



## ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Sandy Hill Community Centre

October 28, 2019

**In attendance:** Susan Young, Megan Reilkoff, David Elden, Cathy Major, Larry Newman, Seetal Sunga, Paula Tchen, John Verbaas

**Guests:** Tyler Patterson, Jan Finlay, Erin Woods, Sebastien LeMay, Christine Schultz, Anthony Friend, Philip (Fountain Place Condos)

**Regrets:** Chad Rollins, Michael Barnes

**1. Call to order:** 7:00 pm.

**2. Agenda:** Approval of agenda proposed by Paula and seconded by Dave. Unanimously approved.

**3. Minutes from September meeting:**

- In the minutes under Regrets: change Paul to Paula – *completed*.
- Approval of minutes proposed by Megan and seconded by Dave. Unanimously approved.

**4. Bylaw Report: Tyler Patterson**

- Tyler reported on the call volumes for October as follows:
  - Noise: 67 – 2019; 48 – 2018
  - Property: 39 – 2019; 50 – 2018
  - Zoning: 4 – 2019; 2 – 2018
- There were 2 incidents at 120 Goulburn. The complaint was closed as no statement was provided by the complainant. Another complaint was received on October 25. Bylaw officers arrived within the hour. No further updates.

**5. Police Report: - Sebastien LeMay**

- Constables Sebastien LeMay and Christine Schultz paid a visit to 3 of the 6 tenants at 120 Goulburn and outlined the charges that could be levied against them. The tenants took full ownership of the problems they caused their nextdoor neighbor. They have made efforts to go to the nextdoor neighbors to apologize. Officers will return to the address to speak to the remaining tenants.
- It was suggested that ASH flag bad addresses with the Councillor's office for possible interventions by the Police or Bylaw.
- Officer LeMay provided Quarter 3 statistics on assaults, thefts from vehicles. However, he asked that they not be published as work is underway on a new platform for these statistics.
- Officer LeMay highlighted 3 incidents which happened in Sandy Hill:
  - August 10 – commercial robbery where the store clerk was robbed at knife point.
  - September 10 – knife incident involving a black male, 5 ft 9 wearing a black bandanna.

- July 30<sup>th</sup> – knife and drug incident occurring in the 300 block of Friel. Male and female were arrested.

## **6. Councillor's Report: Mathieu Fleury**

- As the LRT is open, there are plans to reduce lane widths on the MacKenzie King bridge to slow vehicles down.
- Encouraged John Verbaas to attend the November Transportation Committee meeting.
- Expected reliability of LRT not there yet. Councillor's office is putting pressure on OCTranspo for answers and resolutions to problems.
- Nicholas on and off ramps are open.
- East bound ramp at Lees Avenue is now open.
- Robinson Village projects: there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> public consultation on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The applicant for the projects has zoning rights for 9 storeys at 36 Robinson. The current plan for 36 Robinson does not reflect the community comments related to unit mix, mass and scale. There is no change in the planned parking spaces. Councillor will raise the issues of amenity space, hardscaping and parking with the planners.
- On-street Parking: A survey is going out to Lowertown residents in order to standardize parking on week days and weekends. In Sandy Hill, the parking times vary. Councillor wants enforceable 3-hour parking.
- Rental Accommodation: The consultants' report is complete. The report recommended a landlord licensing regime. However, City staff claim there is a legal impediment to such a scheme. Instead, City staff have come up with a scale of fines and repeat offenders. ASH will meet with the Councillor and staff on November 14 at 8am to discuss.
- Panda Game Debrief: Groups involved in the planning of the Panda Game have been given time to gather information. Then a meeting will be called. There will also be a debrief at the next Town & Gown meeting.
- Besserer Street Safety and Security: In order to develop solutions to the problems on Besserer Street, it is necessary to have officials from the provincial Attorney General and the Ministry of Health at the table. There should be a meeting at the end of November to discuss the issues and possible solutions which would include representatives from these two offices.
- R4 Review: There will be a meeting with ASH, David Wise and Steve Willis of the City once the two City officials have a fully developed proposal regarding R4 and Sandy Hill.

## **5. Block Reps Report: Jan Finlay**

- Nothing to report.

## **6. Executive Report:**

- Jeremy Silburt has stepped down as a director of the ASH Board as he is now working with Smart Living. The Board thanks Jeremy for the time he has given to Sandy Hill issues and wishes him well.
- Board members asked to help with the setup and tear down for the One and Only Craft Sale and Good Book Sale.
- Susan mentioned that next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASH. We should discuss possible celebrations of this milestone.

## **7. Treasurer's Report: Megan**

- Please see attached figures for September 2019.
- No news from the City regarding the funding for the gazebo. Erin Woods from the Councilor's office to follow-up.

## 8. Committee Reports

### Planning and Heritage: Susan

- The R4 Technical Review report is being reviewed by Diane Whalen and will be discussed at a meeting of the ASH Planning Committee.
- John will attend a meeting on November 7 at 9:30am with the Councillor, Steve Willis and David Wise regarding the R4 Review and Sandy Hill.
- 4 developments in Robinson Village – Susan and Dave are working on comments related to these developments.
- 250 Besserer – ASH has sent comments. New plans do not reflect comments made by ASH and City Heritage staff.
- 123 Marlborough Ave – The proposed building meets all the setback and height requirements. No variances have been requested. There may be a problem with the neighbour's (on the south side of 123) tree.

### Communications: Susan

- Jen Cox is doing a great job with the social media.
- Christine Aubry is also helping with social media.
- Larry raised the issue of the Save Sandy Hill electronic booklet produced by the media consultant for the campaign. It was suggested that ASH Board Members should read the booklet before the next ASH meeting in order to discuss the use of the booklet.
- Volunteers for the winter carnival and the need for a skidoo for the Eastern winter trail along the Rideau River should be included in the November newsletter.

### Bylaw: Larry

- Nothing to report.

### Environment – Susan

- Seetal and Diane Beckett will attend a workshop on the Official Plan and Climate Change on November 15 and 16. They will report back to the Board. *Both Seetal and Diane submitted reports by email on November 16 and 17 respectively.*

### Membership: Dave

- 288 paid members. Dave has purged the membership list of all expired members.
- There will be 78 memberships expiring in November and December. An email will be going out to these 78 members highlighting some of important things ASH has done in order to encourage renewals.
- One & Only – there have been 3 vendor cancellations. More vendors are needed. Still trying to find someone from the indigenous community.

### Engagement with uOttawa: Susan

- Possible meeting with uOttawa's President to discuss campus housing.
- Panda Game Review.

### Transportation: John

- Cumberland is closed for the sewage storage work. There is no thru traffic to Rideau.
- There are now bike lanes on Laurier – east of Nicolas and no buses on Waller.

- John is involved in the Road Safety Action Plan to make our roads safer. The plan is going to City Council in November.

**7. Old Business:**

- There will a meeting of the youth mentoring program on October 28, 2019 to discuss how to get youth to sign up for the program and the type of youth who would benefit from the program. There will be a mentoring event for the youth of Sandy Hill and Lowertown on February 9, 2020 at the Sandy Hill Community Centre.
- The ASH Christmas Party will take place on December 6 at 378 Besserer St. Susan to resend the email with addresses for guests. *Email invite sent October 31, 2019.*

**8. New Business:**

- None

**9. Next Meeting:** November 25, 2019

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.