



Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:37 pm in person & virtual.

Present: Louise Lapointe, Marilyn Whitaker, David Elden, John Verbaas, Cathy Major, Jan Finlay, Glenn Grignon, Jessica Silburt, Bryan Dewalt, Megan Reilkoff and Calla Barnett

Regrets: Kendra Eyben and Michael Barnes

Guests: Total number of participants were 23.

1. Chair's opening remarks

Louise opened the meeting by talking about the upcoming February 28 meeting with representatives from the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, community and Community Engagement Team (CET) members, and several unhoused people. This the first of three meetings to be held to arrive at solutions to achieve a balance between the services provided through the SHCHC and the needs of the community which include local businesses and residents in close proximity to the SHCHC.

2. Review and approval of agenda

Motion to adopt agenda.

Moved by Jan, seconded by Bryan, **Carried**

3. Review and approval of minutes of January 29, 2023 (in camera and regular Board Mtg) with changes

Motion to adopt the minutes.

Moved by Cathy, seconded by Marilyn, **Carried**

4. Community Engagement Team(CET) Update – Kent Hugh

- The CET is funded until the end of 2023 and is hoping to receive more funding for the next year through the City's budget which should be approved.
- The CET has been focusing its efforts around the Rideau Centre and in particular, the underground parking lot where people are sleeping. CET is working to connect these people with various social services.
- Kent did say that until the concentration of shelters is reduced in our area, the problems which exist today will continue.

5. Ottawa Police Service (OPS) – Paul Stam

- Paul reported that there will be an increased police presence in the neighbourhood on Friday, March 17. Similarly, Bylaw services will also have an increased presence.
- When asked about a walkabout prior to St Patrick's Day and an increased police presence throughout the weekend, **Paul said he would provide answers at a later date.**
- **The Block Reps will send out the information on St Patrick's Day once all the answers were provided.**

4. Councillor's Report

- Consultations on the City budget have been ongoing. The play structure in Strathcona Park will be updated and the sandy areas in the Park and near Duchies Hole will be made more accessible.
- A crosswalk art project is being considered in Lowertown and suggested something similar in Sandy Hill.
- A meeting will be held at the end of March with the Presidents of uOttawa and Carleton to discuss the concept of holding all activities before and after Panda at Lansdowne Park. Councillor Menard agrees with this plan. The venue for the meeting has yet to be determined but the Councillor is hoping there is enough room for representatives from ASH as well as students to attend.
- There was a short discussion around the fact that 30% of opioid overdoses occur on construction sites outside of the downtown core.
- 2 Robinson – The Councillor did chat with the Developer sometime ago about the bike lane issue and the idea of a daycare in one of the buildings.
- The Sandy Hill Childcare Centre has reopened on the corner of Daly and Cumberland in the old Church. University security patrols the area.
- Sandy Hill Community Health Centre is looking for office space in the 2 Robinson complex for Wiggins programming.
- Bylaw confirmed that 311 can be called to pick up bio-hazardous waste. For discarded needles, call the CET. **Block reps will circulate this information.**

5. Committee Reports

Treasurer's report - Megan

- The January 2023 Treasurer's report was sent to Board members prior to the meeting (see attached).
- She pointed out that there is \$989.40 from the One and Only that should be donated. A suggestion was made to use the funds to help fund a crosswalk art project.
- Bryan suggested that some of the bequest from François Bregha could be used to fund Environmental projects as François was a supporter of environmental causes.
- The funds from Homestead remain untouched and the gazebo project for which these funds were earmarked has stalled. **Jessica said she would restart this project.**

Motion to accept the Report – Jan

Seconded – Cathy. **Carried**

Planning & Heritage: Glenn Grignon

- There have been a flurry of demolitions in the neighbourhood.
- The Committee wants to make sure that the R4 zoning is properly administered under the new Provincial Build Homes Fast Act.
- The Planning Committee will schedule a meeting with the Councillor to discuss demolitions, new legislation etc.
- The Committee wants to build better working relationships with City planners and local developers in order to influence projects in a positive way.

Transportation: John Verbaas

John sent his Committee report to Board Members prior to the meeting. See attached.

Betsy Schuurman volunteered to help with communications on the downtown truck problem.

Membership: David Elden

- Membership numbers are stable

Block Reps: Jan Finlay

- Nothing to report.

Town & Gown: Kendra Eyben

- Did not attend the meeting.

Environment Committee – Marilyn

- Marilyn submitted the report to Board members prior to the meeting. See attached.
- Marilyn announced that the ASH Underwriter had indicated that the Environment Fair would be covered under the ASH insurance policy.
- There was broad support and agreement for the Cleaning the Capital campaign and an application will be submitted for cleaning in Strathcona Park as a priority, with a target date of April 29/23.

Bylaw Committee – Jessica

- Jessica submitted a briefing note to Board members prior to the meeting. See attached.
- The Terms of Reference for this Committee were nowhere to be found. **Cathy will check the ASH filing cabinet in the Sandy Hill Community Centre to see if they are there.**
- Several people have expressed an interest in joining the Committee.
- Next steps – find more members, finalize the Terms of Reference, hold first meeting
- Ward 12 is the only ward with 2 dedicated property standards officers.
- Betsy suggested that a Bylaw cheat sheet be developed for residents.

6. Other Business

- **Calla will write the proposal for the City grant for community events.**
- AGM will be held on May 18

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Marilyn

Seconded – Dave

Carried

8. Next meeting – March 27, 2023.