

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, September 26, 2022 7:00 pm – 8:22 pm via video conference.

MINUTES

Present: Cathy Major in chair, Marilyn Whitaker, David Elden, Kendra Eyben, Michael Barnes,

John Verbaas, Calla Barnett, Louise Lapointe, Jan Finlay

Regrets: Glenn Grignon, Bryan Dewalt, Jessica Wilbur

Guests: Betsy Schuurman, Stephanie Plante, Urania Saville, Gerald Dragon, Arto Keklikian,

Lucille Collard, Bailee Johnson

Agenda

1. Welcome and tour de table.

2. Review and approval of agenda.

Motion to adopt agenda. Any changes or additions?

Moved by Marilyn, seconded by John unanimous

3. Review and approval of minutes of August 29, 2022

Motion to adopt the minutes. Any changes or additions?

Moved by Cathy, seconded by Marilyn with changes, unanimous

4. Review and approval of Treasurer's report for August 2022 (Megan)

Motion to adopt the Report. Any changes or additions?

Deferred as Megan was absent

5. Chair's Update.

Louise has been away for a month and apart from Panda preparations which was left to be reported on by Kendra had nothing to report.

6. Councillor's Report.

Panda: We have done what we could. Encourage residents to attend tailgate, hoping post-game will be controlled by OPS, debrief on Wednesday,

Thanks to ASH for help with BBQ. Record movie night. Made 21 bags of popcorn and ran out

Consultation on expansion of Community Centre will end November 5. The Councillor encouraged residents to participate in the consultation. Link to participate:

https://engage.ottawa.ca/sandy-hill-community-centre

There will be money in the 2023 budget sufficient to build a new gym, Steve Gauthier is the city reviewer. The work done by uCarleton to be included in review.

The raised intersection at Range Road and Somerset E. will be finished by end of Oct.

The waste management issue related to the Smart Living development at Sweetland and Laurier-successful to get waste management indoors

Solid waste management bylaw states no garbage pails, black or blue boxes can be visible from street. Walk-about found many contraventions at both rentals and resident- owned properties. Only green bins can be visible from the street. The Councillor encouraged ASH to remind members of this bylaw and to report any violations to the City.

There will be a one-day hazardous waste and special items waste event at 300 Coventry Rd Sunday October 2, from 8am to 4 pm. This is the first urban waste event held in urban Ottawa. Further info can be found here:

https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/hazardous-waste-and-special-items#section-bf1a7a79-9ca3-4c71-beed-593de44201b0

Transportation: Mathieu encouraged anyone with transportation questions/issues to talk to John, who is the most transportation knowledgeable in our community.

At 4 Range, there is currently front yard parking which is against the Bylaws. Mathieu has reported this issue. The problem has arisen due to no effort to get driveway cut away changed during the planning approval process.

Work at Laurier and Nicholas is in the final phase of resurfacing.

332 Somerset St. issues are an anomaly. When bill 109 was passed a loophole was created. The site plan application for this property was removed from site plan process in order to take advantage of the loophole. No approval of building plans has been passed to date but demolition permit has passed. City is reviewing site clean-up appeal.

2 Robinson: no news, no submission to date.

The Councillor will conduct a transition meeting once the new Councillor is elected.

Michael Barnes expressed concern that transportation volumes are being under-counted for the 3 to 5 year time-frame

Mathieu confirmed that at 461 Rideau, there will be right turn in and right turn out only and there may even be requirement for concrete median

John Verbaas: Thank you to Mathieu for his work in the community over his tenure

Mathieu thanked us for pressure we put on him, it helped clarify community issues.

7. Committee Reports and Updates

Treasurer's report - Jan Finlay deleted

Planning & Heritage: Glenn Grignon reported by Cathy Major

Meeting next week

Glenn has set up a wiki for committee to work better

Transportation: John Verbaas

John and Louise had a meeting with our MP, Mona Fortier and one of the topics discussed was the downtown truck issue. The discussion focused on the NCC's next steps following the completion in Jan 2022 of their Interprovincial Crossings Study. John mentioned that the NCC identified their next steps to be the hiring of a consultant to update interprovincial truck and car traffic volumes post Covid and the importance of making progress on these next steps. Mona undertook an action to follow-up with the NCC and report back to ASH.

Mathieu convened group from the eastern part of the city (10-15 people) regarding the downtown truck issue. John put together a bibliography of all the issues discussed over the past 20 years by associations and the city/province

John has been meeting with candidates regarding transportation.

A new 4 way stop will be installed at Daly and Cumberland as a result of a motion put forward by the Councillor.

Membership: David Elden

Membership numbers are stable.

Registration for the One and Only Gift Show is now 38 vendors.

Robinson Village: TCU has been fined at least twice for noise violations over rooftop hvac systems. Residents hope the situation will be rectified soon.

There were garbage problems before residents moved in to the new Robinson Village

development. Residents were persistent with complaints and Bylaw has now taken care of it. David's comment: persistence and numbers pays off.

Block Reps: Jan Finlay

Report of posting activity by Jan. No feedback from anybody regarding Panda postings.

Town & Gown: Kendra Eyben

Kendra reported there were 5 or 6 groups for Walk-about. Kendra thanked volunteers who came out for the walk-about and those who volunteered for the BBQ.

The T&G committee has been boosting Panda communication and providing input to communication consultations with the City and uOttawa.

Kendra commented that she would like to plan other events in conjunction with city, uOttawa and ASH to continue the cooperative relationship arising from working on Panda.

8. New Environment Committee Discussion

Marilyn noted that the committee has had some feedback to the draft TOR and have incorporated the suggestions. The committee has a deadline of the next meeting to present a final TOR for the Board to vote on.

Brian has been reaching out to SH Tree and Greening Group, explaining how the two groups would work together and how they differ. A new name for the Group is in the works.

9. Roundtable - New and Old Business

Winter Carnival 2023

Christine Aubrey not able to lead a committee. Christine has indicated she is happy to act as a consultant for the event. ASH needs to look for new convener.

Mathieu willing to reach out Youville, Francojeunesse and Viscount Alexander schools to ask for help with the carnival.

Calla suggested we reach out to daycares as well

Contribution to Halloween Party at SHCC

Derek has asked for a contribution.

Jan moved, John seconded motion to contribute what we contributed the last time. Unanimous. Jan to send an email to Megan to ask the amount of the donation in the past. If ASH runs a Halloween contest, Mathieu will contribute one gift. Cathy to ask Christine Aubrey of she would be interested in running it again this year.

Next meeting October 31, 2022 – Halloween?

November 1

Motion to move next meeting date to Tuesday November 1 moved by Marilyn, seconded by Dave. Unanimous

Need to get new rink attendant

Cathy may have one, a Russell resident.

Candidate meeting

Possible scenario would be a Zoom town hall with Lowertown Community Association. There is an in-person meeting in Vanier Thursday Oct 6.

Cathy and Jan to post link to the Rogers debate that took place earlier in September.

Mathieu suggests we have a Sandy Hill specific one as our issues are not the same as Lowertown.

Lucille Collard, MPP

Mme Collard noted that her door is always open and she is happy to chat about Sandy Hill issues. She encouraged ASH to encourage residents to vote. She would be happy to join future ASH meetings.

Michael Barnes presented his views on the truck issue. Mathieu responded noting that any bridge is up to the NCC. There are only 2 options new bridge or tunnel. The city supports either, both require all levels of government to cooperate.

10. Adjournment

Cathy moved adjournment at 8:22 pm.

11. Next meeting - Tuesday November 1.