



**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, July 6, 2015    Lundi le 6 juillet 2015

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM    19h00 à 21h00

Sandy Hill Community Centre    Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

**Minutes / Procès verbal**

**Present/Présents:**

Marc Tremblay; Denis Forget; Benoit Belisle; Susan Young; Sally Southey; Brian Murphy; Jeremy Silburt; Bob Forbes; Vanessa Dorimain (student member); Chad Rollins; Judith Rinfret; Pat Archer; John Verbaas.

**AGENDA**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**Information**

**2. Review & Approval of Agenda**

At 7:00 the meeting was called to order. Board Members and residents introduced themselves in a tour de table.

**3. Review & Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

The following amendments were suggested:

- The addition of item (d) Garage Sale – Saturday September 12
- The addition of item (e) Proposals for \$10,000 from homestead

John moved to approve the agenda, and Denis seconded the motion (carried).

The minutes from the previous meeting had not yet been circulated, and were to be circulated and voted online.

**Decision**



#### 4. Councillor's Report and Questions from the floor – Mathieu Fleury Information

Nathaniel from Fleury's office provide the update, and Mathieu sent his regrets, as he was out of town.

Nathaniel discussed the report on strategic initiatives groups of the Town and Gown committee. UOttawa will host an annual walkabout with residence CAs and will be offering peer-to-peer mediation. On Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. volunteers from uOttawa will be handing out kits including: information from police and by-law; University on on/off campus services; a warning about noise complaints from the Eastern Ontario Landlords Association; information on recycling/garbage; and an ASH flyer (if we choose). Nathaniel offered to include an ASH invitation to the (potential) Sept. 12 BBQ. This information would need to be ready by Aug. 14.

Bob volunteered to update the ASH flyer.

**Action: Bob**

#### 5. Special Items

- a. Forms from new board members – Chad Rollins

**Information**

Chad reminded the Board that he hadn't received all conflict of interest forms, and that we would like them a.s.a.p. to send to the Province.

- b. Donation to St. Joe's Supper Table – Chad Rollins

**Information**

Chad noted that St. Joe's donated catering for free for the last ASH AGM, and argued it would be nice to give them a donation to recognize this. Pat suggested \$500. The exact amount would be decided on following Pat's Treasurer's report. Pat noted that ASH has about \$15,000 in disposable funds.

- c. Letter of Support for Prime Ministers Row – Chad Rollins

Chad informed the Board that this letter has been sent, while Pat noted that it was in M.P. Mauril Bélanger's newsletter.

**Information**

- d. Garage Sale – Saturday September 12 (rain or shine)

Pat mentioned a need for an advertising budget for an ad in Image, along with drop-offs at homes. She estimated about \$500 in total.

Judy noted that Image also sends out email alerts, and that the contact person there is Jane. Bob noted that ASH usually gets a contribution from the Councillor's office.

Sally suggested that the previous garage sale and BBQ didn't meet ASH's objectives last time.



Bob suggested that the events should only move forward if a volunteer is identified.

Chad argued that the value of the BBQ is building community spirit, but that somebody needs to lead it. He suggested that perhaps St. Joe's supper table could provide the food (we would reimburse them), uOttawa the games, and ASH the entertainment. He recommended the Board provisionally approves it and votes on providing it money later, and that it be advertised as a garage sale and BBQ (combined event).

Bob will talk to Town and Gown.

Jeremy to speak with St. Joe's

**Action: Bob**

**Action: Jeremy**

e. Proposals for \$10,000 from Homestead

Chad provided a re-cap of the history of the fund, including recent proposals: a ping pong table; a canoe dock in Strathcona Park; and an idea from Diane Whalen (he couldn't remember it specifically).

Sally suggested there should be criteria to judge against, and a search for matching funds.

Chad agreed about the need for a transparent way to assess proposals, and the Board discussed the following criteria: feasibility, cost, usability, location, permits from City.

