



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, April 25, 2022

7:00 pm – 8:48 pm in person at the Sandy Hill Community Centre and video conference

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Will Milner, Peggy DuCharme, Yipeng Ge, Trina Cooper-Bolam, Anya Fraser

Guest: Louise Lapointe, Jeremy Silburt, the Councillor and his assistant Bailee Johnson.

1. The agenda and the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting could not be approved because we did not have a quorum. **The minutes will have to be approved at the May 30, 2022.**

2. President's Report:

- As part of Cleaning the Capital, Centre 454 will hold a clean-up on Wednesday, April 27 from 9 am to 11 am. The rain date is Thursday, April 28. Refreshments will be served after the event.
- ASH will hold a clean-up on May 14, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a rain date of May 21, 2022.
- MASC will hold a two event on May 21 and 22, 2022 in Annie Pooktoogook Park.
- Betty Hyde has requested ASH's support of stop signs on Osgoode and Blackburn (on the north east and southwest corners). After some discussion, it was decided that John would informally approach the Councillor on this subject.
- Susan mentioned she has had several discussion with the City's Forestry group about improving the tree canopy in Sandy Hill which has been drastically reduced due to development in the neighbourhood. The Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group has sent a list of potential sites for new trees to the City. **Marilyn Whitaker will write an article for IMAGE and the ASH newsletter to encourage residents to obtain trees from the City for planting on their property.**
- The AGM will be held on June 16 from 6:30 pm to 9pm. A new president will be elected at the meeting.

3. Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reilkoff

- Megan sent the March Treasurer's Report to the Board members ahead of the meeting.
- The final cheque from the City for the community rink attendants has been received and cheques have been distributed to the attendants.

Park Renaming – Stephanie Plante

- City Council approved the renaming of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park. The new name for the park will be the Cindy Mitchell Park.
- There will be a discussion with representatives of the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre and ASH about the renaming of the Centre. More to follow.

Transportation – John Verbaas

- The City is planning to update its Active Transportation Plan. It will include further study of the reopening of Daly Avenue at Waller to improve walking and biking and possibly to allow cars in one direction at this intersection.
- The City is committed to ensuring there are links to and from 2 Robinson to the LRT as well as bike paths. The Councillor will meet with City staff and the developer to discuss these connections. The site plan application for the development was passed with a caveat that the connections' issues must be resolved.
- The City's 25 year Active Transportation Plan is missing cycling lanes across the Cummings Bridge. It has been suggested that one of the east bound lanes on the Bridge be restricted to buses and bicycles. The other lane would remain a vehicle lane. Jan Finlay asked how a car would manage to turn right on to River Road without causing an accident. John acknowledged this would be difficult.
- Susan mentioned that in Toronto when a developer constructs buildings in a neighbourhood, it must make improvements in the neighbourhood. She asked why the developer of 70 Nicholas couldn't include bike lanes in its development. John stated that one of the projects in the Active Transportation Study was the addition of bike lanes on Nicholas. The challenge is the many entrances and exits into and from the Rideau Centre on to Nicholas.

Membership – Dave Elden

- Dave reported that the membership numbers were stable.
- Volunteers met to discuss the One and Only Craft Fair. The tentative date for the Fair will be November 12. Dave is in the process of trying to get a contract from the Community Centre. He hopes to have a budget put together in the next few weeks. Then vendors can be recruited.

Block Reps – Jan Finlay

- Jan had nothing to report.
- Jan attended the last Town & Gown meeting. She reported there were 3 points of interest raised at that meeting:
 - there were 12 parties which took place on St Patrick's Day which occurred in Sandy Hill, the Carleton University area and Lowertown. At one of the parties in Sandy Hill, a student hosting the party called police for help to stop the party because some of the people attending the party were unknown to the host. OPS were able to shut the party down.
 - The OPS person who was supposed to report on the outcome of the Police review of the Panda Game riot, did not attend the meeting.
 - There was no representation from Russell Street residents where the Panda Game riot occurred.
- Dave asked why people would be surprised at the outcome of the Panda riot when year after year the same events occur.
- Susan stated that Will has missed more than 3 Board meetings without any reason. **In accordance with the ASH Bylaws, he is no longer a Director of ASH.**

Planning – Stephanie Plant

- Nothing to report.

Bylaw – Anya Fraser

- Anya not present.

4. Councillor's Update:

- Planning - 197 – 201 Wilbrod has been vacant for almost 2 years. A demolition permit has been granted and a zoning by-law amendment and site plan application has been received by

the City. The heritage character must be reflected in the new build. A zoom meeting will be held with representatives from Smart Living, ASH Board members and the Councillor and his staff to discuss several building proposals in the neighbourhood.

- May Spring Clean up – waste receptacles should not be visible from the street. Structures for waste and receptacle bins may be permitted in front of buildings but only after discussions with Bylaw have taken place.
- Town & Gown – Russell Street residents were not in attendance at the last Town and Gown meeting. The Councillor stated that residents must continue to voice their concerns about the Panda riot in order to ensure that OPS and Bylaw have plans in place for the next Panda Game which will ensure that another riot does not occur. The Councillor is frustrated with the Russell Street residents and OPS.
- Proposed New Cycling Route – A public consultation will be held this Wednesday to discuss the proposed cycling route north on Chapel to Beausoleil on to St Patrick's and into the ByWard Market.
- Laurier/Nicholas Construction – The work to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at Laurier and Nicholas has started. Work will be undertaken in the evening. Kyle Delaney is the project manager and will update the Councillor on a weekly basis.
- Transportation Master Plan – Consultation on the new plan is ongoing.

Questions for the Councillor:

- John asked about the numerous requests in planning applications for rear yard setbacks. He wondered if City staff was willing to uphold the current rear yard setback in the zoning bylaw.
- Susan asked about Gora's at the corner of Stewart and King Edward. It appears to have been vacant and now shows signs of activity. Has the City forced the owner to do something? The Councillor answered no.

8. New Business:

- Michael mentioned that the composition of the City's Planning Committee was heavily weighted with rural Councillors. He hoped that the next Council will see its way to making the Planning Committee more balanced.
- The subject of inviting elected officials to the upcoming AGM was discussed. It was agreed that they would be invited but they would be asked to address the top 3 issues in our neighbourhood. **Dave will come up with the top 3 issues.**
- Jeremy Silburt suggested that since the AGM will be a hybrid meeting (in person and virtual) that a bi-directional microphone be used to ensure that everyone would be heard.
- Megan announced that she would not be standing for re-election as she is expecting her fourth child in July. She will be available to assist the new Treasurer.
- Jeremy indicated that he would be interested in participating in the Gazebo project. It was agreed that Claude Jobin who took the lead on the project should be contacted to see where things are on the project.

10. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.