



Minutes of the ASH Board of Directors

October 30, 2017

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Present from the Board: Chad Rollins, Bob Forbes, Ralph Blaine, Larry Newman, Pat Archer, Susan Young, John Verbass, Trina Cooper-Bolalm, Guillaume Vincent, and Megan Reilkoff. Melanie Paiment from Councilor Fleury's was also in attendance as well as two bylaw officers Jeff Williams and Jenn. Councilor Fleury also arrived later in the meeting.

1 Introductions were made

2 Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as amended on a motion from Ralph/Susan

3 Approval of The minutes of

The minutes of September 25, 2017 were approved as amended on a motion from Bob/Larry

4. Councilor's Report

[This report was delayed until the arrival of the Councilor]

5. Reports and Updates

a Block Representatives Report (Jan)

Jan was not present.

b Executive Report

Chad announced that he would not be running for president of ASH after his current term expires in May.

c Treasurer's Report

Pat reported the following:	Checking Account	\$14,830
	Save Sandy Hill	\$ 3,878
	Homestead	\$26,474
	Total	\$45,182

d Committee Reports



i By Law enforcement – see attached report from Larry

Jeff Williams explained that tickets for garbage storage violations can be given to any resident of the building in question. Jenn reported that she is working with Solid Waste at the City to determine how to deal with the large steel garbage bins used at some locations.

Concern was expressed that fines for noise violations could only be levied once for a given occasion on a given day. It was pointed out that two fines could be levied if there were two complaints about the same disturbance – one before midnight and another after midnight as the problem spans two calendar days. **Larry agreed to write a piece on this topic for the next ASH newsletter.**

There was some discussion about the feedback from disgruntled homeowners who have received an ASH warning about improper storage of garbage and recycling receptacles. **Bob agreed to look over the current warning text to see if it could be improved.**

ii. Communications and Membership

Ralph reported that this committee has begun the work of contacting ex-members of ASH, particularly those whose membership expired recently, one by one to encourage them to renew their memberships. He also reported that the committee plans to conduct a trial run house-to-house membership drive and has suggested Russell Ave and possibly Daly Ave (if there are enough volunteers). There was some question about the suitability of Russell Ave for this effort given the housing mix on this street.

iii. Engagement with University of Ottawa.

Bob reported on the disruptions during the Panda Game weekend this year with Russell Ave taken over by party goers – who had no permit to use (and close) the street. He recommended that the City and University be better prepared next year so that the police can intervene at the start of any disturbances. He reported that the police said they did not move to break up the crowd because they did not want to take on the risk. **Chad will write a letter expressing ASH concerns over this event after gathering facts from Bob, Susan and other witnesses.**

Bob expressed ASH concerns to the University about the recipient of the Telfer Award this year. The only defense offered by the University was that the recipient had done nothing illegal.

Bob gave his impression that the University shows a lack of support for ASH concerns. He feels the University must begin appointing higher ranking people as their representatives to the Town and Gown Committee.

Bob expressed the need to have more ASH representatives at each Town and Gown meeting. It was suggested that these meetings need to be scheduled on some regular calendar rotation in order to facilitate ASH participation.



Bob is finalizing a letter, based on a draft written by Susan, to ask for a meeting between the President of the University and ASH. Both Chad and Bob said they questioned the value of continuing our participation in the Town and Gown committee unless the University shows a stronger commitment to it.

[Councilor Fleury arrived at this point and the meeting proceeded to his report]

4. Councilor's Report

Mathieu also discussed the problem of student behaviour during the Panda Game activities. He is pursuing several ideas that will help limit off-campus drinking. He also noted that the security personnel at Carleton seem to have a broader mandate to control student behaviour than their counterparts at Ottawa University.

He endorsed the need for the University to edit their list of off-campus housing.

He reported that he had also spoken to the head of the Telfer School of Business and expressed his concern about making an award to the President of TC United.

