



**Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes / Procès verbal**

Monday, January 25, 2015
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Sandy Hill Community Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions 19h00

Present: Chad Rollins (president), Bob Forbes (vice president), Ian Anderson (secretary), Pat Archer (treasurer), John Verbaas, Susan Young, Marc Tremblay, Denis Forget (8:30 – 9:00 p.m.).

Present from the community: Emeline Sparks (Councillor Fleury's office), Walter Duhme (community police officer), Mike Laviolette (central district police inspector), Claire Macdonald, Cathy Major, Marg Dawson, Sabrina Matthews, Jan Findlay, Jennifer Therkelsen (bylaw officer), and others.

Regrets: Sally, Ben, Jeremy, Willow, Judy, Denis (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.).

2. Review & Approval of Agenda 19h05

Winter Carnival and Bookmark the Core were added under agenda number 5. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Decision

3. Review & Approval of Minutes of previous meeting 19h08

Pat added details on the proceeds from the One and Only Craft Fair. She suggested adding: "\$550 more spent on food this year". This was added to the final version of the minutes by Ian.

Decision

4. Councillor's Report and Questions from the floor – Mathieu Fleury 19h10



Mathieu: thanks ASH for the happy wedding wishes. Nathaniel has moved to a job on Parliament Hill, and he's been replaced by Emeline. Alanna has also moved on. Her replacement will be here in early March.

Vehicular traffic on the Adàwe crossing. Someone drove across it over the Christmas break. Looking at ways of preventing this while assuring accessibility.

Question from the public: what about leaving some snow on the bridge to help skiers? Mathieu: Has heard this suggestion, and is looking into it, although it isn't a top priority, and can cause problems when the snow melts and then reforms as ice.

Response after big snow storm: disappointed with the response, especially for the sidewalks. Wants to make sidewalks just as much of a priority. It should be resolved.

Connection between Corktown and Adàwe: Mathieu will bring a planner to a future meeting to discuss creating a bicycle connection via Somerset and various issues.

Chapel and Rideau: Mathieu is against opening the roadway at Chapel and Beausoleil, and will work with ASH and the Lowertown Community Association. Working on various elements of the issues, including trees. February will be an important period for site plan details.

Chad: Would like to see ASH participate in the next meetings between planners and developers. Mathieu committed to facilitating this.

John: Just because we're not at the next meeting, doesn't mean we consent to the site plan. And someone should arbitrate between the various City departments so that the concerns of the community don't get overlooked.

Community members expressed support for the promise of further community input into the process, and expressed concern for the implications to schoolchildren should 18-wheeler traffic be increased.

Susan: Can smaller trucks be considered? Mathieu: it would have to be city-wide, not site specific.

The 85 bus change due to transitway construction: Usage and on-time performance feedback have been good so far. More information will follow from OC Transpo.



Signs on private properties: issues on LED lighting, strobing, size, location are being explored related to the bylaw.

Outdoor exercise equipment: ASH has not yet provided its feedback to Councillor Fleury regarding its views on the proposed equipment. Chad will get back to Councillor Fleury.

Action

Susan asked about the plan for the installation of a drain pipe for 85 Range road: has it been received? Mathieu: not yet.

Police report: The two police officers present provided the following report: Many crime incidents are happening in Central District, as it's the heart of the city. Alerts about incidents are being sent to Block Reps before they hit the news. The Police can help with a Community Watch program, but it's a community responsibility to take on, but the Block Rep system is already in place. Every quarter meetings with Town and Gown are taking place.

Is the OPS following trends related to incidents in Sandy Hill? Guns and Gangs is one of the Police Chief's strategic priorities. The Ottawa Gang strategy is being implemented by various organizations, including the OPS, community associations, and others. The OPS has crime analysts that work in most units, including in our district. The OPS' evidenced-based approach means resources get dedicated to where incidents are happening.

On shootings: 100 shootings since 2014 in Ottawa. Sandy Hill has had 5 of those in that period (2-year span).

