



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, October 27, 2014 Lundi le 27 octobre 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, Éric Audet, Robert Forbes, Denis Forget, Yves LeBouthillier, Suneeta Millington, Chad Rollins, Jeremy Silbert, Sally Southey, Marc Tremblay, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Brian Murphy

#	Item / Sujet	
01	Welcome/Bienvenue	Information
	At 7:05 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	
	<p>The following amendments were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Under section 7b, delete "202 Henderson" as it will be addressed under Planning and Development (DARC) -Under section 7b, add "ATIP request on pre-consultations" -Under section 7d, add "Attendance to Board Meetings" 	
	The proposition was moved by Eric and seconded by Yves to approve the agenda with the suggested amendment (carried).	Decision
03	Review and Approval of Minutes (September) / Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (septembre)	
	Pat pointed out that under section 9a of the minutes, she was tasked to	

check with the Chairs of the different ASH committees and not with all ASH Members.

Bob moved and Marc seconded that the minutes of the September meeting, including Pat's amendment, be approved (carried).

Decision

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

There will be no Councillor's Report and no questions from the floor tonight as it is municipal elections night. However, Chad opened the floor to questions from the public. Chad suggested that the following questions would need to be redirected to the new councillor after the election: whether 37 Henderson can or should advertise rooms for rent as on campus; securing sidewalks from heavy construction equipment at 85 Mann. For 85 Mann, it was suggested that the first step should be to contact 311 and then follow-up with the Councillor if no action is done.

05 Follow-ups from the last Board Meeting /Suivis de la dernière réunion

-Communicating Survey Results to UofO

Action: Suneeta is still working on analyzing the data before publicizing the results.

-Letter of support from ASH for community gardens and flowerbeds to be on the campaign agenda.

Action: Chad took note.

-Pat is collecting information from Committee Chairs

Action: ongoing with Pat.

06 Treasurer's Report / Rapport du trésorier (Pat)

-Financial Update

Pat announced that ASH received a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 from Paul Ireland, Homestead Manager of the 85 Range construction project. The Board was uncertain as to whether the money could be used for a community improvement project or whether it was reserved for a monument. Once the options are known, the information will be posted on the ASH website.

**Action
Chad to
check with
Jane Gurr
as to the
options
available to
ASH**

Pat also indicated that ASH received a nice thank you note from Jack at Inter Pares regarding our contribution.

The latest bank statements (dated September 30th, 2014) indicates the

following:

Chequing account we have: \$16,902.97

Save Sandy Hill Account we have: \$25,905.97

In addition to that amount, we have \$1150.00 from recent contributions that have not yet been deposited in the Save SH account.

-Regarding the OMB cost, Pat indicated that ASH had just received an invoice of \$16,950.00 from our lawyer. There was also \$67.80 spent for posters. These expenditures will have to be deducted from the Save SH account. A detailed updated financial report on this account will be provided at the next Board meeting.

-Alice sent an email regarding the yearly ASH donation to the Community Centre for Halloween. In the past ASH has given \$100. It was suggested to increase the donation given the popularity of this community event.

A motion to donate \$150 to the SH Community Centre for Halloween was move by Pat and seconded by Eric. All were in favour.

Decision

John indicated that he is aware of a City program with funding for community events that gives up to \$3,000 but the deadline is November 3rd for applications. Pat asked John to get the application information to have a look. He will also forward to Suneeta.

**Action
John, Pat
and
Suneeta**

-ASH Litigation Activities

A Board Member raised concerns over the transparency of the spending for OMB. She indicated that the Board has oversight responsibilities and that Board Members, specifically new Board Members, have not seen all the information regarding OMB spending. Therefore they cannot properly exercise their duty of diligence in good faith.

Chad indicated that the Board had voted to create a sub-committee to manage the ASH involvement in the OMB appeal, adopt terms of references, and a budget. Francois Bregha was voted as the Chair of this sub-committee. The Executive reviewed and approved the budget by email.

The Board tasked the Secretary to double check the minutes about the OMB committee from May forward, collate the information in an email and circulate it to the Board. Once circulated, Camille will point out what is missing and will bring suggestions.

**Action
Eric,
Camille**

In addition the following two issues are to be addressed by the Governance Committee:
1-How to ensure that new directors get the knowledge they need when they join the Board.
2- Can financial decisions be made by officers only or are all financial decisions to be voted by the Board?

**Action
Yves**

In relation to question 1, Board Members were reminded of the importance of using Dropbox. Bob was tasked with resending the Dropbox address and password to all Board Members.