Mathieu expressed his concern about the progress of consultation for the R4 review process. He fears the City will end up doing their "consultation" after their position is already well established – making any collaborative process impossible. He encouraged ASH to write to David Wise to express our concerns on this matter. He noted that other City councilors share these concerns about the R4 review process.

Mathieu reported that the consultant on the R4 review process (Urban Strategies) has not yet made a report. It is clear the ASH needs to talk with Urban Shades in the near future to have an impact on their eventual recommendations.

On the Solid Waste front Mathieu encouraged 311 calls and proposed that he join a few ASH representatives to check on 10 specific problem addresses to see how enforcement is going. He also expressed his support for setting a block of time out of Jeff Williams schedule to work on compliance issues in Sandy Hill.

Mathieu announced that he would be calling a public meeting to get reaction to the development proposals for the All Saints Church property.

Mathieu noted that many bus routes must be reconfigured after the LRT is up and running. The City is ready to present proposals for these new routes.

Mathieu reported on the three budget consultation meetings that were held.

5 (iv). Heritage/Planning – See attached memo from Trina on the Cultural Memory Workshop



Guillaume reported that there had been no new development applications since the last Board meeting. There was discussion of several projects that received redevelopment approval before the current interim bylaw. **Chad agreed to look into one of the new construction projects on Russell.**

Mathieu interjected that the Egyptian Embassy on the Corner of Range and Laurier has applied for permission to demolish both buildings they own at this site (one is designated heritage). There will be a 60 day review period.

There was a discussion about the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) that ASH representatives must sign when reviewing new development proposals. Chad expressed the opinion that in most of the cases we encounter there is no real reason for an NDA but he still felt it was useful to participate as positive results do emerge from the process.

Trina reviewed the Cultural Memory Workshop which will take place on January 17, 2018 at All Saints. The memo on this was circulated to the Board. Both ASH and Mathieu agreed to help promote this event.. Expenses are being covered by University of Ottawa.

v. Transportation –

The City has agreed to install alternate side parking on Chapel between Templeton and Osgoode as a traffic calming measure. Before the City can implement this measure they must get approval from 50% of the residents on this stretch of Chapel. John asked for volunteers to help collect signatures. He also said he would like to meet with the residents to discuss the situation.

Mathieu reported that the City is ready to implement the new speed limits.

John, along with representatives of Manor Park and Lowertown, met with Mona Fortier. She did not seem optimistic about the Federal Government putting up its share of the money needed to finance the feasibility study for the proposed truck tunnel. John will contact our MPP on this dossier.

6. Old Business

a. Save Sandy Hill Committee

Motion 5.1[Oct'17] that the Board approve a social media campaign led by the Save Sandy Hill Committee which will enlist the Sandy Hill community in bringing to the attention of the wider public those aspects of life in Sandy Hill that we value and the way in which the nature of



development in Sandy Hill is posing a threat to our neighbourhood. This campaign will be conducted, for example, under the headings: #MySandyHill and #NotMySandyHill. (Ralph/Pat)

Carried Unanimously

It was agreed that once a consultant has been chosen, the terms of work defined and a budget established the Board could approve the necessary expenditures by way of a special Board meeting or by an online Board meeting if such a proposal is worked out prior to the November Board meeting.

e. One and Only Craft Fair

Susan gave a short report on this event.

Motion 5.2 [Oct'17] that the expenditure of \$39 be approved for a Facebook publicity campaign to publicize this event. Chad/Pat - Carried

At this point the Board went in camera to consider a Conflict of Interest Submission

The Board moved back into session.

The Board agreed with Megan's suggestion that she and Scott recuse themselves during any Board discussion involving decisions related to the TD United development company.

Megan also agreed to inform the Board if she became involved in any work project involving TC United.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with several items left for next meeting. A report from Susan concerning several of these items is attached.



Bylaw Report – Oct 29, 2-17

During the previous month, I did a canvass of Sandy Hill and recorded 270 garbage violations plus a few new front yard parking violations. This means that we now have a new baseline for both garbage and parking violations. After the 24 October meeting with Bylaw, we now understand how the new (and old) bylaw language will be interpreted and enforced. We handed out about 70 ASH warning notices and received two emails from unhappy residents and one from a resident who didn't understand why "highway" should be used to describe "street". I visited two of these and explained the bylaw language.

