



Minutes of the ASH Board of Directors

November 27, 2017

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Present from the Board: Bob Forbes, Ralph Blaine, Larry Newman, Susan Young, John Verbass, Trina Cooper-Bolalm, George Rejhon and Megan Reilkoff. Melanie Paiment from Councilor Fleury's was also in attendance as well as bylaw officer Jenn Thirkelsen. Councilor Fleury also arrived later in the meeting. Pat sent her regrets.

**1 Introductions were made** – Bob Chaired the meeting in the absence of the President

**2 Review and Approval of Agenda**

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

**3 Approval of The minutes of**

The minutes of October 30, 2017 were approved as amended on a motion from Ralph/Sue

**4. Councilor's Report**

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

**5. Reports and Updates**

**a Block Representatives Report (Jan)**

Jan reported that she received feedback on a traffic calming issue on Goulburn and John is following up on this.

**b Executive Report**

The Executive did not meet in November.

**c Treasurer's Report** (submitted by Pat by email to the Board)

Pat reported the following:	Checking Account	\$15,896.04
	Save Sandy Hill	\$ 3,470.06
	Homestead	\$26,473.55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,839.65</b>

Pat also reported that a report on the One and Only Craft Fair will follow once all expenses have been dealt with. Ralph agreed to check with Chad about the \$408.43 cheque written on the Save Sandy Hill account since the last financial statement.



#### **d Committee Reports**

##### **i By Law enforcement – see attached report from Larry**

There was a discussion about a noise complaint regarding a chronic offender – 118 Goulburn. Jenn Thurkelsen said that although no fine was assessed by the attending officer this case is still open and she expressed interest in seeing video footage of this disturbance. Larry agreed to follow up with residents who raised this concern.

Larry also briefly reviewed the items in his written report related to enforcement of bylaws regarding garbage/recycling storage and understandings ASH reached with by-law officers to be more aggressive with repeat offenders. (See attached written report for details)

At this point Councilor Fleury arrived and his report follows:

#### **4. Councilor's Report**

Mathieu reported that the Ottawa East News was closing and he expressed hope that there might be some type of replacement.

He also said that there was an opportunity for ASH to participate in consultation on the post-LRT layout for the Waller/Laurier/Nicholas nexus. It was agreed that ASH would suggest that this consultation take place at 6:30 prior to the January Board meeting. Mathieu agreed to send a memo that ASH might use in its next bulletin to advertise this consultation meeting.

Mathieu also reviewed some aspects of the current city budget debate. He touched on the discussion over Bus fares, winter sidewalk maintenance and pro-active policing in the downtown areas. He encouraged ASH to send representatives to the transportation committee hearings as a show of support for better winter maintenance, etc.

It was agreed that ASH would meet city staff on the R4 review on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

He also discussed progress on efforts to control annoying commercial signs in the neighbourhood.

Mathieu reported that he has organized a consultation meeting of Range Road residents to prepare input for the coming (2019) reconstruction of this street.

John asked why the pedestrian stairs for the Corktown Bridge could not be maintained in the winter. Mathieu said that he had presented a motion last year at council to this effect but it had been defeated.

Susan mentioned the plans for establishing a winter path along the Rideau River. There is a meeting this Thursday to plan for this.

Mathieu followed up on the Report Larry had given about getting the bylaw officers to act more aggressively against chronic offenders on garbage/recycling storage. Larry asked to be includ-



ed in any meetings with Landlords designed to find solutions in cases where it is impossible to store garbage in the back yard. Mathieu agreed to this.

#### **5d Committee Reports (continued)**

##### **iv. Heritage/Planning (see written report attached)**

Trina reported that the proposed demolition of the buildings on the site of the current Egyptian Embassy is off the table at this time while the heritage issue is resolved.

**51 Sweetland Development** – Trina reported that ASH and neighbours had been given only 24 hours to react to the modified development proposals at this property which were submitted after the demolition of the existing building on the site. Two immediate neighbours also expressed their concerns about these proposals. Trina suggested a meeting with a larger group of immediate neighbours to develop a common approach to the new proposal. The neighbours pointed out that since the original building no longer exists this property should be considered as a new build. Concern was also expressed that preservation of a heritage frontage might be used to justify an addition to an existing property with a larger footprint that a new build would allow.

