

# ACTION SANDY HILL BOARD MEETING

Monday 25 March 2019

## Present

- Susan Young (President)
- Bob Forbes (Vice President and Acting Secretary)
- John Verbaas (Transportation Director)
- Megan Reilkoff (Treasurer)
- Trina Bolam (Planning and Heritage Director)
- Anthony Friend

Plus assorted guests.

## Regrets

- Scott Williams (Membership Director)
- Larry Newman (Bylaw and Communications Director)
- Chad Rollins

1. Welcome and tour de table
2. Review and approval of agenda
  - a. Agenda was approved informally.
3. Review and approval of minutes
  - a. Outstanding minutes will be circulated next month for approval.
4. Motion to fill a vacancy on the Board: “That the Board approve David Elden as a new Director of the Board of Action Sandy Hill, to complete this term of the Board which ends at the AGM in May 2019.”

### **Motion dropped given the proximity of the AGM**

5. Bylaw and Sgt. Sébastien Lemay, Community Police Officer
  - St. Patrick’s Day
    - One charge for noise very early, few 311 calls
    - Saturday night – 5 charges city wide (good for a Saturday)
    - Police parade Sunday morning
    - A lot of door knocks
    - Josh (Russell Ave resident)
      - Fewer people arrived on the street at once. Officials there early and prevented any group from forming anywhere on the block. Previously pushed onto private property. Officers making an effort

- One ticket for open alcohol (overwhelmed on Panda Game Day)
- Garbage (458-460 Nelson)
  - Rats are a much bigger problem, can't bait the sewers since these ones go straight into the environment
  - Bylaw attended the above property. Bins overflowing, charge pending
  - Bin is undersized, ASH is work with the City and TCU
  - Bylaw will drive by a couple of times per month – now on the list
  - Any new buildings have to have garbage inside.
- 332A Somerset
  - From Jennifer Therkelsen, Bylaw Officer
    - Have issued an order to the property owner it is due on April 17<sup>th</sup> but it is to remove the derelict building at the rear of the property.
    - Bylaw is waiting for the snow to melt to do a more fulsome inspection to determine if another order needs to be issued.

## 6. Councillors Report

The Councillor reported on the following items:

- St Patrick's
  - Progress this year at St. Patrick's though this doesn't solve the Panda Game issue.
- Parking
  - 6-hour parking – bylaw change – suggested but this may be controversial. Looking for feedback from residents
  - Could possibly have a different set of rules in the week, for example: 1-hour parking to Monday to Friday, rest 3 hours.
- CSST tunnel
  - Tunnel is now past Rideau St and into Sandy Hill. Few complaints.
- Public Meeting on Templeton, Russell, Mann and Range.
  - Tree planting discussed. Road pinching, existing bulb outs will remain.
- Development Charge Review
  - 400 page document has been produced. Some developers had found loopholes to avoid the 'rooming unit' definition, rather than dwelling units
  - Rooming house considered, from a planning perspective, similar to a retirement home
- 2021 DC
  - No current differentiation between condo and rental
  - Want to incentivize high-rise rentals in Ottawa. Will bring in a payment plan for this.
  - Yet 80% rental in the Claridge condos on Rideau. The City wants more purpose-built apartment rentals and taking action to support this.
- Recreational Amenities.

- We have no new amenities in Ward 12/Sandy Hill despite big increase in population
- Councillor would like a supporting letter from ASH.
- AirBnB/Rooming House Study
  - Rooming House definition has now been agreed across the city
  - Currently the number of rooming houses is unlimited – massive risk.
  - What’s ASH’s position on AirBnB? Allowed only when the owner lives there.
  - Students and dormitory – public consultation to come
- Sandy Hill Cleanup
  - Will take place in early May. Bob and Francois to finalize with sponsors Claude and Molly.
- Questions
  - Ward traffic calming \$200K - already assigned. In general this is based on residents’ complaints. For example, flexi-stakes went to Wilbrod this year.
  - Iranian Cultural Centre. Will agree with the new owner, previous owner of 45 Mann.
- Sandy Hill Planning Consultations
  - On Strathcona Heights and Egyptian Embassy.
  - Very important. Encouraging people to come out.

7. Reports and Updates

- a. Block Representatives Report – no report this month.
- b. Executive Report  
Susan still plans to meet with Strathcona Heights reps on common areas of interest, esp.

Iranian Cultural Centre

- b. Treasurer’s Report

**TREASURER’S REPORT – January 2019  
(as at January 31, 2019)**

Chequing account	\$16,976.25
Homestead account	<u>\$26,707.24</u>
Save Sandy Hill account	<u>\$ NIL</u>
Total	\$43,683.49

**TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2019  
(as at February 28, 2019)**

Chequing account	\$15,547.65
Homestead account (GIC)	<u>\$26,707.24</u>
Total	\$42,254.89

8. Committee Reports

- a. Membership

A door-to-door membership drive in late April, early May, before the AGM.

## b. Planning and Heritage

- Planning
  - Julian Smith – HCD report from Oct 2018. Additional community member is Barry Padolsky
  - Multi-community group at planning meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March, met chair of the built heritage subcommittee:
    - Built Heritage Subcommittee – will now report directly to council. Communities want to rebut.
    - Action plan for the next 4 years to be created
    - Every community will get their own heritage officer
    - **No concessions agreed.**
- R4 preparation – John gave his presentation to Planning Department
  - “Missing middle” is one of the goals. Have to understand what range of typologies.
  - Sandy Hill suggestions – taking the suggestions seriously. Dis-incentivizing predatory development
  - Looking at the mix – once you hit your threshold then it would stop
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> –John V and Susan to go.
- Ugandan High Commission
  - Back at the tribunal. Trina expects a report on the mediations – then a hearing date
  - LPASC still supporting ASH. Tim Mark representing the City. UHC has not attended.
- Wilbrod heritage house
  - Cladding added to brick but will be removed.
  - Susan will call a meeting

## c. By-law

No report this month.

## d. Environment

No report this month.

## e. Engagement with University of Ottawa

No additional information presented this month. St Patrick’s Day’s improved outcome discussed early in the meeting. T&G meeting discussed in February.

## 9. Other Business

- Rink
  - Very trying winter – had to spend money on snow cleaning plus lots of hours of shovelling
  - Thanks to all involved
- AGM – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
  - Subcommittee to be formed to handle the AGM as usual. Elections, volunteer of the year award etc.
  - 2 slides per PowerPoint presentation from each director

Meeting Adjourned 9PM. Next meeting April 29, 2019.