Last Tuesday, the 24th, Clair MacDonald and I met with Jake Gravelle and Jennifer Therkelson to discuss issues dealing primarily with garbage violations. My main interest was in the way that Bylaw Enforcement was going to deal with the new garbage bylaws.

Property Standards Bylaw 2017-256, Garbage Disposal: ...every owner or occupant shall ensure that all outdoor receptacles for the storage and pick-up of waste and refuse, and of recyclable materials, such as a blue box or black box, and of compost, such as a green bin:

(a) be stored in the rear yard of the dwelling and,

(b) if there is insufficient space to do so there, in the side yard, and,

(c) if there is insufficient space to do so there, in the front yard,

provided that the receptacles are not visible from the highway, with the exception of one (1) green bin which may be stored in the front yard, including on a porch.

Our conclusions were:

- Report garbage violations that are "visible from the highway" (highway=street) separately because they are regarded as low priority.
- The Chief Justice has not returned an opinion on the fine schedule for the new garbage storage rules. Also, the short form, used on tickets, is not yet available.
- Placing notices on the property is called placarding. The city's legal advice had been not to implement that part of the new bylaw amendment.
- Jake is aware that Sandy Hill has many visible wheeled bins. Enforcement is working this problem by determining which are city serviced and which are contractor serviced. After that, a procedure will be determined and provided to officers. As always, there is the problem of location of the bin. It's often located in the setback part of the property.
- Jake is also aware of the deficiencies of the procedure to call 311 or use the city's online reporting system. Changes to this system are being considered.
- Front yard parking is difficult to address because people who own the cars are often at work during the same time that officers are active. We (ASH) could team with Bylaw and provide them with photo evidence of front yard parking and Bylaw would ticket. If the owner objected and preferred a court appearance, whoever provided the photo evidence would have to testify.



- Jenn agreed to block out a large part of Jeff's time to tackle the repeat offenders, of which there are over 90. ASH has determined that, of the 94 repeated violation reports, 32 have been closed at one time, 54 are still open, and the status of 7 has been lost. We also discussed noise violations. I am forwarding Claire's note about that.



Sandy Hill: Creating Past Informed Futures Cultural Memory Workshop

Date: January 17, 2018

Time: 6-9 pm

Location: All Saints, 317 Chapel Street, Ottawa

Goals

To bring diverse community members together to discuss challenges facing Sandy Hill and to develop collective priorities and ideas for managing change. Through the workshop, the participants will be able to *explore the potential* for various community-based interventions to preserve what is valued in Sandy Hill, to attract positive development, and to build community cohesion.

Program

Presentations: Three speakers will represent Sandy Hill's past, present, and future. The first speaker will discuss Sandy Hill's history and heritage. The second speaker will discuss Sandy Hill's changing demography and the pressures being brought to bear on our community. The final speaker will discuss City of Ottawa economic development, planning, and cultural priorities, and their projected impacts on Sandy Hill. Each speaker will present for 10 minutes. The presentation section of the workshop is designed to bring community members up to speed on the most pressing issues facing Sandy Hill, demographic trends, and its current development trajectory. It will be followed by a short break, whereafter participants will be asked to join one of 5 groups for the group challenge component of the workshop.

Group Challenges: The workshop participants, assembled into 5 groups of equal number and equal diversity (to the degree possible), will each work on a single theme-driven challenge with the assistance of a facilitator. The themes-driven challenges are:

1. **Student Housing:** How can we create and *integrate* affordable student housing units without sacrificing the neighbourhood?
2. **Heritage:** What do we want to preserve (and at what cost?) and what are we willing to offer up for change? How do we wish to direct that change?
3. **Amenities:** What amenities do we need in Sandy Hill and what are we willing to go outside of our neighbourhood for?
4. **Diversity:** How do we attract the economic diversity of residents necessary to bridge the growing divide between students and homeowners and to renew our community?
5. **Inclusion and cohesion:** How do we build and sustain inclusiveness and community cohesion such that both long and short-term residents are actively engaged in building a better Sandy Hill in perpetuity.

