



## **ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **Sandy Hill Community Centre**

**November 25, 2019**

**In attendance:** Susan Young, Megan Reilkoff, David Elden, Cathy Major, Larry Newman, Seetal Sunga, Michael Barnes, Paula Tchen, John Verbaas

**Guests:** Tyler Patterson, Jan Finlay, Erin Woods, Philip Cutfield, Claude Jobin, Bob Forbes, Jen Cox, Denis LaRose, Linda Paul, Louise and Ron.

**Regrets:** Chad Rollins

**1. Call to order:** 7:05 pm.

**2. Minutes from October meeting:**

- Susan to review and minutes will be approved at January 2020 meeting along with minutes from November meeting.

**4. Bylaw Report: Tyler Patterson**

- Tyler reported on the call volumes for November as follows:
  - Noise: 42 – 2019; 45 – 2018
  - Property: 30 – 2019; 74 – 2018
  - Zoning: 2 – 2019; 6 – 2018
  - Graffiti: 0 – 2019; 1 - 2018
- Tyler reported on a multi-problem addresses task force which includes OPS, bylaw, fire and public health. One property in Sandy Hill. Properties are added to the list by complaints.

**5. Block Reps Report: Jan Finlay**

- Nothing to report.

**6. Executive Report: Susan**

- There are now 10 Board members. A call has been made for nominations to fill up to 6 places. At least 1 place is filled.
- People who have been nominated and accepted will be named to the Board at the January 27, 2020 Board Meeting.

**7. Treasurer's Report: Megan**

- Please see attached figures for September and October 2019.
- Special Thank you to the Good Book Team from the One and Only. Proceeds from the Good Book sale will go to the Homework Club in Strathcona Heights.
- Gazebo funding from the City has been approved. Amount expected from the City on paper is \$289K. Now need game plan for fundraising by community. A Steering Committee will be set

up by Megan. Barry Padolsky, the architect will donate designs and drawings pro bono and will likely be part of the Steering Committee. Kickoff for the committee to be determined, and meeting with the City and Councillor's office to be organized.

- Outdoor skating rink. We have the contract for maintaining the rink. Yann Audet-Young and team have come forward. Deadline of December 13 for any one from the community to come forward to maintain the rink, as per the notice in the November ASH newsletter.
- Youth mentoring group held a meeting with the youth. Now circulating posters for February 9 event. Youth can go online to sign up for the event. Committee will look for potential mentors to appear at the February 9 event.

#### **Transportation: – John Verbaas**

- Participates monthly with group that is part of the FCA to discuss transportation issues. This Saturday there will be a meeting on the Transportation Plan.

#### **Engagement with uOttawa: Susan**

- Is 192 Laurier which is owned by uOttawa on the vacant derelict building list which is maintained by the City? City does do inspections.

#### **Membership: – Dave**

- 75 memberships will expire in December 2019

#### **Environment: Susan and Seetal**

- The Councillor is organizing a meeting to be held on November 28 at the Rideau Sports Centre to discuss the Eastern Rideau River Winter Trail. Community members should attend. Used snowmobile is needed. Perhaps snowmobile requirement can be posted on Facebook.
- Seetal Sunga and Diane Beckett attended a workshop on November 15 and 16 called the Climate Solutions and Ottawa's Official Plan. Purpose of the meeting was to develop recommendations/solutions to deliver to the City for inclusion in the new Official Plan. A report is forthcoming from the Workshop.
- The Executive Report from the Workshop will be put on the ASH website. ASH can send an email to the Councillor and Mayor encouraging them to include the solutions in the Official Plan.

#### **Bylaw: Larry**

- Nothing

#### **Communications: Larry**

- Should incorporate some of the statistics on the bedroom count into the Save Sandy Hill Booklet and website. The document on Save Sandy Hill is not available and cannot be modified. Will have to wait until the new year for further action.
- City is consulting on Programming in the Core and wants to talk to Sandy Hill residents. Christine and Suneeta will talk to the consultants conducting the study. (Susan)
- There is a Housing and Homelessness 10 year Refresh Plan to which Sandy Hill has been asked to contribute. Susan, Paula and Larry will meet Kale Brown to discuss. (Susan)

#### **Planning and Heritage: Susan**

- 21 Withrow in west Ottawa – people want to put heritage status on building and land. The ownership of the property is not clear. It was decided that ASH would not comment on the subject.
- Rental Accommodation Study – ASH is disappointed with staff recommendations. Proposal to

elevate standards for rooming houses and initiate a licensing system were both voted down. A voluntary registry system for airbnb is planned but will not apply to rental accommodation. There will be 4 officers to monitor short term rentals.

#### **6. Councillor's Report: Mathieu Fleury**

- R4 Review: Met with Trina, John, Steve Willis, David Wise and Don Herweyer to discuss how R4 can better meet the needs of Sandy Hill e.g. providing building stock for the missing middle. All parties are committed to working with Sandy Hill to achieve a plan which will be beneficial to Sandy Hill.
- Panda Game Debrief: Groups involved in the planning of the Panda Game will meet on November 28 at City Hill. Residents from Russell Avenue will also attend.
- Nicholas and Laurier: the on and off 417 ramps are open. There will be a greening of Waller Street in 2020.
- Rideau Street: There will a redesign of Rideau between Dalhousie and Sussex including 10m. wide sidewalks, benches, 1 lane in each direction with specific bus bays. There is a plan to connect Sandy Hill with the Byward Market.
- Gazebo in Strathcona Park: there is funding in this year's City budget.
- Winter Trail: Eastern Rideau River Trail – Plan is to groom the trail at least 10 times during the season. Volunteers are needed. A snowmobile driver is available. Long term plan is to connect Sussex to Mooney's Bay.
- Reopening of Daily at Waller: No further communication from residents in the area.
- Besserer Street Issues: Have contacted the provincial Attorney General and the Ministry of Health. There may be a meeting of these two groups in the new year.
- Inner City Health is conducting a study on the safe supply of drugs.
- The City will be releasing a report on greenhouse gas emissions in the near future.
- 250 Besserer St planned 9 storey apartment building: Councillor has written to the head of the Planning Committee with his concerns.
- CCTV cameras for Rideau St and the market: Michael Barnes asked the Councillor about the CCTV cameras. No decision has been made.
- Robinson Village projects: Councillor to meet with the Planner to see what is the next step in these projects.

#### **8. New Business:**

- Bob Forbes described Somerset St E. as a street that is becoming increasingly rundown but that has enormous potential. Sidewalks are in bad shape and several of the houses are rundown. Bob proposed that it is time to improve Somerset St E before it is too late. This should be a two step process: first determining what has been approved for redevelopment on the street and then what is to come; second a street visioning exercise. Paula and Cathy indicated interest in the project.

#### **Motions:**

- A) Paula put forward a motion on behalf of Christine Aubry, Chair of the Winter Carnival Committee, proposed a budget \$1,500.00 for the Winter Carnival to be held on January 19, 2020. The Committee has applied for additional funding but there has been no news to date. Motion was seconded by Cathy and unanimously approved.
- B) Megan put forward a motion to pay an additional amount to Diane Whelan who acted on behalf of ASH at the R4 Technical Review. Seetal seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- C) Megan put forward a motion to shred the old membership forms which are being held by Scott Williams formerly on the Membership Committee. Paula seconded the motion and it was

unanimously approved.

**9. Next Meeting:** January 28, 2020

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.