she had not connected with Robin regarding the planned Pollinator Garden close to the proposed site of the Gazebo in Strathcona Park. Susan Khazaeli reported that there is a new location for the Pollinator Garden close to the south end of the parking lot in Strathcona Park.

3. Committee Reports:

Planning and Heritage – Stephanie Plant

- Stephanie had no updates.
- 641 Rideau Street: Michael Barnes reported on the proposed development to construct a 25 storey apartment building with 311 apartments and 4 floors of underground parking. Despite comments made by several community associations, the proponent made no concessions nor did the Planning Committee ask that the proponent make any changes to its proposal. Council approved the application on February 9, 2022. The report presented by the City planners was confusing and misleading. Michael suggested that the community should look for candidates in the upcoming municipal and provincial elections who will make the planning process more transparent. Dave Elden agreed with this statement and suggested that we put together a proposal e.g. Do you support a new way of doing planning? which would be sent to candidates.

Transportation – John Verbaas

- Based on the results of the survey about the reopening of Daly Avenue at Waller Street, John will contact the Councillor to determine if he is willing to work with ASH and City staff regarding the reopening.
- John will be working with the Councillor to invite the NCC to the City's Transportation Committee regarding the Inter-provincial Transportation Crossing Study which has been approved by the

NCC's Board of Directors. Baillie Johnson indicated that the Councillor is following up on the NCC invite to the Transportation Committee.

- John wondered how the people who would occupy the planned apartments at 2 Robinson Avenue would cross Lees Avenue to access the multi-use pathway running along the LRT track as there does not appear to be any solutions proposed by either the developer or the City. Dave suggested that there were more questions on connectivity than just the crossing at Lees. Malika recalled that during the last conversation with the developer, it seemed that the developer indicated that it did not have any responsibility for connectivity beyond its property line.

Bylaw – Anya Fraser

- Anya was not present.

Membership – Dave Elden

- Dave reported that the membership numbers were stable. He is in the process of adding another corporate member.
- Dave also stated we should start thinking about the One and Only Craft Sale possibly to take place this November. He asked if any Board members would volunteer to help. Jan Finlay indicated she would volunteer.

Block Reps – Jan Finlay

- Jan had nothing to report.
- Jan did ask the Board's permission to send out information on the drive by IMAGE to recruit editors, contributors etc and the upcoming meeting on March 21, 2022 for distribution by the Block reps. Board Members agreed to this.

Town and Gown – Will Milner

- Will was not present.
- Jan Finlay and Cathy Major attended the Town & Gown Committee meeting held on February 24, 2022. Because of the ongoing illegal protest, members of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) were not able to attend the meeting to present their findings and recommendations regarding the Panda Game riot and future Panda Games. However, OP discussed their plans for St Patrick's Day events which included door to door canvassing before the 17th to encourage people to party responsibly and respectfully and to move their festivities to local pubs and restaurants. OP and Bylaw will be stepping up their presence in the neighbourhood both on the 17th and the following weekend.
- The uOttawa representative mentioned that a communication plan aimed at students encouraging them to keep in mind their neighbours would also be launched. The University and Students' Union have agreed upon a Rights and Responsibilities Policy for students on campus. This will apply to activities on campus as well as those activities sanctioned by the University.
- April move-out plans were also discussed by the University representatives as well as the representative from the Eastern Ontario Landlord's Association.

4. Treasurer's Report – Megan Reilkoff

- **Motion:** Moved by Megan and seconded by Cathy that the Treasurer's report for January 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

5. Ottawa Police Service:

- Our outgoing community policing officer, Constable Sébastien Lemay introduced his replacement, Constable Mohammed Islam who can be reached at 613-236-1222 ext. 8334 or IslamM@ottawapolice.ca. Constable Lemay provided the number of reported cases for 2020 and 2021 as follows:

	2020	2021
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Break & Enter to non-residence e.g entry through open condo garage door & secondary crime committed	51	69
Theft of Mail	20	58
Calls for service – proactive policing	7	17

Questions for Constable Lemay:

- Jeremy Silburt asked what to do if you see someone rummaging through garbage cans and leaving a mess behind. Response to such a call will depend on the level of calls at the time.
- Louise Lapointe stated that reporting incidents on line is a nightmare and asked if there was any other way to report. She suggested that the online system should be expanded to include drug deals. Constable Lemay shared a Make the Right Call poster.