The individual groups will have 45 minutes to discuss their ideas, which the facilitator will document on a flipchart in bullet point format. At the end of the 45-minute group worksessions, and following a short break, all participants will reconvene and a presenter for each group will give a 5-minute synopsis of the challenge and ideas of their group for a total of 25 minutes.

Group Discussion: The entire group will have a 30-40 minute Q and A and discussion session.



Follow-Up: Part of the group discussion will be to assess next steps and to gauge the appetite and potential for a larger community-visioning process and the development of a ‘community action-plan’ or other community-planning instruments.

This workshop was conceived by the Cultural Memory Workshops team in collaboration with ASH Director Trina Cooper-Bolam. It funded by the Cultural Memory Workshops initiative as part of its 2017-2018 series. The program for the Sandy Hill workshop was developed by Trina Cooper-Bolam and Guillaume Vincent of ASH as a means of touching base with the greater community of Sandy Hill and of generating broad community interest in heritage and planning.

About Cultural Memory Workshops:

Developed by University of Ottawa post-doctoral researcher Rebecca Dolgoy, with the support of Carleton University’s Centre for Public History, the Cultural Memory Workshops initiative and partnerships-development program explores collective memory, place-making, and stimulates collaborative public historical practice.

Each workshop in the series is designed to engage communities in exploring questions of cultural memory - the presence of the past in contemporary culture. All workshops are open to the public. New workshops are continuously being developed, mostly inspired and instigated through the ideas and collaborations formed in previous workshops.

Each session has its own format and subject. The organizing principle of this year, 2017-2018, is the ‘local’ or ‘Ottawa’. In this series, Ottawa’s neighbourhoods and institutions are explored through a series of diverse, exciting, and thought-provoking activities and events across the city.

Visit: culturalmemoryworkshops.ca for more information.



Miscellaneous Report – Susan Varia (Oct 29 '17)

On four items, I have the following to report:

6. c - Administrator proposal:

This is what I proposed originally. I think we need a discussion on who else on the Board could undertake some of this work, and then see what funds we have to pay, perhaps via a honorarium, someone to do some of this work.

"... hiring someone to a) do some of the more administrative tasks that some Board members undertake currently, and b) take on an outreach role.

What would the person do? I came up with the following:

- solicit and process memberships (.5 hr/wk?)
- website maintenance/management including monitoring emails (1 hr/wk?)
- run a Sandy Hill listserve (like a very local Kijiji - based on the Lindenlea model, perhaps with Image?) (1.5 hrs/wk?)
- clean out our filing cabinet and maintain hard copy records (with the Secretary)
- run membership surveys
- coordinate Block reps
- organize membership benefits (i.e., discounts at businesses)
- provide support for ASH event organizers

Then I did some math, and two days a month at \$15/hr is about \$3,000/year."

d - Gazebo - I have had a suggestion from a local architect that we ask Mathieu to ensure that the City undertakes managing the construction contract for the gazebo. Her advice was that it would be too much for ASH volunteers, and as it is on City property, they should be responsible. We would still need to complete the grant proposal.

e - One & Only: Sabrina Mathews and I have been working with Eiko on this. I believe all the vendors have paid (Pat to confirm), and I am in the process of ordering the extra tables, having posters printed, and organizing de la Salle students to put up the posters (for their volunteer hours). I will be circulating a sign-up sheet for 6 one-hour shifts at the ASH table, at the Fair and we could use some help setting up tables on Friday October 17th between 5 and 6:30pm, and taking them down between 4 and 5pm on the Saturday.



f - Ice rink: the City appears to have found someone to do the maintenance, and my son Yann is organizing the "rink rats". He will be following up with the City to see how the contract will be managed, i.e., who will track and pay the ice maintenance. There is already a system in place for the rink rats.

Tx,
Susan