Nathaniel offered to put Pat and Jeremy in contact with Stéphane from his office who is working on ideas for Strathcona Park.

Bob will confirm that there are no more ideas in ASH inbox.

**Action: Bob**

Pat/Jeremy will come back with a recommendation by July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Action: Pat and Jeremy**

6. Block Representatives Report – Susan Young

**Information**

Susan clarified that she will be liaison to the Block Representatives from the board, and that Camille will continue to run the program.

Cathy recommended Reps be used to disseminate word about the planning of the Garage Sale/ BBQ, as volunteers would be needed for it.

Chad recommended this be done by beginning of August.

Bob wanted to clarify that the garage sale is self-organized (that ASH doesn't run it).

Pat noted the idea is to get it to the level of the Great Glebe Garage Sale.

7. Executive Committee Report (if applicable) – Chad Rollins

**Information**



Chad noted there is nothing to report, as Executive Committee hadn't met since the last Board meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report – Pat Archer

**Information**

Pat offered to distribute a post-mortem from Sandy Hill Spring Fair 2015, prepared by Christine Aubry.

Pat noted that there had been no bank statement from Desjardins yet, so she could not determine the exact amount of savings for the Save Sandy Hill fund. Pat stated that \$35,566.46 is the balance of the TD account, including everything (Save Sandy Hill, the \$10,000 project fund), leaving about \$15,000 in discretionary funds.

Chad suggested that the source of funds for future activities should be debated, depending on activities, including for Viner. He argued against spending money on Ottawa lawyers.

Sally suggested that a Toronto lawyer might be better next time, if required.

Bob noted that whether or not we're on the side of the City will affect costs.

Chad observed that St. Joe's did a good job of providing the catering for the AGM.

The Board debated the amount to donate. Ben moved to make it \$250, Bob seconded (carried).

**Decision**

Pat suggested the amount of money spent on advertising the Garage Sale / BBQ in 2013 was about \$380, but she wasn't sure.

Ben: we could get a discount if the posters are sponsored.

John noted that \$300 might be too much for posted.

Bob observed that the executive can approve up to \$500 without consulting the Board.

Nathaniel offered that this could be included in the welcome packages for students and wouldn't cost much.

Chad said that once we get the costing, the executive will approve. Pat will look into costs from 2013. Will be more than \$500 that executive can approve.

**Action: Pat**

Nathaniel said that Councillor Fleury's office will sponsor one event per season.

9. Committee Reports

20h05

a. By-law Enforcement – Sally Southey



Sally noted that a successful meeting had taken place with Troy Anderson from the city. The City has two different noise patrols – focusing on Sandy Hill and the Market. They have officers and students for noise and graffiti monitoring. Union issues prevent parking enforcement from assisting noise enforcement. Sally recommended calling 311 for a rapid response.

Sally discussed “Park Safe” illegal parking lots. An investigation has been opened by the City. She also noted that 25% percent of noise complaints from this Ward have come from Sandy Hill, likely since it’s one of the most dense neighbourhoods. She also noted that there is a group working toward rules around providing sufficient garbage capacity for new residences. Bob suggested that it would be good to get a “Call 311” blurb for the website. He will use language from Sally’s old mail out.

**Action: Bob**

b. Communications & Membership – Jeremy Silburt & Denis Forget

In an effort to find membership management software, Denis had contacted Member Planet to discuss a \$5/month service option. However, the number of emails ASH is permitted to send through the software could be limited. He’s still unsure about how to proceed, and will work together with Bob.

**Action: Denis and Bob**

Chad re-capped the process of the committee searching for various service provider and noted that other community associations use either NationBuilder and Member Planet.

Bob mentioned he knows someone who does this for a living and will look into it.

**Action: Bob**

Denis noted that ASH currently has 285 members, and that 100 have lapsed – reminders have been sent by Denis.

