



Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm in person & virtual

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

Regrets: Dave Elden and Michael Barnes

Guests: Total number of participants were 18.

1. Review and approval of agenda

Motion to adopt agenda.

Moved by Cathy, seconded by Kendra, **Carried**

2. Review and approval of minutes of February 27, 2023, with changes

Motion to adopt the minutes.

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

3. Chair's opening remarks

Louise mentioned the letter from the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC) to ASH in which SHCHC indicated it was not responsible for the problems associated with the safe consumption site. Louise will respond to the letter. Kent Hugh from the City of Ottawa had provided the notes from Session I of the three meetings with SHCHC, members of the community and the Community Engagement team, unhoused community members and other service providers. Those notes indicated that, while there were others in attendance at the meeting, a significant number of participants were either Staff or Board Members from SHCHC. Calla responded via email that the wrong questions were being asked, that the results of the meeting were skewed to the perspective of SHCHC and made it clear that the community's issue was not with the safe injection site but with the management of the site. Louise and Calla attended Session II of the three meetings and there was a clear difference in approach and attendance. Louise was cautiously optimistic that this meeting was more productive than the first meeting. She will try to encourage the development of a good neighbour policy to be adopted by the SHCHC.

Letitia Charboneau, a resident and SHCHC Board President asked for evidence that the SHCHC was not following provincial guidelines for the distribution of safe drug supply. Calla stated she was referring to the Recovery R/X operation on Rideau Street. Letitia is upset about the poor relationship between SHCHC and ASH and suggested a meeting between the two Boards.

Louise attended a meeting with the People's Commission. They are interested in learning about the Town and Gown model with a view to creating something similar for their purposes.

Louise announced that she is stepping back from her duties as Chair until the AGM. John Verbaas will act as Vice Chair until her return.

4. Committee Reports

Treasurer's report - Megan

- The February 2023 Treasurer's report was sent to Board members prior to the meeting (see attached).

Motion to accept the Report – Jan

Seconded – Kendra. **Carried**

Planning & Heritage: Glenn Grignon

- The Committee is working on strategies for engagement with uOttawa and developers.
- There is a plan to set up a meeting with uOttawa representatives
- Glenn along with Louise and John met with Lucille Collard. Part of the meeting dealt with the impact of Bill 23 on the development process. Glenn mentioned that the City has until the end of the year to announce its development approval process.
- Glenn reported that there has not been a lot of development applications. However, the number of demolitions seems to be on the rise.

Block Reps: Jan Finlay

- Nothing to report.
- Jan presented the budget for the One & Only Craft Fair to be held on November 18, 2023. The budget is attached to these minutes. It has been decided that the Book Fair will be held only every two years. The budget can be approved by email.

Membership: David Elden

- Dave did not attend the meeting.

Town & Gown: Kendra Eyben

- a meeting was held with the Councillor at the end of February to discuss St Patrick's Day. No university representatives were present at the meeting.
- The Councillor will hold a meeting with the presidents of both universities to discuss plans to hold all Panda activities at Landsdowne Park. Kendra has sent notes to the Councillor in preparation for the meeting. The notes stress that ASH is not against the Panda Game but disapproves of the impact the Panda Game has on our neighbourhood.
- Kendra raised the idea of holding a community meeting before the Town & Gown meeting. The idea was well received by the Board.
- ASH Town & Gown is now a member of Town & Gown Association of Ontario and will be participating in a town hall to be held this weekend.

Transportation: John Verbaas

- The City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will be presented to the Transportation Committee and Council for approval on Apr 17. The TMP does mention that the downtown truck problem is an issue to be solved. The TMP suggests either a tunnel or a bridge is a possible solution. John stated that there is new text in this version of the TMP which mentions that the truck problem is a result of the lack of an appropriate roadway connection between the 417 and Highway 5 in Quebec. The TMP proposed wording also indicates that a review would occur on the possibility of removing King Edward and Rideau St from the city's truck route network after a new project is built. John is concerned that how trucks will be routed in the future is a subject that must be clear prior to any decision being made about a new infrastructure project and not to be reviewed afterwards. John will represent Sandy Hill at the Transportation Committee and impress upon the Committee the need for a change in this wording. John suggested that it should be arranged for the Councillor to attend the Committee meeting to support John's presentation.

Bylaw Committee – Jessica

- The Terms of Reference for the previous Bylaw Committee have not surfaced.
- Next steps, Jessica will connect with Lowertown or Vanier to see if they have a Bylaw Committee and a Terms of Reference. She will call a meeting of the Bylaw Committee to discuss the development of a Terms of Reference which, once developed will be brought to the ASH Board for approval.

Environment Committee – Marilyn & Bryan

- The focus for the Committee is the EcoFair for which a park permit was granted by the City. The EcoFair will be held on May 13 in Strathcona Park.
- Marilyn attended the recent CAFES meeting as ASH is now a member of CAFES.
- Cleaning the Capital – Strathcona Park has been approved by the City and will be held on April 29 from 10am to 2pm. Rain date is Sunday. She has picked up the kits and people will meet close to the Adawe Bridge.
- Louise shared a link with Marilyn regarding the funding for a tree inventory. The Environment Committee is not planning to do an inventory this year.

5. Councillor's Report

- The Councillor did not attend the meeting.
- Her assistant, Carina Pogler was present. She mentioned that the Councillor was attending a Town Hall session with the Byward Market Businesses. 65 people were in attendance including City staff.

6. Other Business

- There was a lengthy discussion about the files in the ASH filing cabinet in the Sandy Hill Community Centre and the boxes located in Cathy Major's home and the retention of these files. It was suggested that the files be kept for 7 years. No decision was made on this item.
- Calla reported that the Paint It Up Program does not fund murals on roadways, only murals on buildings. Calla suggested that a mural project which is being planned for the building at 154 Mann Avenue (the change rooms and washrooms at Dutchies Hole) might be suitable for the Paint It Up Program. An incorporated group with insurance is required to support this project. This might be an opportunity for ASH. Megan will verify insurance coverage for this new activity once the project details and budget have been solidified. Calla did not provide any details on ongoing and/or long-term costs; however, those details will feature in the budget for the project as it is developed. Calla will undertake the pre-approval for the mural and work on the grant application with the community member, Connie Shingoose, and artist, Pierre Melancon, to obtain funds for the artist, materials, and related events. Moving forward, the following items will be required for ASH to support the grant application:
 - A completed description of the project
 - A completed budget.
 - Insurance estimate and inclusion of the increased insurance amount in the budget
 - A contract with Pierre that outlines his responsibilities as the artist and the responsibilities of ASH during the initial project and the 5-year maintenance period.
 - Information about the role that ASH will play in managing finances, marketing the event and /or recruiting volunteers.
- **Once these items are provided to the ASH Board of Directors, we will vote on whether to move forward with this project.**

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Glenn

Seconded – Kendra

Carried

8. Next meeting – April 24, 2023.