**Action
Bob**

07 *Committee Reports / Rapports des comités*

07.a *By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement* **Information**

-General Update (Sally)

On Oct 7th, David Collister and Sally met with Michael Laviolette, (Ottawa Police), Troy Leeson (City By-Law), Nathaniel Mullin and Mathieu Fleury to discuss the lack of by-law enforcement in the areas of Nelson, Henderson and Somerset St E this fall dealing with noisy students, roving groups of loud people drinking on the street, and other antisocial behaviour.

Leeson clarified that By-Law officers can stop people on the street, but those apprehended are often non-compliant and do not give their ID. He also said that officer safety is paramount and if the group is large and obviously drinking the city officials are told to call the police for safety reasons. Leeson said that his teams were proactive, but a discrepancy between that point and one told to ASH at an earlier meeting was pointed out, he clarified that if officers are not busy they will take proactive measures. When asked for data on the number of cases where officers have taken proactive measures, Leeson replied that they do not keep that data.

Leeson agreed that the illegal residence at 159 Henderson should result in sanctions and that it would be inappropriate to simply make it legal after the fact. He committed to following up.

Mike Laviolette encouraged residents to call the police, but reminded the group that noise complaints are their last priority after life and death situations and offences against people.

Both said that photos can lead to charges if the person submitting the photo is prepared to go to court.

If groups of people are hanging off fire escapes, it was suggested that a call to the fire department might be the most effective measure.

On the anticipated increase in problems once the residence at 202 Henderson is completed, Laviolette said that the Police were asked to identify problems in their comments on the site plan. David asked to see that document and Mullin said he would look into obtaining it for him.

Both police and by-law agreed that another blitz on October 31st would be a good idea.

A future meeting with landlords in the region will be planned, to see if they can help alleviate the problems caused by their tenants.

David will follow up with the new councillor to have another meeting to discuss planning, development and illegal apartments.

The presence of Ryan Pierce at December Block Rep meeting has not been confirmed yet.

-Meeting on noise emanating from RCMP 1200 Vanier

On October 3, Ian Betty, David Elder and Sally met with officials from PWGSC and Mauril Belanger to discuss the ongoing concerns about excessive noise emanating from the RCMP campus at 1200 Vanier Pkway, which violates both provincial and municipal guidelines. Ian presented the group with a history of how those in Robinson Village have been trying to resolve the issue for a number of years and how PWGSC has stalled, changed views and done nothing.

Andy Smith from PWGSC said that the intention was to move the computer servers, whose cooling system causes the high pitched noise in the next 5 to 7 years thereby eliminating the noise.

Belanger questioned if this was simply a plan, had been submitted in any departmental estimates and a funded priority.

After the discrepancies of PWGSC letters, emails and conversations was pointed out by Ian, PWGSC officials undertook to take another look at the problem and get back to Mauril Belanger and Ian within 30 to 60 days.

For those who would like a copy of Ian's presentation please contact him at ibbetty@gmail.com.

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

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

1. Planning Committee Overall:

a) Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan (URCDP):

i. Meetings of the Public Working Group will resume mid-November

b) All Saints – meeting was held with diocese, they are open to working with community, committee now examining financial models

2. Planning and Development (DARC)

- a) 202 Henderson – building permit for foundation has been issued and work is underway (see below, item 9).
- b) 87 Mann – appeal to the OMB has apparently been withdrawn.
- c) 222 Stewart – Committee of Adjustment refused application for 4th unit in basement.
- d) 151 Chapel – ASH sent a letter to planner stating our intent to provide full comments following public meeting, we're in contact with Lowertown Community Association to coordinate response/efforts on this file.

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

Infill Phase2 – the Federation of Community Associations has formed a working group, Diane Whalen and Chad Rollins to participate on behalf of ASH.

Q: With regards to the development at Chapel and Rideau, is there any date for a public meeting?

A: Likely December.

Q: What is happening with 79 Blackburn?

A: We know that all tenants are being evicted. The proposal is for interior alterations. Eugene will look into the plans for ASH. However, it appears that the owner has the right to make those changes and if this is the case, there is little that we can do. If the use of the building or the number of units change then we may have some grounds to oppose the changes.

ATIP request on pre-consultations (Marc)

Marc provided a summary of the battle for disclosure regarding 400 Stewart between resident Elizabeth Grace (Marc's wife) and the City of Ottawa. Nine months and an appeal to the Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner later, the City of Ottawa finally released "pre-application" records, implicitly acknowledging that there is no legal basis for previously claimed confidentiality.