Jeremy reported that he is working on the ASH website, while Ian has access to ASH’s Twitter account.

c. Engagement with the University of Ottawa – Bob Forbes

**Information**

Bob discussed two meeting with the University in the last month: Town and Gown, and strategic planning group meeting (on move-in move-out). The Eastern Ontario Landlord Association is introducing an online application for registering noise complaints for landlords to track, above and beyond 311. It will be online by September.



Bob also mentioned that there will be a follow up meeting with the worst 12 landlords in Sandy Hill to engage them, ask them to comply with by-laws. Nathaniel observed that more pressure is being applied to problem landlords. Bob noted that after the walkabout in September, Jan Finley and Bob will submit a list of properties they'd like visited. Cathy proposed putting this in the next ASH newsletter and getting people to write in with problem properties. Nathaniel welcomed the involvement of others, and will put Susan on the mailing group. Bob noted that the fall cleanup is opportunity to get involved with the community and that the University wants to work with ASH to make sure all neighbourhoods are covered. They would also like to help with BBQ. Bob reminded the Board of the ASH priorities that were discussed at the retreat: noise complaints, and roving parties. He noted that a police officer has an initiative for spot checks that will start in September. Bob suggested that ASH wants uOttawa to be more proactive on student rentals by inspecting them and ensuring they're up to standards. They seem uninterested at this point.

d. Governance – Marc Tremblay

**Information**

Marc noted that the next round of work will be if there are conflicts of interest for new Board members. There is also a need for more committee members beyond Marc, as he's the sole member.

e. Heritage – Benoit Belisle & Brian Murphy

**Information**

Ben: has been familiarizing himself with organizations that do heritage in Ottawa. He is hoping to have meeting with Pat and Brian. He will have more by August 31. Please email him with ideas about protecting heritage. Chad noted that 122 Daly (in the heritage conservation district) has received an application for a partial demolition and new modern addition. Ben suggested that the only way to get action is by shaming the city, and recommended using old photos as examples. Chad argued that the best way to spark action is to get the immediate neighbours involved. Susan asked about the status of the addition being proposed for the heritage house on the first block of Russell Ave. Chad said that the application was on hold, according to dev. apps. Marc noted that ASH has one week to respond to the application on 122 Daly (deadline July 12) Chad suggested this should be prioritized.



f. Planning & Transportation – Judith Rinfret & John Verbaas

Judith reported about the 560 Rideau development: She and others have lobbied some key members of the city's planning committee, and will speak at the planning committee tomorrow as will Sally, Brian, Francois Bregha, Jon Legg, Thierry Harris (from Lowertown) and two other members of the Community Design Plan working committee from Lowertown,

Sally moved the following: That the Board of ASH requests that Councillor Mathieu Fleury support ASH's position to reject or defer the application for an official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment in respect of 560 Rideau Street et al until the new uptown Rideau community design plan has been adopted by City Council. Marc seconded (carried unanimously).

Judith asked that the planning committee's positions on applications that must be submitted between board meetings, be ratified by the executive of ASH. (e.g. Committee of Adjustment applications). One board member has filed a committee of adjustment application for 51 Sweetland which may require an ASH position by July 21. Judy is convening a meeting with neighbours and the applicant and will report to Chad. To avoid conflict of interest, the board member will not influence an ASH position of vote on the matter.

**Decision**

Chad noted that Trinity is going to the OMB because the City hasn't approved/rejected their application for Chapel/Beausoleil. The pre-hearing conference will be August 14. It's a large development, including 26 and 28 story buildings with completion by 2017.

Judith, on the issue of 222 Stewart, noted that Larry Newman will go to OMB on July 15 as a participant. The committee of adjustment denied the application to allow a 4th unit in the basement and Larry will defend that position since the city's planning department made no comment and therefore will not defend the refusal. The Board moved unanimously to thank Larry.

10. Next Meeting

- a. Monday, August 31, 2015

**Information**

11. **Adjournment / Fin de la séance** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.