



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, September 29, 2014 Lundi le 29 septembre 2014
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM 19h00 à 21h00
Sandy Hill Community Centre Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

Minutes / Procès verbal

Present/Présents:

Camille Ainslie, Pat Archer, Eric Audet, Robert Forbes, Denis Forget, Yves LeBouthillier, Chad Rollins, Sally Southey, Marc Tremblay, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Suneeta Millington, Brian Murphy, Jeremy Silbert

Item / Sujet

01 Welcome/Bienvenue

Copies of the 2014-15 ASH Priorities and the Vision Sandy Hill Community Survey overview were circulated. At 7:02 pm the meeting was called to order. Chad welcomed Board Members and the residents in attendance. Board Members and residents introduced themselves in a tour de table.

02 Review and Approval of Agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour

The item "Community Relations, Terms of References for the Block Representatives" was deleted from the agenda. Under the item "By-laws and Environment", Illegal Parking was added.

The proposition was moved by Camille and seconded by Bob to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned amendments (carried).

Decision



03 Review and Approval of Minutes (August) /
Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (août)

One correction was noted under the Treasurer's Report, the amount for the ASH chequing and savings account was \$17,528.41

Denis moved and Pat seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be approved (carried) with the above-mentioned amendment.

Decision



04 Survey Results (Christine Aubry)

Information

Christine distributed a summary sheet of the survey results to the people attending the meeting. Christine began by indicating that the Survey was an ASH initiative in partnership with the SH Community Health Centre. They received a total of 260 surveys, 200 in English and 60 in French. Although they tried to target businesses to respond to the survey, only two businesses did. No major surprises came out of the surveys but a few topics are worth reiterating:

In what people love about SH, many residents commented enjoying living in an eclectic neighborhood with students but they fear that this eclectic balance is threatened by the growth of the student population. It was mentioned that ASH needs to do a better job at promoting what is good about SH.

In what people don't love about SH, there were few surprises: families leaving the neighbourhood, conversions, garbage and noise, derelict properties, the loss of some heritage buildings, the traffic on King Edward...

In what people want to see more of in SH, the emerging feeling is that more enforcement is required; to protect heritage buildings; to prevent conversions and bad development; to keep the neighbourhood clean and quiet at night. Better and safer cycling also came out strongly. Interestingly, people do not want SH to be like the Glebe or Westborough. They indicated that SH is unique and it has the potential to develop into something different. Robinson Village and Strathcona Heights residents feel isolated and they would like to have better access to services.

For ASH the main message is: less protesting against and more promotion of what is good and positive. Some surveys praised ASH for the noise initiative, some residents felt there aren't enough opportunities for people to come together, and others suggested a better use of the community centre.

During the Q&A period it was suggested that the results of the survey should be communicated to UofO, possibly at the next T&G meeting in November. Interestingly, there were few mentions of UofO by the residents in this survey.

**Action
Bob and
Suneeta**

Overall it was felt that this survey will be helpful to ASH in the development of its Mission, Vision and Values exercise.

Action



04B ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM ADDED BY THE CHAIR

Community Gardens (John Woodhouse)

John approached ASH in August asking for support in his efforts to put community gardens and flowerbeds on the campaign agenda. ASH agreed to support John and it was decided by the Board that Chad would send a new email to John reconfirming ASH support. In addition, the letter of support will be put on the ASH website.

**Action
Chad**



05 Councillor's Report and Follow-ups / Rapport du conseiller et suivi (Mathieu Fleury)

Information

Mathieu Fleury was unavailable, his presentation was made by Nathaniel Mullin from the Councillor's Office. Nathaniel indicated the following:

1-In response to the questions on trees from the last Board Meeting, the Councillor's Office sent a report to Chad. Most of the trees identified by Block Captains will be replanted, some in the fall, others in the spring. The work order has been issued but in some cases the roots have not been taken out or some other work needs to be done before planting the new tree.

2-The (student) move in went very well according to the feedback received by the Councillor, with a few exceptions on Chapel and on Henderson. The Walkabout was also successful.

Q: There are still big concerns with noise. Some people are upset with the development of student residences, and the UofO is saying that they have no plans to patrol the new residence. The issue is not so much about enforcing the noise bylaw in the residences but on the street in front of properties where University security has no authority.

A: There will be a meeting on this subject with Mathieu's office, including problematic residences on Henderson and older complaints.

Q: Is it possible to get an update on 560 Rideau (Angelo's Pizza), it appears that property standards are not being enforced?

A: Note taken, will follow-up.

Q: Concerning the construction affecting the trees on Besserer, can you please talk to Hydro to be careful?

A: Noted, Mathieu was also very unhappy about the tree that was cut.

Q: Can you inform us on the timeline for the development application for the property on Chapel and Rideau?

A: It will not be given any consideration until the URCDP is completed; once completed the application will be circulated for public consideration.

Q: Does the city consider the application complete at this time?

