



Sandy Hill Community Centre

ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2019

In attendance: Susan Young, Jeremy Silburt, Megan Reilkoff, David Elden, Michael Barnes, Cathy Major, Larry Newsman

Guests : Tyler Patterson, Jan Finlay

Regrets: Chad Rollins, John Verbaas, Paula Tchen, Seetal Sunga,

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm.

2. Review and approval of Agenda: acceptance proposed by Michael, seconded by Larry, approved unanimously.

3. Review and approval of August minutes: acceptance proposed and approved unanimously.

4. Bylaw Report: Tyler Patterson

- Tyler sent ASH a report with numbers related to incidents of bylaw violations in Sandy Hill. He will try to send this information on a regular basis.
- Tyler clarified that if a property owner fails to address a property standard violation and the City sends a contractor to fix the problem, then the property owner is sent a bill for the contractor's services. If the property owner fails to pay the bill, the bill will be added to the property owner's tax bill.
- There is a garbage issue at 481 Besserer. Tyler will take a drive by.

5. Block Reps Report: Jan Finlay

- What is the status of the Rental Study and what will happen next.

6. Executive Report:

- Joel Mader has stepped down as a director of the ASH Board due to health issues. The Board thanks Joel for the time he has given to Sandy Hill issues and wishes him well.

7. Treasurer's Report: Megan

- Please see attached figures for August 2019. No news from the City regarding the funding for the gazebo. Erin Woods from the Councilor's office to follow-up.
- Cathy will prepare a letter thanking corporate sponsors Claude Jobin and Molly Hoyle for organizing the clean-up day in Strathcona Park. *Thank you email sent October 20, 2019.*

8. Committee Reports

Planning and Heritage: Susan

- Trina Bolam had written to David Mahoney about several heritage properties in Sandy Hill which have fallen into disrepair. He has acknowledged the letter and will respond to the issues.
- 4 developments in Robinson Village – comments shared with the applicant who has come back with revised plans. Changes are not acceptable. Another public meeting is required. *Public meeting to be held on October 24 at the Youville Centre from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.*
- 250 Besserer – the mix of apartment types (bedrooms) has changed. Waiting on applicant to respond to community comments.
- 123 Marlborough Ave – proposed construction of detached home. A meeting will be held on October 4 with the Councillor, neighbors and planner in attendance. The neighbors are displeased with the proposed building as it does not fit in the neighborhood.
- R4 Review – there is a notice of a second Technical Review Meeting. Diane Whalen may not attend as it may not be worthwhile. ASH commented on the first round and Tim Moerman has rebutted some of the ASH numbers. John Verbaas will review Tim's comments and prepare a response. A meeting is planned with the representatives of ASH, the Councillor, Stephen Wise, and the City's GM of Planning and Infrastructure to update ASH on the R4 Review.
- Uganda High Commission at 231 Coburg – LPAT hearing was held on September 26. Trina Bolam and François Bregha spoke at the hearing on behalf of the community. Sarah Gelbard attended the meeting as an advisor. Decision on the matter will be forthcoming.
- Rental Accommodation Study – The consultants' reports on short term rentals and rentals have been released and can be found on the City's website. The staff report will be released to the public on October 4th. There will be a special meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee on November 15, 2019 and City Council on November 27, 2019 to discuss the reports.

Bylaw

- The position of Chair for this committee is vacant. Larry indicated he was willing to take responsibility of this Committee. However, he requires help in the areas of graffiti, front yard parking and garbage enclosures.
- Cathy has offered to help with graffiti.

Communications: Susan

- Jen Cox has volunteered to handle social media for ASH. She will be able to post anything on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Membership: Dave

- 310 members as of meeting date.
- 1 new corporate member – The Swiss Hotel
- the Board should give some thought on ways to profile our corporate members.

Environment – Susan

- The Urban Tree Bylaw report has been posted on the ASH website.
- A request to speak to the ASH Board was received from the Climate Youth Ambassadors who would provide the latest on climate change and how it will be reflected in the future Official

Plan.

- Seetal suggested that we could attend a presentation by the Youth Ambassadors and report back to ASH.
- Seetal and Diane Beck will attend a workshop on the subject and report back to the Board.

Town & Gown: Susan

- Thanks to Paula, Bob and Jan for helping to organize the Community BBQ. Over \$200.00 was raised for the St. Joe's Supper Table. The event was well attended.

Transportation: No Report

10. Councillor's Report

Updates:

- The walkabout went well
- heading into Panda weekend. A tailgate party has been organized at the Sandy Hill arena to get people out of the community. Party runs from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Attendees will be checked for weapons. Police and bylaw will be out on Russell as well as the Councillor and Michel Gibeault from uOttawa. Residents on Russell Ave. have renewed their agent status which allows action by police on properties without the owner's consent. If the actions taken are not successful in stopping major problems in the neighborhood, ASH will have to bring the Panda Game problems to the Mayor's attention.
- The Councillor met with Steve Wise and Don Herweyer on September 27. They will put together a proposal for re zoning in Sandy Hill which could result in multistory buildings along Mann, Laurier, King Edward and Rideau and reduced zoning in some areas of Sandy Hill. Once the proposal has been finalized, a meeting will be held with ASH, the Councillor, Steve and Don to discuss.
- Safety in the Community – 2 separate meetings regarding Besserer St will be held: one with the residents of 260 Besserer St, one with the broader community. For the later, members of the broader community will be invited to attend along with representatives from the office of the provincial Attorney General and Ministry of Health and public health.
- On October 10, the Councillor will give a talk at the NAC on the Key to Solving Homelessness.
- Suds and Duds on Somerset and Chapel. The Building Code inspector found an additional unit. If this continues, a site plan will be required.
- October 7 will be the first day without all buses operating in the City. The Councillor mentioned some of the changes to bus routes which could affect Sandy Hill residents such as the number 15 bus which will parallel the number 12 bus along Montreal Rd and Rideau St.
- OC Transpo will host OC Transpo Awareness Day which will give the public an opportunity to bring up any issues they have with transportation in the City.
- Budget Sessions will be held; October 16 in the evening in Vanier, and November 5 at City Hall

7. Old Business:

- Thank you to Cathy Major for organizing the Sandy Hill Community Garage Sale which took place on September 14, 2019. There were approximately 40 tables throughout the community. An electronic location map of vendors was developed by Dave Elden. The map enabled shoppers to easily locate vendors.
- Seetal, Susan, Sabrina, Martha and Claire are organizing a mentoring event for the youth of

Strathcona Heights. The event will take place on February 9, 2020 at the Sandy Hill Community Centre.

- There are now 45 vendors who will participate in the One and Only Arts and Crafts Fair and Book Sale which will take place on November 9. There will be a book drop off on November 8.

8. New Business:

- The ASH Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 6. Attendees will bring a plate of food.
- Michael suggested that we develop a Sandy Hill promotional place mat showing the boundaries of Sandy Hill and recognizing our corporate sponsors.

9. Next Meeting: October 28, 2019

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.