



SANDY HILL • CÔTE SABLE

Action Sandy Hill Board Meeting

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Present/Présents: Sam Almsaddi, Sophie Beecher, François Bregha, Christopher Collmorgen, Eric Crighton, Julie Crôteau, Mona Frendo, Marcia George, Jane Gurr, Liz Kessler, Claire MacDonald, Kyle Simunovic.

Regrets/Absents: John Verbaas.

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Christopher Collmorgen welcomed everyone and invited Board members and members of the public to introduce themselves.

#### **2. Review and approval of the agenda**

Kyle moved (Marcia seconded) that the agenda be approved.

#### **3. Approval of minutes**

François moved (Sam supported) approval of the February minutes.

Committee reports

#### **4. Planning and Development**

The developer of 466 Nelson has appealed the Board of Adjustment's ruling denying his request for 2 additional units to the OMB. The hearing will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>. ASH will not intervene.

The owner of 144 Osgoode (corner Nelson) wants to build an addition to his property and is looking for ASH support. It was agreed that, for this and other similar developments, ASH's Planning and Development Committee should consult the ASH By-law Committee to determine whether there were any concerns about the property.

The owner of 217 Henderson wants to transform the existing duplex into a four-unit

apartment building with 6 bedrooms each. While concerns were expressed by the density implied, Sophie noted the efforts made regarding architectural design and wastes storage.

The City's draft infill guidelines go to full Council on April 10. Sophie will circulate them to Board members and asked for comment by end of day Friday.

ASH will write the Councillor asking for his support in having the City bury the overhead hydro lines for the entire length of the Rideau Street Redevelopment Project, whether or not the sidewalks are widened on either side of Nelson Street. The stretch in question will cost \$315,000.. Another discussion with project stakeholders to discuss the possibility of eliminating the left turn lane is scheduled for April 4, 2012. Lowertown Community Association will attend with ASH.

Christopher will contact FCA to ask for help in interpreting the City's proposed omnibus amendment to the zoning by-law (is this the same as the in-fill changes?).

## **5. By-laws and Community Environment**

The Good Neighbours Committee has decided to award recipients in 2 of the 3 categories of its Sandy Hill Annual Community Awards Program for 2012. It was decided that each winner would receive a \$300 Loblaws gift certificate. Marcia will make the presentation before the end of term and draft text for articles in IMAGE, Fulcrum and La Rotonde (Liz to provide contact information).

Marcia has registered her block with Neighbourhood Watch and explained how the program works. More information is available from the Neighbourhood Watch Program Coordinator Elvis Nguyen (elvis.nguyen@hotmail.com).

Christopher will write an article in IMAGE about getting involved in Sandy Hill's contribution to the City's "Cleaning the Capital" event.. ASH will once again clean the parks with the 150<sup>th</sup> Scouts. Claire will seek partners in local schools, businesses, student organizations and housing co-ops to extend the cleaning to some streets. It was noted that the Strathcona Heights Residents' Association was going to organize a clean-up on the weekend of May 5. The e-waste pick-up organized by the University will be the same weekend. Liz will identify a contact for Claire.

Christopher noted that the City will have a garbage truck patrolling Sandy Hill streets between April 25 and May 2 (which corresponds to when most students will move out) to pick up garbage. A by-law officer will ride with the garbage truck mete out fines for early garbage and charge-back to the property owners for clean-up. This will be part of a new City strategy to inform landlords and tenants of their responsibilities concerning garbage.

The Board had an extensive discussion about the boisterous parties that took place on St Patrick's Day. Christopher listed the following actions ASH took:

- Meetings with the Councillor, the City's Protection Services and the Good Neighbours Committee
- Media interviews

- A letter to University president Rock noting the University's moral responsibility for its students.
- A University communiqué deploring the events, issued at our request. Christopher will follow up with a second letter to Mr. Rock to express our disappointment at the communiqué's wording and limited distribution.
- Meetings with neighbours.
- An email to the Councillor asking him to request Ottawa Protection Services to inform the landlords of the 18 addresses visited by By-law officers of the events observed on their properties on March 17 and to provide us the addresses for future follow-up (François to draft).

It was agreed that we should engage these landlords and invite some to join the Town and Gown Committee and attend the ASH AGM.

It was noted that some neighbours are also planning to write Rock to complain directly.

## **6. Special events**

François, Julie and Mona are organizing the AGM. Actions to undertake include:

- All Board members to comment on the draft annual report by April 10.
- Jane to draft 2011 AGM report.
- Marcia to prepare the financial report.
- Kyle to send an information package to members by April 17 (François to draft).
- All to suggest nominees for the volunteer of the year award.

It was agreed that we will invite the MP and MPP to attend to answer questions but not to deliver speeches.

It was recommended that committee reports should not just list activities but focus on an important theme and develop it instead. Committees should also have tables where they can meet the public and ASH members immediately before the AGM starts, to discuss what they are doing with an eye to attracting more volunteers.

## **7. Community relations**

The next step in the creation of the Town and Gown Committee will be to circulate the draft terms of reference to the membership of the 6 founding constituent members of the committee for their approval. Those members are ASH, the Councillor's Office, Ottawa Police Services, By-Law, the SFUO and the University Administration. The 6 members will then meet to ratify the terms and launch the Committee.

The Sandy Hill Northwest Neighbourhood Improvement Group held its first meeting last week. The Group will address issues that arise from the concentration of social service delivery agencies in that part of Sandy Hill. This was a "getting to know each other" meeting and the next meeting in June will address substantive issues, such as the move of Centre 454.

## **8. Members and outreach**

Kyle reported that he is continuing to develop the membership database and will report in April.

Kyle will circulate a draft site map for a new website and would like to receive comments from directors by Friday.

Kyle noted that ASH had a new corporate member, Odyssey Theatre.

## **9. Questions from the floor**

Students at Ottawa and Carleton have voted in favour of the UPass.

One Board member wanted an update on the proposed amendment to the noise by-law. Mr. Fleury has not yet received proposed language for the amendment.

Someone asked what the status of the proposed traffic calming measures was. They will be submitted to the next meeting of the Transportation Committee. Christopher indicated that ASH would like to be able to identify current priorities and not be restricted by a backlog of measures identified almost 20 years ago.

## **10. Future meetings**

The Planning Committee will meet April 16.

The next ASH Board meeting will be April 30.

The AGM will be May 17.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50.