Trina gave a brief review of the Cultural Memory Workshop scheduled for January 17, 2018.

##### **ii. Communications and Membership - see written reports attached**

Based on the success of the door to door membership canvas on Russell Ave Ralph expressed the hope that the Membership Committee would recommend a permanent program of street by street membership canvases that would cover the entire neighbourhood over a given period of time.

Ralph also reviewed the progress of the Save Sandy Hill committee in preparing a media campaign focusing on property development concerns in Sandy Hill.

##### **Motion 5.1[Nov"17]**

That the Board agree to allot \$3000 (over and above the \$250 already authorized by the Executive) from the Save Sandy Hill Fund for the expenses incurred in the operation of the media campaign being organized by the Save Sandy Hill Committee. It is understood that none of this \$3000 will actually be spent until the Committee has submitted its campaign plan to the Board and the Executive has approved the plan after input from the Board. (Ralph/????) Carried Unanimously (1 abstention)

##### **iii. Engagement with University of Ottawa.**

Bob reported that there has been no progress on arranging a meeting with the University President .



## v. **Transportation –**

John reported that he has met with some residents of Chapel and they have agreed to a recommendation about how to handle the traffic calming initiative of alternative side parking along a certain stretch of this street. This group will now need to get two-thirds of the residents on this section of Chapel to agree to the recommendation.

John has also been involved in discussions about how to re-purpose the Albert/Slater pair of streets once the bus traffic on these two streets decreases due to the LRT. The City is exploring the possibility of bike lanes.

John also reported on his participation in the Traffic Committee of the Federation of Community Associations. They have recently made recommendations regarding the City Budget related to winter sidewalk maintenance, bicycle safety and other items.

## 6. **Old Business**

### a. **Gazebo** (See written report)

Megan reported on the plans for a Gazebo in Strathcona Park drawn up by Barry Padolsky and the Board discussed possible ways forward on this project.

### **Motion 6.1 [Nov27'17]**

That the Board mandate Megan to get quotes for the construction of the Podolsky Gazebo. (Ralph/Trina) – Carried unanimously.

Bob suggested putting a note about this project in the December newsletter.

## 7. **New Business**

### a. **Reviewing MPAC Property Tax Assessment on “Bunkhouses”**

An ASH member who attended our first open house in October suggested that ASH find a way to challenge these assessments. John pointed out that the City has the authority to initiate such challenges. It was suggested that we chose 10 or so prime candidates and petition the



City to act on these cases. Megan volunteered to research how ASH would go about making such a pitch to the city.

**b. Winter Carnival**

Bob reported that Christine Aubry is organizing this event scheduled for Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 7.1 [Nov 27'17]**

That ASH authorize the expenditure of up to \$1500 for the 2018 Winter Carnival. (Ralph/Trina)  
Carried Unanimously

**c. Winter Garbage/Recycling Storage**

Larry reported that a resident expressed concern about the new regulations requiring that all waste and recycling receptacles (except green bins) be stored in the back yard might be a hardship for older residents or residents with mobility limitations. He wondered if ASH might find some way to help these residents.

It was agreed that ASH would put together a list of organizations or individuals willing to take on jobs related to access to and movement of garbage/recycling during the winter – whether as paid work or on a volunteer basis. Several possible organizations were suggested. Larry agreed to look into this. Once such a list is compiled ASH can bring it to the attention of the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next Meeting – January 29, 2018



## ByLaw Report - Nov 2017

Had a meeting with Jeff Williams and Jennifer Therkelsen last week. It was or could be the most productive meeting yet.

- o Jeff agreed to ticket the Rideau Street drugstore for an unenclosed bin on Thursday, the 23rd
- o Jennifer checked and affirmed that 245 Laurier has no permit to fasten that green advertisement on the front of the heritage house. Apparently, this problem has been shifted to Roger Chapman's desk.
- o Jennifer agreed that fines for violators of bylaws would provide a significant incentive for others to obey the bylaws
- o To solve the problem of repeat violators who are compliant when checked, then ignore the bylaw later, Jeff has agreed to issue a summons whenever the owner is no longer in compliance, even if it's a month or three later.
- o KPMG was hired to (probably among other things) assess the staffing needs of By-law Enforcement. That report will be available to the public sometime during the 1st quarter, 2018.