Jan. 3, 2016: vehicle shot on Goulburn: one-off incident related to an incident that occurred somewhere else. The vehicle was from the US.

Nov. 9, 2015: Chapel and Besserer. Gang-related. Not related to Sandy Hill, except that the victim was making a marijuana drop. Related to a dispute that happening outside Sandy Hill.

2 on Wiggins Private (June and October 2015) accidental shooting; known to us but not gang-related.

2014: Chapel. Still under investigation.



Ottawa is unique in Canada in terms of having residential areas, shopping, university, homeless shelters, all in downtown core.

Recent shooting on Appleton drive was an accident, while on Innes Road there was a shot that went through a wall and hit a man's leg while he was sleeping. Arrests made in both cases. While the situation in the U.S. is much different, the second amendment has an impact on Canada. Many weapons seized in Ottawa are from the U.S.: purchased legally and then stolen. Many come through Aboriginal reserves, along with contraband. Ottawa police believe more guns are out there.

Pat: are there gangs in Strathcona Heights? Inspector Laviolette: No. Officer Duhme: is working with residents there and will see if anyone is interested in joining the Block Reps program. He provided handouts with statistics on crime.

5. Special Items

19h30

- Somerset St. greenscaping update

Susan: constructive meetings to date with the Neighbourhood Connections office, who is shepherding this pilot project. 5 sites along Somerset are targeted to be greenscaped. Meeting with relevant property owners soon. Working on an agreement for maintenance of the sites, which ASH may have to sign, which will be brought to the Board later. The City will contribute some materials, as will the community.

- Winter Carnival

Chad: A reminder that it will take place Sunday Jan. 31, from 2pm – 5pm (supper will be served at 5pm). Tickets available at Ayoub's and through Jan Findlay. Bob will provide any last minutes reminders to the membership.

- Bookmark the Core

Chad: It's an initiative to push for the new central library to be located centrally and be subject to a design competition with public input. ASH has been asked to support it, and the Board agreed to this over email prior to the meeting, specifically supporting the location of the new library within the downtown core.

Decision



Mathieu recommended a change to the term central, as that definition isn't precise.

6. Block Representatives Report – Jan Findlay 19h45

Jan: No update.

7. Executive Committee Report (if applicable) – Chad Rollins 19h55

Chad: we held an executive meeting Sunday January 10, 2016. At the meeting, Ian noted that Brian Murphy has missed three consecutive meetings without providing regrets and thus could no longer sit as a Board member, according to the ASH By-law.

The executive committee had also discussed the following issues:

- Endorsing Bookmark the Core
- The costs of the filing with the OMB for 560 Rideau
- 256 Rideau: agreed to the planning committee letter opposing the site plan's parking plan, which has been reduced to only 4 parking spaces
- 151 Chapel: discussed way forward on opening of Chapel and Beausoleil
- Next AGM: Chad proposes May 19, 2016. Bob moves, Pat seconds, all in favour.

Decision

- Chad: need to form committee for the AGM. Pat offered to join, and Denis and Sally were offered as other possibilities by Chad.
- Chad also asked that all Board members who are up for election consider whether they are running again and let Chad know.

8. Treasurer's Report – Pat Archer 20h00

Pat:

\$35,818.57 total in the bank.

16,530.02 in chequing

\$10,000 Homestead

9,288.55 in Save Sandy Hill account.



Bob suggested thanking those who've been volunteering to keep the Sandy Hill Community Centre outdoor ice rink. This will be added to the next executive discussion meeting.

9. Committee Reports

20h05

- By-law Enforcement – Sally Southey

By-law officer update: ASH had developed a list of 90 problematic addresses (property standards and zoning) and By-law has looked at each complaint. 20 have been addressed. The list will be shared with Claire Macdonald for the ASH by-law committee.

Claire: when bylaw hands over an issue to police, can police implement fines?

