



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:10 pm via video conference.

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Will Milner, Peggy DuCharme, Yipeng Ge,

Guests: 10 participants from the Community including the Councillor and his assistant Bailee Johnson.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes: Moved by Cathy Major and seconded by John Verbaas that the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting be approved. Motion carried

2. Committee Reports:

Transportation – John Verbaas

- John received a notice from the City that the redesign to make the intersection of Nicholas and Laurier more pedestrian and bike friendly was starting soon.
- Tomorrow night the City will share its plans for updating the Transportation Master Plan.
- There has been no progress on the City's intention to deal with the downtown truck problem.
- **John will follow-up with the Councillor on the opening up of Daly Avenue at Waller Street.**

Bylaw – Anya Fraser

- There have been reports of an increasing amount of dog poop not being picked up by dog walkers. Anya stated that short of catching people in the act and taking a picture, there is little that can be done. **She suggested putting up posters to remind people to scoop up the poop as well as putting a blurb in the next ASH newsletter.**

Membership – Dave Elden

- Dave reported that the membership numbers were stable with 271 paid up members.
- A meeting of volunteers to help organize the next One and Only Craft Fair was scheduled to discuss the date for the event, venue, budget – costs and potential revenue.

Block Reps – Jan Finlay

- Jan had nothing to report.
- **Jan will send notes from the meeting she attended at which was discussed the Sandy Hill Co-op and its future lease with the University.**

Planning – Stephanie Plant

- Jeremy Silburt sent a presentation on his proposal to build a single family home at 527 Chapel Street to the Planning Committee. Jeremy will be asking the Committee of Adjustment (CofA) for 2 variances; height and front yard set back. **The Planning Committee is reviewing this proposal.**

- Jeremy indicated that he had applied to the CofA for 2 variances (rear yard and side-yard setbacks) for his development at 515 Chapel. His case will be heard at the CofA on April 22nd.
- Michael Barnes mentioned that there will be further discussion on 641 Rideau Street at City Council. The builder has entered into an MOU with the City for the relocation and compensation of the existing tenants in the 4 apartment buildings at this address. The period to appeal the decision on the development at 641 Rideau Street to the LPAT has started.

3. Ottawa Police Service – Constable Islam:

- the strategy employed by OPS to control St Patrick's Day festivities was successful. There were no major incidents. The messages of partying responsibly and respecting neighbours was well received by the students. Over 40 tickets were issued.

Questions for Constable Islam:

- Susan asked why St Patrick's Day was successful compared to last year's Panda riot and the illegal truckers protest. Constable Islam stated that given what had happened at these two events, the police had no appetite for another Panda fiasco. They wanted to assure residents that the Police and Bylaw would be there and ready to take action if necessary.
- Jan mentioned she had done two interviews on the St Patrick's Day festivities and indicated that the residents were happy with the Day and the interaction between Police and residents.
- Dave suggested that a message should go to the UofO student body that community members in Sandy Hill noticed and appreciated the considerate celebration of St Patrick's day this year and see this as a good model for future events.
- Michael reported that around March 21 a tenant in the Rio Vista apartments saw a man carrying a large cooking knife sticking out of his backpack and later was seen sleeping in between the front doors of the Rio Vista. A tenant was concerned and reported both incidents to OPS who took no action. Michael asked how such an event should be handled. The Constable suggested that if this was deemed to be a threat, the call should be placed to 911. If this was not an emergency, then report the incident online.

4. Councillor's Update:

- Waste Management Review: This review is underway and there are a number of ways to engage in this process.
- Town and Gown: The next meeting will be held on April 12. OPS will present their review of the Panda riot and the results of St Patrick's Day. The plans for move-out will be discussed. The University will present an update on student housing.
- Infrastructure: Nicholas and Laurier Construction: At the beginning of April, work will begin at the corner of Nicholas and Laurier to make this intersection more pedestrian and cyclist friendly; safety and access will be top of mind. Work will also be undertaken on the mall (Waller between Laurier and Wilbrod) to remake this area into a complete street. In April, there will be a public consultation on the a project at Chapel and Rideau to install a small cycling path through Sandy Hill, down Beausoleil to the ByWard Market. The bus stop on the southwest corner of Laurier Ave E at Cumberland will be moved to Sacre Coeur in order to create a smoother traffic flow on this block. There is a proposal to increase the lane width on the Mackenzie King Bridge to 4.5 m.
- Transportation Master Plan: The City is consulting on the Transportation Master Plan. The Councillor will host a dual ward consultation specifically dealing with transportation.
- Development: Smart Living has several zoning applications (Friel, Laurier and Osgoode). Michel from the Councillor's office is looking to engage ASH on these projects. Consideration is being given to have Smart Living present these applications at an ASH Board meeting.
- Waste Management: The Councillor is pushing for indoor waste management in new residential developments.
- Spring Cleaning: The Councillor would like to host a spring cleaning event in the neighbourhood. He would also host a BBQ. **He will contact Susan to discuss possible dates.**

Questions for the Councillor:

- Susan asked whether it would be possible to have a waste policy for urban wards and a different waste policy for other wards. The Councillor stated that multi residential properties have to be brought into the policy. The City is not responsible for commercial/institutional garbage. He has asked for a pilot to determine the cost of merging commercial and residential waste collection.
- Susan also asked whether we could move to more frequent garbage pickup. The Councillor suggested a community leader should be identified to work with him with the goal of discussing the subject with the City.
- John asked why the lanes on the Mackenzie King Bridge must be so wide. The Councillor answered it is to give more capacity to handle rain runoff.
- Dave pointed out that there were a number of desirable transportation linkages which have not been resolved by the developer of 2 Robinson Ave. The Councillor stated there were 3 issues which have not been addressed even though the application has been submitted for approval: affordable housing MOU, transportation connections and amenity space. If these issues are not resolved, the development would have to be resubmitted to the Planning Committee.
- Michael suggested that having a Solid Waste Master Plan will not change the way people handle garbage. What is needed is cross train parking enforcement officers to enable them to handle property standards violations. During the next election, we should encourage people to look for candidates who will change the planning process.

8. New Business:

- Motion for AGM Date: Moved by Susan and seconded by Anya that the date and time for the ASH AGM will be June 16, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 9:00pm at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. **Motion carried.**
- After a discussion on whether the next Board meeting would be in person or a hybrid (virtual and in person), it was decided that the meeting would be a hybrid.
- Motion for donation to MASC: Moved by Jan and seconded by Cathy that ASH contribute \$500.00 to MASC for marketing promotion for their event, Awesome Art in the Park which will be held in the Annie Pooktoogook Park. **Motion carried.**

10. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Moved by John and seconded by Dave that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.