I checked about 50 addresses that got ASH notices in October. Only 17 were compliant. Big change from last effort. Because of the new bylaw about garbage storage, I warned people who had plastic wheeled bins, used mainly for recyclables. I don't think any moved their bins. This was predicable. I didn't warn anyone who had blue and black bins in front. Maybe later, much later.

I will ask for another email address to be established to be used for people who think they are being given an ASH warning notice unfairly.

Larry Newman



## MEMBERSHIP - COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

### **Door to Door Experiment**

Bob, Susan, Ralph, Larry and Nicole Girard conducted a door to door mini-membership drive on November 25th. We covered Russell Ave from Mann to a little past Somerset as well as Sweetland. **We added 10 people to our membership list** (one of which was a promise to join on line). Two of these 10 were former members whose memberships had expired a year or more ago. The other eight were new. Two of the 10 were on Sweetland, the rest were from Russell. We collected **\$167**. Given that we had had only 8 households registered as members on Russell prior to this effort, **this represents a doubling of our membership on this street** and we still need to do the blocks between Somerset and Laurier.

I personally enjoyed talking with several of the residents. I think this type of contact is not only good for our membership stats but also for making our presence felt more effectively in the neighbourhood and for finding out what the people of Sandy Hill are thinking.

**Perhaps we could set up a regular rotation of streets in Sandy Hill and aim to cover the entire neighbourhood once every year or two. It would be helpful to include more members in this effort.**

### **Book Fair and One and Only**

We added two people to the membership lists at the Book Fair. Both were from people whose memberships had expired many months ago.

We added 8 people at the One and Only. Two were from people whose memberships had expired some time ago (one was three years ago).

**Total Members added to the Active Member List in November - 20** (2 of which promise to pay on-line)

### **On-Line Reminders to Renew**

I have sent out reminders, month by month, to those members whose memberships expired during each of those months since our mass email reminders of December 2016. These reminders were sent individually to each member by email. **There has been virtually no uptake on this approach.**

**I think we would get a much better response on renewals if we made a point of knocking on these doors in the course of the door to door rotation mentioned above.**

### **Tasks to Perform**



No progress further progress has been made in investigating a merchant reward program for ASH members.

Ralph Blaine





## SAVE SANDY HILL COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF ASH - November 26, 2017

As you all know by now the SSH committee has received funding of \$250 from the Executive to conduct two planning meetings with Pippa Rogers our media consultant. We are now in the process of establishing the dates for these meetings. We hope the first one will be this week. The object of these two meetings will be to clearly establish our goals and strategy in pursuit of the motion passed at our September Board meeting:

***[Motion 6.1 [Sept'17] – that the mandate of this committee be to maintain the momentum generated by the Special General meeting in April by mobilizing community involvement in support of the ASH initiatives concerning development in Sandy Hill.***

After this Monday's meeting the Board will not meet again until January 29, 2018. Since the committee hopes to be in a position to begin our campaign in late December or perhaps early January we will need to secure further funding now.

Our proposal is that the Board agree to fund this campaign at the November 27, 2017 meeting. If the Board does agree to this funding the Committee will submit the plans coming out of the two planning sessions to the Board via email. Everyone will have a chance to review the proposal and based on this feedback the Executive will be asked to approve the plans. It is understood that no money beyond the \$250 already authorized will be spent until the Executive approves the plans submitted by the Committee.

There is currently \$3470 in the Save Sandy Hill Fund. The \$250 authorized by the Executive has not yet been taken from this sum.

### **Motion**

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Submitted by

Ralph Blaine

Planning Report



*[to follow once formatting issues resolved]*



## GAZEBO PROJECT

Scott and I met with architect Barry Padolsky this morning about the proposed gazebo in Strathcona Park.

I need some input from the Board on Monday as to how best to move this project forward (and perhaps share a pièce de résistance).

Some questions I have for the Board are:

How to select contractors to estimate the cost of the project?

Do we need a gazebo committee?

What fundraising initiatives need to be undertaken for a major project like this?

Identifying allies to support this project (ie potential donors)

Etc.

Many thanks,

Megan