Mathieu: they can, but we don't know as systematically as when Bylaw is responsible, as it falls to each individual officer. OPS consistency has been an issue. Bylaw's hours have been extended. Bylaw and OPS have different databases, but an official OPS response to a letter from Mathieu asking for follow up is forthcoming.

Chad: it's important for those who file bylaw complaints to file them on the www.NoiseinSandyHill.ca website so that landlords can know about when their tenants are causing problems.

- Communications & Membership – Jeremy Silburt & Denis Forget

Bob: ASH will abandon Member Planet, but will add Paypal functionality so that membership payments can be processed online.

Denis: no new members. A table will be set up at the Winter Carnival of Sunday January 31, 2016 with Susan, Eric, Denis (2-3h30pm) , Pat-Denis 3:30-5:00pm; Denis 5:00-6:00pm).

Susan: would like to see ASH's letters added to the website.

- Engagement with the University of Ottawa – Bob Forbes

Bob: Town and Gown meeting took place in December. University of Ottawa is applying to host an international Town and Gown conference. Bob is pushing for an inspection rating system for off-campus housing, and for the University to no longer allow advertising for unlicensed rooming houses. There is going to be a



campus master plan on future housing and will be presented to the Board of governors in the new year.

Bob will endeavour to introduce ASH to the new University of Ottawa president through a letter from ASH, including a request to meet.

Action

Susan: had a rooming house sub-committee meeting with a view to deciding whether to push for a rental registry or put our efforts into the review of the Rooming House By-law in 2017. We are consulting other community associations.

- Governance – Marc Tremblay

No report.

- Heritage – Benoit Belisle and Pat Archer

Chad: working with Mathieu on future issues related to the heritage registry.

- Planning & Transportation – Judith Rinfret & John Verbaas

Report sent separately from Judith (attached).

10. Next Meeting 20h59
• Monday February 29, 2016

Meeting Adjourned 21h00

Action Sandy Hill - Planning Report December 2015 and January 2016

560 Rideau Street - Despite a clear petition opposing inclusion of the property as part of the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan, letters from ASH and others, and representation at the Planning Committee meeting, City Council approved the new CDP including the official plan amendments and rezoning of this property - both under appeal. ASH has subsequently, appealed the secondary plan as it relates to this property. At this time, no hearing date has been set.

151 Chapel - ongoing discussions with Lowertown Community Association and ASH re status as parties at the OMB hearing at the end of March - will probably focus on the opening of the cul



de sac at Beausoleil and Chapel. It appears that there is no opportunity for the public to protest this opening otherwise - or even for councillors to do so. This aspect of the development proposal by Trinity is considered a site plan issue. Planning Committee and Council will only consider the rezoning and official plan amendment aspects of this application tomorrow, January 26. So it appears that the OMB will decide the site plan issues when the entire development is considered. So far there seems to be no avenue otherwise to stop private needs from trumping public interest. But Chad has written to our councillor to request a meeting with senior city staff and chairs of the planning and transportation committees to ensure that there is oversight and opportunity for a political forum.

256 Rideau (former site of Dworkin Furs) - After the DARC meeting in early January, ASH sent a letter protesting the proposed two student tower residences at this location due to the inadequacy of the parking - 4 spaces for 456 units and no provision for loading or garbage storage - not to mention design issues.

66 Stewart - no application received at this time but there will be a heritage committee hearing followed by committee of adjustment application for reduced side and rear yards to permit a semi detached dwelling on what is now a parking lot.

122 Daly - ASH submitted a letter of objection to the second application to allow development of this heritage property. No applications for site plan or minor variance have yet been received but staff is recommending approval of the design (at city Planning Committee, January 26)

All Saints Church - has been purchased by a private group of developers. Leanne Moussa attended the last DARC meeting and explained that there may be many rezoning and OP amendments required to Save the Saints for sane community uses - which will be very expensive procedures.

Visit ottawa.ca/coachhouses for information about what is proposed to allow for such uses in Ottawa. The lead planner may be invited to the next ASH meeting to answer questions and explain what is being considered to allow more density in most downtown residential zones.