**Action
Sally to
check with
David
before the
meeting
with
Mathieu**



- 06** Questions from the Floor/Questions du public
- See above
- 07 Follow-ups from the last Board Meeting /Suivis de la dernière réunion**
- Conflict of Interest Policy / Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Bryan's questionnaire)
Bryan is away, he has been reminded to provide it as soon as he is back in town. **Action Brian**
- 08 Treasurer's Report / Rapport du trésorier (Pat)** **Information**
- Financial Update for the end of August 2014
- ASH Chequing and Savings Account: \$16,907.64
- Save Sandy Hill Bank Account: \$25,903.90
- 09 Committee Reports / Rapports des comités**
- 09.a Communications, Membership and Fundraising/ Communication, membres et levée de fonds** **Information**
- New Committee Members?
Board Members discussed the need to find a Chair for the committee of Communications, Membership and Fundraising. Alice remains the webmaster for the ASH website while Pat and Eric are the co-chairs of the Fundraising subcommittee. Denis Forget agreed to take on the role of Chair. However, no one volunteered to take on the bi-weekly/ monthly ASH Information email. It was suggested to create a roster among Board Members if no one is willing to take that role. **Decision Denis**
- An email will be circulated to all ASH members asking for volunteers to assist the Board with specific tasks in different committees. Pat agreed to draft the email. **Action Pat to consult Board Members**



09.b Planning, Development and Transportation/Urbanisme et transport (Sous-comités : Zonage et aménagements intercalaires résidentiels; Revue des demandes d'aménagements; Patrimoine)

Information

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

1. Planning Committee Overall:

a) Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan (CDP):

- i. Meetings of the Public Working Group have been postponed until at November due to the ill health of the lead planner.

b) The ASH Planning Committee recommends ASH send letter to the City to:

- i. Ask for a meeting to address the flawed planning process, in particular we take issue with the fact that City planners are recommending to developers ways to circumvent the rules, i.e. build a 3-unit and then apply for minor variance to convert the basement rather than apply for a 4-unit to begin with.
- ii. Recommend that any applications for minor variances should be required to list all previous variances accorded to the property, and the entire suite of changes should have to be approved collectively.
- iii. Encourage development of better rules to prevent/limit demolition, i.e. financial disincentives, no demolition till building permit in hand, eventual expropriation of vacant/abandoned properties, etc.

These issues are to be discussed with our new councillor after the election.

2. Planning and Development (DARC)

a) 202 Henderson – site plan has been approved

b) 87 Mann (St-Clement) – someone has filed an appeal to the OMB (action Nathaniel to try to find out who)

3. Infill/Zoning/Conversions (Planning studies):



09.c By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement Information

-General Update (Sally)

There is a meeting on Friday afternoon with Mauril Bélanger and Public Works, on the loud HVAC noise from the RCMP building.

-Lawn Parking (Yves)

Yves indicated that he had called the City to complain about a resident who parks on his front lawn and the City indicated that they had already been informed. However, the resident is away until the end of September. A notice was given but nothing could be done until the resident returned. Yves questioned the limitation of this enforcement measure and the fear of such practice spreading.

A: Nathaniel indicated that no-one is allowed to park their car on grass. Bylaw Officers can fine them for a zoning infraction. It's not a parking infraction as the car is not on the street.

Action for residents call 311 and cc Mathieu's office

09.d Governance Working Group

- Email Guidelines (Bob)

A lot of ASH work is done by emails, it's quick and practical but some standards may be required to prevent misunderstandings. The Executive will put a proposal together and circulate it to the Board.

Action Bob and the Executive

-Marc is the new Co-chair of the Governance Working Group and Camille has joined the working group.

Decision

09.e Engagement with UofO (Bob) Information

-General Update

Bob indicated that the committee engagement with UofO is re-focusing and that our 2014-15 priorities may need to be amended. The committee will look at best practices from other near-campus communities. Town & Gown is a good start but it doesn't reach the more influential decision-makers. Block reps made three suggestions to be considered: more campus patrolling, a University code of conduct and a student-wide housing strategy.



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**Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité
-The Heritage March Debriefing (Marc Tremblay)**

Information

Richard Canning was the lead organizer and he carried out most of the work. However, its organisation was considerably helped by the Block Reps for such things as the distribution of information, and even some translations. The turnout was fairly good with approximately 150 or 50? people. It was disappointing in terms of press coverage.

-All Candidates Debate Update

Chad reminded everyone that the All Candidates Debate organized by ASH will be held on Friday October 17, at the SHCC at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed at 5:30 to set up the room.

**Action all
ASH Board
Members**

-Block Representatives (Camille)

a) General Update

Comments were brought forward earlier during the meeting.

c) SH Yard Sale Debriefing

Due to time constraint this topic was not discussed.



11 Special Events/Évènements spéciaux

-One & Only Craft Fair (November)

Expected Expenses listed as:

1. Posters (1,000 rain proof): \$339 (includes HST)
2. Tables (rental + delivery + pick-up): \$310.05 (includes HST)
3. Food: TBD (receipts will be submitted as usual to the Treasurer, Pat)
4. Soda: On-hand

Income

1. Vendor Registrations: ~\$2,000 (cheques will be submitted to Pat) for a profit of approximately \$1,000

The Board proposed a motion moved by Yves and seconded by Pat that funds be made available to cover the expenses listed above for the One and Only Craft Fair. Motion carried.

Decision

-Annual ASH Board Retreat Update

A motion was moved by Eric and seconded by Pat to add the following additional priority: "Effective and prudent management of ASH's duties as a non-profit organization to include: banking and accounting records, minutes of all Board and AGM meetings, an up-to-date registry of the membership, and a valid insurance policy."

Decision

The motion passed with one abstention.

A motion was moved by Yves and seconded by Bob for the Board to complete its Mission, Vision and Values (by when?). The motion was carried.

Decision

12 Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions

-Next Board Meeting October 27 or 28?

It was agreed that the time and date of the next Board Meeting will not be changed. It will remain on Monday evening, October 27th.

Decision

13 Adjournment / Fin de la session

The session was adjourned at 9:13.