Elizabeth Grace had asked the City for a copy of the communications between it and the developer in an application for the 400 Stewart development in Sandy Hill back in December 2013. She was told by the planner that she had "checked", and this information could not be shared because it was confidential. She hit the same brick wall when she made a Freedom of Information request in the weeks that followed. Other residents have been given the same response over the years.

Undeterred, Ms. Grace appealed the City's decision to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. The appeal was on its way to arbitration when the City capitulated and released the pre-consultation information at the end of September.

Elizabeth Grace indicated: "Although this is a clear victory, by releasing the documents on the eve of the arbitration, the City pre-empted a precedent setting decision ordering disclosure. I expect, however, that this case has led the City to re-examine its previous position about the pre-application process and made it realize that it is not distinct in law and is subject to the same rules of openness in the *Planning Act*."

It will be interesting to see if the City takes its new enlightened approach in responding to future requests. Good policy would dictate it would, so that the City can show its citizens that it is not making backdoor deals with developers. The pressure should be on the City to make it abundantly clear to all involved in planning and development that the principles of openness and transparency in the planning and access legislation will be applied consistently throughout the entire process.

07.c Communications, Membership and Fundraising/ Communication, membres et levée de fonds

-New Co-chairs

Denis Forget agreed to be one of the two Co-Chairs for Communications, Membership and Fundraising. There is no update tonight other than Chad will meet with Denis in the coming days.

**Action
Chad
Denis**

-Communications

Cathy would like to do the bi-weekly (or monthly) community update but she has had difficulty meeting with Alice. Chad provided a general overview of what is needed to prepare the bi-weekly to Cathy. Bob and Cathy will discuss it further after the meeting.

**Action
Bob
Cathy**

Bob reminded Board Members that the ASH website remains a great communications tool, all they need to do is to submit a small text with the appropriate image and Bob will post it.

Bob's reminder generated a short conversation on how can ASH better inform the residents of Sandy Hill, or at a minimum ASH members. The general agreement among Board Members was that ASH does a lot of good work and it needs to be promoted. The results from the survey should assist us in defining our "Vision, Mission and Values" which in turn will guide our priorities and actions.

07.d Governance Working Group

Information

- Email Guidelines (Bob)

A draft was circulated to the Executive for comments. All comments have been received. A proposal will be circulated to the Board before the next meeting.

As a quick reminder, if a Board Member misses three consecutive meetings without valid reason, he/she will see his or her seat deemed vacant. So if you think that you will not be able to attend a meeting, please inform the Secretary.

07.e Engagement with UofO (Bob)

No update this month.

08 Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité

-The All Candidates Debate (Jeremy)

Jeremy was happy with the turnout, approximately 150 people attended the debate. He thanked all those involved in the organization of this event. The cost of this event was less than \$500.00. Therefore it did not exceed the pre-approved amount by ASH.

-Block Representatives (Camille)

General Update

Camille asked Board Members if there had been any interest from residents for reducing speed on Chapel street or other streets in Sandy Hill from 50km to 40 km. The issue was transferred to be dealt by the Transportation Committee (John Verbaas).

**Action
John**

Camille and Block Reps have noticed an increase of graffiti in the neighbourhood, something that the Councillor should be informed of. It was suggested that victims of graffiti should not hesitate to call the police.

Chris Bradshaw asked if there is any movement for a BIA. According to Board Members, there is no news regarding the formation of a BIA in SH.

Camille received feedback regarding the long voicemail when calling 311, a clear disincentive to complain. The issue was transferred to the Town and Gown Committee for a follow-up (Sally and Bob).

**Action
Bob
Sally**

09 Special Events/Évènements spéciaux

Information

-One & Only Craft Fair Update (Eric)

- Event will be held on Sunday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. A free buffet will be provided.
- Block Reps will be asked to help distribute the posters to their blocks starting at the end of October.

Volunteers for the day of the event will be required. A request will be sent out to ASH social activities volunteers and all members at the end of October.

-Questions on 202 Henderson generated an impromptu in-camera session.

It was decided that the Board needed to pass a motion on the initial cost of \$180.00 related to the application fee and the survey. The motion was moved by Pat and seconded by Yves. Eight were in favour, one vote of abstention by Yves and one vote against by Jeremy. The motion passed.

Decision

The Board also agreed that once it receives the agreement from Eugene, including cost estimates, the Board will review the agreement and decide on future steps.

10 Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions

-Next Board Meeting November 24

11 Adjournment / Fin de la session

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