6. Coordinator for the Community Engagement Team – Kent Hugh

- Kent has spent 20 years with the City in various capacities. He explained that the Team, working with the community and businesses, would be looking to see what is missing in terms of social services in the ByWard market and Sandy Hill. The Team is meant to complement the existing services. He invited community members to walk with them through the neighbourhood.

Questions for Kent:

- Louise stated she was heartened that residents were being included in the Team's plans. She is concerned with drug litter, aggressive behaviour of drug users and drug sellers and being yelled at.
- The Councillor stated that the Team's role was to reset social services' accountability to the local community and he encouraged ASH to sit down with Kent and develop goals.
- John asked what the Team wanted from the community. Kent responded that the community should call him about issues they come across in the community.

7. GottaGo Ottawa Advocacy Group – Elizabeth Whitmore

- Elizabeth explained that the Group campaigns for public toilets in Ottawa. The Group was founded in 2014 and has no core funding. There are some existing public toilets in Ottawa but the signs pointing to these are not visible. Two stand alone public toilets are planned for Ottawa: one in the ByWard Market, the other on the Sparks Street Mall. Elizabeth showed examples of public toilets across Canada.
- Elizabeth suggested that ASH engage with the local BIA to advocate for more public toilets in the City.

8. Biodiversity and Gardening Projects in Sandy Hill – Marilyn Whitaker

- Marilyn reported that the Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group had received a grant from the TD Environmental Leadership Program. The funds would be used to purchase trees, shrubs and perennials which would be planted around the areas in Strathcona Park where Japanese Knotweed was being controlled. She indicated that the funds would only be received after the project was completed. Some members of the group will pay for the plant material and then would be reimbursed once the funds had been received from the Program. Marilyn will be forwarding the draft agreement to Susan and Cathy for signing.

7. Councillor's Updates:

- The Councillor initiated some motions at City Council:

- to integrate the three levels of government to conduct a review of the illegal truck protest.
- A redo of Valentine's Day on March 14
- The creation of an event where families and residents could meet Ottawa area Olympians.
- There is still an outstanding motion which is a full review of governance in the capital.
- The Councillor supported the motion for free transit during the month of March.
- Town and Gown: At the February Town and Gown meeting, the plans for the move out at the mid to end of April were discussed. For St. Patrick's Day, parties would be encourage to patronize local establishments. Police and Bylaw will be out early on March 17 to monitor the situation. The Panda Debrief will be at the end of March.
- Renaming the Sandy Hill Community Centre: There is a plan by the City to change the Sandy Hill Community Centre to Zexi Li Community Centre.
- Cycling Lanes along Lees Ave: The existing bike lanes along Lees Avenue are incomplete. The City is working to link all these lanes.
- Redo of Main and Greenfield: There will be a major re-do of this area. Bike lanes will be part of this project.
- Development: The Councillor voted no to the 641 Rideau Street development. There are still some outstanding issues related to the 2 Robinson development including affordable housing, sidewalks, bike lanes and amenities. Smart Living has several projects on the go (Friel, Laurier and Osgoode). Michel from the Councillor's office is looking to engage ASH on these projects.

Questions for the Councillor:

- Susan asked whether fines for noise and nuisance could be increased. The Councillor said yes but they would have to be brought before a Justice of the Peace in order to implement the changes.
- Michael asked what tool could be used to overturn Council's approval of 641 Rideau Street development. The Councillor suggested that community groups look at appealing the decision to the LPAT. Michael also asked whether the illegal occupation would prompt all levels of government to remove trucks from the downtown core. The Councillor said that scraping truck routes would have an impact on business and that it is a provincial requirement to identify local truck routes.
- Louise Lapointe mentioned that backyards in her part of Sandy Hill are being paved over to allow tenant parking. She wondered if the City had looked into materials which would allow water to percolate into the ground below the parking area. The Councillor mentioned that the City does have a Climate Change Action Plan and the reduction of green house gas emissions is an initiative in the new Official Plan.
- Cathy asked when the City-wide zoning bylaw review would start. The Councillor stated that the review would apply to R1 zones which as a result of the review would be upzoned to R3 and R4. The review would have no impact on Sandy Hill as it is zoned R4. Cathy reminded the Councillor that there is a small pocket of R1 in Sandy Hill. The Councillor indicated that action was being taken to extend the Heritage designation to protect the houses in this area.

8. New Business:

- Cathy asked whether the next Board meeting would be virtual. Susan indicated she would give it some thought.
- Cathy suggested that planning should start for the next AGM. Susan agreed.

10. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Moved by Susan and seconded by Cathy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.