



ASH Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sandy Hill Community Centre

January 27, 2020

In attendance: Susan Young, Megan Reilkoff, David Elden, Cathy Major, Larry Newman, John Verbaas

Guests: Philip Cutfield, Scott Oastler, Erin Woods, Sebatien Lemay, Wendy, Bruce McCenan, Myriam Djilaine (NDP Candidate, Provincial By Election), Caroline Lavoie, Tim Pendergast, Stephanie Plant, Pascal (Journalist – LaRotunde), Cathy Mayer

Regrets: Chad Rollins, Paula Tchen, Michael Barnes

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm.

2. Agenda:

- Approved, no changes

3. Minutes:

- Dave proposed that the minutes for the October and November 2019 meetings should be approved. Motion seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

4. Proposal:

- Stephanie Plant, a resident of Sandy Hill, proposed that Somerset Street Park be renamed Annie Pootoogook, a Canadian Inuk artist, who was murdered in Ottawa in 2016. Stephanie explained that she has reached out to various people including Senator Murray Sinclair, for letters of support. Stephanie will send a write up on the proposal info @ash-acs.ca to be included in the February newsletter for the purpose of consulting with the community.

5. ASH Board:

- Trina Bolam Carter and Claude Jobin were nominated to the ASH Board. The two will serve until the AGM in May and then run again for a two year term.
- Megan moved that Trina and Claude be appointed to the Board. Larry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Ottawa Police Services: Officer Sebastien LeMay

- Reported occurrences:

Offense	January 2018	January 2019
Sexual Assault – less in 2019 due to Me To Movement	42	20
Voyeurism	1	7
Break & Enter	109	77
Mischief e.g. graffiti, broke windows etc.	71	100
Theft from a vehicle	127	117

Noted Incidents:

- In December, a fight escalated to stabbing by a female in the 300 block of Somerset E. Female was arrested.
- December 16, a taxi driver was robbed on Daly Ave. The perpetrator was identified and charged.
- Teens have been hanging out at the former Iranian Cultural Centre. Fires have been reported in the building. The owner of the building has been identified. Officer LeMay will contact the owner and attempt to have the person sign an agent status form which will allow Ottawa police to enter the property.
- In May, a Community Policing Unit will be set up in the Byward Market/Lowertown area. Officer LeMay is hopeful that the Unit will be able to address issues in north Sandy Hill.

7. Executive Report: Susan

- Seetal Sunga resigned from the Board. The Board thanks Seetal for the time she has given to Sandy Hill issues and wishes her well.

8. Block Reps Report: Susan

- Nothing to report.

9. Treasurer's Report: Megan

- Please see attached statements for November and December 2019 as well as the statements for the One and Only Craft and Good Book Sale
- 100% of the proceeds from the Good Book Sale will go to the Strathcona Heights Homework Club
- A motion will be presented at the next ASH Board meeting proposing that the proceeds from the One and Only Craft Fair be split equally between the Awesome Art Program and ASH.
- Gazebo: The Councilor will set up a meeting with City staff to clarify how much money must be raised by ASH for the construction of the gazebo.
- ASH has recently found out that the Sandy Hill Community Centre holds \$350.00 for ASH which is to be used for expenses unrelated to room rentals. These funds will be used this year.

10. Committee Reports

Transportation: – John Verbaas

- John is participating in the process for the updating of the new Transportation Master Plan.

Membership: – Dave

- Currently there are 237 members.
- In December , there were 75 renewal emails sent out. To date, only 24 memberships have been renewed. Dave will sent out another email to those who have not renewed their memberships.

Environment: Susan

- The kick off for the Eastern Rideau River Winter Trail occurred on November 28. There will be 10 groomings this season. Tracks will be set every Thursday and Friday.
- The plan for the trail is to extend all the way to Mooney's Bay.

Bylaw: Larry

- Larry and Susan met with Sean Kelly, our new Bylaw officer for property standards and his manager Ron at the safe injection site on Rideau and Nelson. There are often a lot of used needles in and around Pizza Pizza. Pizza Pizza wants a black box on its premise for the used needles.
- Better day programs are needed to reduce the number of people camping out around the site. The Councilor is engaging with the Ministry of Health to discuss programs among other matters.
- Larry commented that Sean who is replacing Tyler Patterson and Ron are good communicators.

Communications: Larry

- Thanks to Jen Cox for her work on social media on behalf of ASH.

Town and Gown: Susan

- a debrief meeting was held on November 28 to discuss the 2019 Panda Game. There were lineups at the tailgate party which resulted in people going to Russell Ave to party. All efforts were made by OPS to move people along on Russel but with no success.
- There will be a meeting between the President of uOttawa and the Chief of Police to discuss the Panda Game issue.

Planning and Heritage: Susan

- Ugandan High Commission LPAT Case: Still waiting for decision.
- R4 Review: Trina gave an overview of the R4 Review process. Phase one resulted in bylaw changes to address the bunkhouse crisis. Phase 2 is looking at long term changes including decreasing the lot width for low rise apartments and increasing the number of units in these properties. The concern is that there will be an increase in bachelor apartments still serving the same demographic namely students. There is an opportunity to enter into negotiations with the City. ASH is proposing a strategy to better understand the barriers to the missing middle and what housing is needed to attract the missing middle.

11. Councilor's Report:

- Good turnout at the kickoff for the Eastern Rideau River Winter Trail. The organizers want to create a not-for-profit organization before next season in order to obtain funding for the Trail. The Councilor's office has contributed \$5K towards the start of an endowment fund for the Trail for support and promotion.
- Robinson Village: The developments were approved at the Planning Committee on January 23. The developments now go to Council for final approval. The lawyer representing Robinson Village residents did not recommend appealing the Planning Committee decision to the LPAT. However, both the Councilor and Susan thought that the residents should consider appealing the

decision if for no other reason than to delay the construction of the apartments.

- Fountain Place: There was a short discussion about the last changes to the planned apartments.
- Housing Homelessness Emergency Motion: Councilor Catherine McKenney will propose housing and homeless emergency in Ottawa at City Council on Wednesday, January 29. If passed, it will be possible to have a conversation with the provincial and federal governments for housing funding.
- Rideau St. Improvements: The work to improve Rideau St. between Sussex and Dalhousie has been tendered. Rideau between Sussex and Dalhousie will be closed in April.
- Rideau St. Metro: The Metro is closed. Claridge which will be building a hotel, condos and apartments on the site of the Metro is looking to sign an agreement with Metro for a store at street level in the new development.

12. Old Business:

- Preparations for the February 9th Youth Mentoring event are ongoing. Mentors have been found for most professions. However, a mentor in the financial sector is still being sought.
- The Winter Carnival was a great success. Many thanks to Christine and her team of volunteers. The event cost ASH \$138.00.

13. Next Meeting: February 24, 2020

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.