



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

Bill Baldwin
John Dance
Paul Goodkey
Don Fugler
Ed Janes
Kate Martin
Ian McRae
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Catherine Pacella
Stephen Pope
Katherine Simonds

Others present

Mary Jo Aquilina
David Chernushenko
Anna K. Doucet
Ian Grabina
John Jarrett
Heather Jarrett
Wendy McRae
Erin O'Connor
Chris Osler
Kenn Rankine
Ron Rose

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:00pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Amended.
 - Moved: Bill Baldwin; 2nd: Jamie; Carried.
3. Approval of March 2016 Minutes
 - Amended.
 - Moved: Ed Janes; 2nd: Ian McRae: Carried.
4. Community Hub developments – Don Stephenson
 - Don is Chair of a working group with OECA, CAG, and Sandy Hill Community Centre working to identify new community centre space.
 - Current community centre situation constrained by limited space.
 - One opportunity with great potential for a future community centre space (or hub) is the Deschâtelets building.
 - Opportunity for re-use of a heritage building with potential for a mixed-use facility, including community housing and programs offered by CAG and others.
 - CAG has until June 30th to demonstrate to the Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC) that they are a serious candidate that they can be a partner.

- By the end of June, the working group would like to have a plan to give CCOC indicating that they are a serious partner for contention. If effectively demonstrated, it is possible that the space will be reserved for community hub projects.
- Three priority uses being considered: community housing, community centre (hub), art spaces.
- Working with design students at Carleton, who have developed some design ideas. Preliminary designs do not include costings.
- Two step process: survey at a general level in partnership with OECA, followed up with a secondary more in-depth survey
- A formal fundraising plan will be developed in the next few months.

5. Greystone Village update – Erin O'Connor

- River corridor is still closed between Clegg and Deschâtelets.
- Reports of some people climbing over fencing barrier.
- Additional tree removals happening on site in prep for Phase 1 construction and extra soil testing.
- Formal pre-consult will be happening and the plans will be shared on the Oblates land re-development site.
- The City is paying for 50% of brownfield clean-up in the form of development charges and tax breaks.
- Coal ash in the ground where construction is taking place has been identified as a potential health risk as it involves elevated levels of mercury, among other chemical hazards.
- A number of groundwater tests conducted and the results returned clean.

6. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Main St. Reconstruction - City has resumed sending out bi-weekly construction newsletters.
- Corners at Main – do not yet have demolition permit but the townhouses will be coming down soon.
- Coach Houses – Paul and Phyllis met with City Planning department and with Councillors office, and Champlain Park Association. City is going more slowly than originally anticipated. Decision will be delayed for several months. Likely that some changes will be accepted, but not confident all suggestions will be implemented.
- Letter drafted to MP McKenna trying to facilitate access for some canoes and kayaks. Heard back quickly. Glebe Community Association also keen on encouraging support for this access. John will be working with them to draft a letter.
- Road User Fees Study motion put forward by the Councillor. A letter related to this matter was developed by the OECA expressing support for a study of user fees in order to better understand the issue.
- Regional has offered a donation of \$200 to OECA for the Main Event BBQ.

- Queensway sound barriers – a letter was received from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation that did not indicate much support for this initiative. Would still like to push forward with a study on sound barriers but unclear as to how the OECA will go about this at this current juncture.

7. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Consultations on stormwater have been taking place.
- Water bill is entirely variable right now. City looking for some sort of predictability, therefore examining the possibility of introducing a fixed-fee.
- Climate Change Adaptation National Conference – Councillor delivered remarks on 12 April and looking to engage Minister McKenna on these issues.
- Carleton Student concepts on a community hub for re-use of the Deschâtelets building is an excellent opportunity. Trying to prioritize this project. A modest amount of money may be available. Decision to allocate CiLP towards this may be taken soon. Will be many opportunities to replenish CiLP in the coming years as a result of Infill and other developments in the Ward.
- Multi-use pathways – City staff will present plans to OECA in May or June, with a public meeting to follow.
- Traffic safety being examined as bus detours down residential streets (Marlowe, Elliot) begin.
- On April 23rd between 10:30 – 12:00pm a meeting will be held to discuss the bus detour issue on Marlowe between Glengarry and Belgrave.
- Debate surrounding shoreline clean-up and possible changes to parkland surrounding the river for additional uses.

8. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- St. Paul gardens are going to take over their own bank accounts.

9. Committee Reports

a. Planning - Stephen Pope

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 2.
- CCOC proposal is responding to an Action Ottawa Call for affordable housing and assisted housing within building.
- A pilot pre-consultation will be happening with the City.
- Planning helped re-adjust the number of Regional's proposed number of units.
- Idea proposed to have a taller building (9 stories). May take the form of a senior's building or replace proposals for senior housing within the Deschâtelets building.
- Site lines were assessed and not found to be overly cumbersome to the general plan.
- The kinds of supportive services seniors would need and be interested in are being looked at.

b. SLOE – Ian McRae

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 3.

- SLOE open meeting took place about a month ago to generate ideas for the future.
 - SLOE's next meeting will be held on April 18th, 7pm at 18 Letchworth Rd.
 - Large stones have been accepted from the townhouses at Corners on Main. Regional will store them close to the Deschatelets building but must identify how to move them. Help being sought.
 - Children's Garden summer programming decisions being made. Addressed in further detail in the SLOE report.
 - Conservation handbook being developed for new residents of the Oblates/Greystone Village Development.
- c. Transportation - Glen Linder
- No report.
- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis
- No report.
- e. City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
- Transportation issues discussed in last meeting include the airport parkway widening. CCC considering lobbying to delay decision about the widening.
 - Downtown interprovincial truck study – CCC looking for some leadership on the results of the study. Identifying who should take the lead to implement the findings. May impact truck traffic in downtown area.
 - Next CCC meeting (end of May) will look at minimum parking requirements.
- f. Communications - Catherine Pacella
- No report.
- g. Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
- No report.
- h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
- No report.

10. Community Activities Group

- No report.

11. OOECA priorities community survey – Ed Janes

- Undertaking a study to get a sense of priorities for community hub and community as a whole.
- Broad questions are being developed about interests and preferences of the community. Then specific questions will be developed for a more detailed and focused study.

12. Cash in Lieu of Parkland (CiLP) - Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Phyllis and John met with CAG to determine CiLP priorities.
- OECA agreement about resurfacing of the Springhurst park basketball court.
- OECA agreement about looking at supporting a community centre design plan.

- CAG priorities – community centre design, resurfacing of basketball courts at Springhurst and Brantwood and tennis courts at Brantwood park.
- CAG also interested in a water fountain at the exterior of Field House.

13. Sandy Hill Community Health Centre initiative – Chris Osler

- Oasis program provides services to people with HIV/Hep C.
- Overall emphasis on harm reduction programs. The Centre is holding public consultation about housing a supervised safe injection site at 221 Nelson.
- Four public open houses happening on Monday nights. Must RSVP. Two have been held so far.
- The program director has offered to come to the Board or lead a tour of the site to answer questions OECA may have.
- SHCHC is a member of the healthy transportation coalition – supportive of the motion to examine user fees.
- Streetfight event coming up on April 27th at the Aberdeen Pavillion– in collaboration with Ecology Ottawa - with Former Transportation Commissioner of New York who will be talking about creating more dynamic spaces for pedestrians and cyclists in urban areas.

14. Elgin Street Public School changes – Catherine Pacella

- Final decision at Elgin St. Public School is that English program will be moved out except for kids in grade 5 going into grade 6.
- Nothing is changing for OOE residents – not affected by boundary changes.
- A timeline for the accommodation review of Old Ottawa East will be undertaken.
- The Oblates development is not being considered seriously in terms of how the population influx will affect school capacity.
- Discussion took place surrounding a letter advocating for a sooner timeline for an accommodation review to make sure new demographics are considered.

15. New Business

16. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 10 May 2016

17. Adjournment - Moved: Don Fugler; 2nd: John Dance; Carried.