



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, August 29, 2022

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm by video conference and in-person

MINUTES

Present Board Members: Michael Barnes, Calla Barnett, Bryan Dewalt, Kendra Eyben, Jan Finlay, Glenn Grignon, Louise Lapointe, Cathy Major, Jessica Silburt, John Verbaas, Marilyn Whitaker,.

Regrets: Dave Elden

Participants: 20 people including the Directors, the Councillor and representatives from the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre.

1. Review and approval of agenda

Michael Barnes asked to add garbage and bylaw issues for two properties. They were added to New Business. Marilyn moved the motion to approve the agenda with the added item and Bryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Motion to approve Minutes of Board Meetings

Cathy presented a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, April 25 and June 27, 2022 Board meetings. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve new Board member and approval of new Treasurer

Megan Reilkoff, a former ASH Board member and Treasurer, stood for election to the Board and the Treasurer's position. Marilyn moved the motion and Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May, June and July 2022

The reports were sent to the Board members prior to the meeting. Bryan asked about the Homestead item. Megan answered that it was a cash-in-lieu payment from Homestead's construction of 99 Range Road. As a result of a neighbourhood survey, the funds have been earmarked for a gazebo in Strathcona Park. Jan moved the motion and Glen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Chair's Update

- Municipal elections will be held in October, 2022. There are 10 candidates running for Councillor in our ward. Among them is Stephanie Plante, former ASH Board Director. Stephanie briefly spoke about her platform.
- Louise is looking to the community for questions for candidates as well as help to reach out to the two other community associations in Rideau Vanier to organize an all candidates' debate. Stephanie indicated there would be a Rogers debate on September 1 at 1:15 pm. However, the televised debate would be aired at a yet to be announced later date.
- Louise participated in a few meetings of the People's Commission on the Convoy (a separate commission from the City Auditor's Inquiry). The People's Commission is looking for experiences and general comments about incidents which occurred during the Convoy Protest as well as ideas on what could have been done differently. The Commission is hoping to

change the relationship between the City & the public. If people are interested in participating, they should send an email to ASH.

- Louise described the issues around the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC) related to the Safe Consumption Site (SCS) which include an increase in drug users, sellers and bio-waste. She is working with the Councillor on these issues. She met with MPP Collard to see how we can change the location of the SCS. Calla mentioned that the problem is lack of spaces at the SCS and few Sharp boxes around the SCS.
- The Jail Respite Centre will close at the end of 2022.

5. Councillor's Report

- Construction – The elevated intersection at Range and Somerset is complete. Work to improve pedestrian and bike crossings at Nicholas and Laurier should be completed by the end of September, 2022. The Councillor brought forward a motion for a 4 way stop at Daly and Cumberland. The Councillor will present a motion at the next City council meeting to have the intersection of Cumberland and Daly upgraded from a 2-way to a 4-way stop
- Development - Development is moving ahead at 515 and 535 Chapel Street as well as 200 Laurier. His comments on these developments focused on external finishes and indoor garbage storage. He encouraged ASH to continue to push for indoor garbage storage for all developments. ASH members provided assistance on the external design of 515 Chapel to make it more consistent with the streetscape.
- Events – Welcome Week Walkabout – September 7 from 5pm to 7pm. September 24 - BBQ & Film Night. The Councillor will confirm times for the BBQ and the Film Night. September 25 – Reopening of Riveraine Park.

Questions for the Councillor:

- John asked whether the site plans had been approved for the development at 2 Robinson. The Councillor stated that the site plans had not been submitted by the developer and the developer had not responded to the City's comments regarding affordable housing, pedestrian connectivity to the LRT and walkways and amenity and park space.
- Stehpanie asked about the renaming of the Sandy Hill Community Centre (SHCC). Louise stated that ASH is opposed to renaming the SHCC as this name reflects the Community. **The Councillor suggested that ASH send an email to the Councillor about possibly renaming the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre.**
- Bryan asked about the status of the development at the former Moon Dog Cafe (corner of Nelson and Laurier). Jeremy Silburt stated that the development had gone through the site plan process and a permit to construct more units had been issued. Financing is an issue and the search for a restaurant operator is in progress.
- Michael Barnes asked about the status of the development at 641 Rideau Street. The Councillor stated he opposed the development. The site plans had not been submitted and the development is inactive. Should it be reactivated, under the new provincial Bill 109, planners will have the authority to approve such a project with limited consultation with the public.
- Calla asked whether the lease money paid by the City for the Jail Respite Centre would be reinvested. The Councillor stated that the lease for the Jail ended at the end of 2022. There are rooms for anyone who wants a place to stay. If there is no room in a shelter then, there are rooms available in a hotel. A person can request a room by walking into a shelter and asking for help.

6. Committee Reports

- Planning (Glen): The Committee met at the beginning of August. A letter was sent to the City on the heritage assessment of the old CP Railway Bridge. 332 Somerset Street is a vacant property which has fallen into disrepair. The Committee prepared a letter to the Councillor for Louise's signature, asking for action to clean up this property. The Committee will look at drafting a checklist for reviewing applications.

- Transportation (John): John will be leading a group of people from concerned community associations in the east end to formulate a common understanding of how to move forward on the issue of trucks in the downtown Rideau Street area.
- Block Reps (Jan): Four more residents have joined the Block Reps group. She has received 3 more responses on the Convoy Protest. Jessica Silburt will help Jan update the Block Rep map.
- Town & Gown (Kendra): Last T&G meeting was held on August 3. Move-in week is scheduled for August 31 to September 4. Both the walk-about and the BBQ/Film night will be held in September. Panda will be held on October 1. The City, both Universities, Ottawa Police and Bylaw engaged in a roles and responsibilities exercise which will form the basis of the plan to manage pre and post Panda activities. Bryan wanted confirmation that the walk-about is scheduled for September 13. Kendra confirmed this. Calla asked if the route for the walk-about was defined in order to allow for individuals with mobility issues to participate. Kendra stated the group will meet at the Community Centre where routes will be handed to the various groups.
Kendra will reach out to the Councillor's assistant to see what can be done to accommodate individuals with these issues.
- Membership (Dave): No report as Dave did not attend the meeting.

7. New Business

- Bryan and Marilyn circulated a Terms of Reference for the new Environment Committee. Bryan apologized for sending it just before the Board meeting started. He gave a brief description of the contents of the Terms of Reference including the advisory role to the Planning Committee. Comments on the Terms should be sent to Marilyn and Bryan. Louise asked whether the Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group would be part of this Committee. Marilyn indicated the Group was more "hands on" planting projects and activities. The Environment Committee would be commenting on policies and programs and reaching out to other committees and neighbourhood groups with other environmental concerns. Louise clarified that a vote by email to install this new Committee would be possible.
- An ASH Bylaw Committee is needed. Michael described the lack of garbage containers around 353 Friel with garbage strewn all over the property. City Bylaw does not seem to be able to resolve this issue. This is the same issue at the mini mall on Rideau and Wurtemberg.

8. Other Business:

- Louise will send an email to the Council regarding ASH's opposition to the renaming of the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre. Bryan moved that the Board opposes the renaming of the Sandy Hill Community Centre and proposes to retain the name and instead the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre should be renamed to reflect its City wide mandate. The motion was seconded by Jan. Motion carried. **This motion will be included in the email to the Councillor.**
- Louise confirmed that Stephanie Plante and Susan Khazaeli had resigned as Board members.

9. Adjournment

- Louise declared the meeting adjourned.