



Sandy Hill Community Centre

ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2019

In attendance: Susan Young, Joel Mader, Jeremy Silburt, Megan Reilkoff, Paula Tchen, David Elden, Seetal Sunga, Michael Barnes, Cathy Major.

Guests : Erin Woods, Jan Finlay, about 10 residents from Besserer St.

Regrets: Chad Rollins, Larry Newman, John Verbaas

1. Call to order: Call to order at 7:25 pm. The meeting started later as the discussion regarding the safety issues on Besserer St. carried over from the 6:30 pm Chat with ASH session.

2. Review and approval of Agenda: acceptance proposed by Paula, seconded by Joel, approved unanimously.

3. Review and approval of June minutes: acceptance proposed by Seetal, seconded by Dave, approved unanimously.

4. Block Reps Report: Nothing to report.

5. Executive Report: There will be a ward council meeting with presidents from Lowertown, Vanier and Sandy Hill Community Associations and the Councillor. The focus of the meeting will be homelessness.

6. Treasurer's Report: Please see attached. No news from the City regarding the funding for the gazebo. Erin Woods from the Councillor's office to follow-up.

7. Bylaw Report: Tyler Patterson presented the number of complaints received in July and August. They were as follows:

July:

Graffiti – 11

Noise – 61

Property Standards – 80

Zoning (front yard parking) – 5

August:

Graffiti – 3

Noise – 33

Property Standards – 64

Zoning – 2

Two Solid Waste Bylaw Officers were working the move-in weekend of August 31. 250 pamphlets re noise and waste bylaws were provided to the Councillor's office for the September 10 walkabout.

Top 10 problem addresses and their status were sent to ASH.

There has been no increase in Bylaw staff for Sandy Hill.

8. Committee Reports

Planning and Heritage: presented by Susan

- Trina Bolam sent a letter to David Mahoney, planner with the City's Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Services regarding 3 properties in Sandy Hill (38 Blackburn Ave, 108 Range Road and 50 Goulburn) which have fallen in disrepair asking for his comments on the properties.
- 3 developments in Robinson Village – comments shared with the applicant who is to come back with revised plans.
- 250 Besserer – the mix of apartment types (bedrooms) has changed. Waiting on applicant to respond to community comments.
- Suds & Duds – corner of Chapel and Somerset appears to now contain 8 units which is an increase of 1 unit. What can be done?
- 362 Stewart St. Building inspector was refused entry to building by owner. City staff determining what their legal options are.
- R4 Review – Diane Whalen (representing ASH) attended the first technical review committee. She is reviewing the drawings from the R4 Technical Review. Trina Bolam met with the Director of Economic Development and Long Range Planning. She emphasized the need for more housing for the missing middle in Sandy Hill
- Uganda High Commission at 231 Coburg – LPAT hearing to be held on September 26. Sarah Gelbard will appear at the hearing as an expert on ASH's behalf. Trina will ask the ASH Board via email for approval to give the expert up to a \$500.00 honorarium.
- Rental Accommodation Study – Susan is to meet with City staff on the Study and will put out an options paper for comment by the Board.

Membership: presented by Dave (by email after the meeting)

- 303 members as of meeting date.
- Canvassing: evening canvass on Somerset East during August; present at before start of Fools performances in Strathcona Park to raise awareness of ASH.
- Will have membership table at BBQ (dependent on volunteer availability, TBC).
- Admin: membership list migrated from Google Contacts to MS Excel and cleaned up, membership map created, monthly expiry date reminders going out using mail merge from Excel file.

Environment – No Report

Town & Gown:

- tickets for Panda Game now on sale

Transportation: No Report

9. Police Report – presented by Constable Sébastien Lemay

Constable LeMay presented the statistics for Quarter 2.

The Constable mentioned a few incidents that occurred during the 2nd Quarter:

- On April, 3 black males with knives were reported in the vicinity of Russell and Templeton and Russell and Somerset.
- Unique firearms and ammunition were found in a vehicle on Daly and Waller - arrests were made and charges laid.
- On June 21, stabbing on Daly and King Edward. Suspect charged. This was not a random incident.
- A person took a cell phone out of the back pocket of a female walking down Rideau Street . The female chased the male. He had a knife and took off.
- Cordless headphones are now a target for thieves.

10. Councillor's Report

Updates:

- Councillor met with ASH representatives and City Staff to discuss R4 Review. Councillor is frustrated as information is not being funneled up or down in the Planning Department re: R4 Review. The Councillor has asked for a meeting with Steve Wise and Don Herweyer to discuss the situation.
- R4 report is planned for the fall.
- The tree bylaw is in the process of being changed
- Movies in the Park held in partnership with uOttawa was successful with lots of families in attendance. Plan is to hold more movies.
- Riverain Park is to be upgraded in 2020. Community consultation is underway.
- Rideau Sports Centre winter use path. Negotiations are underway to extend the pathway to Bank Street and perhaps the RA Centre.

Developments

- Previous site of the Rideau St. Beer Store – site plan for development of rentals and hotel.
- Current site of the Rideau St Metro Store – this is a Claridge property. Three buildings with rentals and hotel are being proposed.
- 256 Rideau St. (old Dworkins Furs site) – 22 floors of rooms for students. Must be licensed as a rooming house.
- Théo Student Housing – students already moving into furnished units.
- Chapel at Rideau – Trinity Development. Will not be reopening Beausoleil. First phase of building will be rentals. Looking at Reaching Home Program for second phase which would include 30% of affordable units.
- Coburg at Rideau (site of Angelo's Pizza) 18 storey plus 7 storey podium approved. Deciding on whether to construct condo's or rentals.
- Charlotte and Rideau are advertising condos starting at \$200,000.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- Seetal explained that there will be a second meeting in September with a group of Strathcona Heights youth on how to get through university.

Motions:

- Dave proposed a motion for up to \$500.00 for expenses for food etc. for the One and Only Craft Fair being held on November 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Megan and was approved unanimously.
- Paula proposed a motion for up to \$250.00 for food for the Annual Community BBQ being held on September 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Seetal and was approved unanimously.
- Cathy Major, moved a motion for up to \$250 for expenses to run the 2019 Sandy Hill Garage Sale, held September 14. The motion was seconded by Jeremy. Six Board members voted yes, 5 did not responded and were deemed to have voted no.

9. Next Meeting: September 30, 2019**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.