



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 11 October 2016, 7 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

AGENDA

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Don Fugler
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Eddie Gillis
Jocelyn Kearney
Ian McRae
Mark Seebaran
Catherine Pacella
Katherine Simonds

Others present

Jamie Brougham
Jean Byrne
Dan Byrne
Vicki Davis
John Jarrett
Heather Jarrett
Laura Macdonald
Wendy McRae
Meredith Newberry
Chris Osler
Bob Parkins
Peggy Potvin
Christian Pupp
Jackie Snyder
Margaret Vant Erve

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: John Dance 2nd: Don Fugler; Carried.
3. Approval of September 2016 Minutes
 - Moved: Jocelyn Kearney; 2nd: John Dance; Carried.
4. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
 - No report.
5. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - Report circulated by email. See Appendix 1.
 - AGM November 8th at Church of the Ascension, registration at 7, meeting at 7:15. Social hour to follow.
 - There are a few people stepping down and positions coming available: Ian McRae (SLOE) Stephen Pope (Planning); Glen Linder (Transportation).
 - St. Paul's University is asking for OOECA support to seek Canada 150 funding for a new initiative: an Aboriginal Healing Garden. Phyllis to meet with them to see plans for garden on October 12th at 3pm. Other board members encouraged

- to participate in the walk. The application has to be submitted before October 21st. Phyllis is able to circulate further information should anyone be interested. Chris urged the Board to inquire about the status of the Community Garden.
- Motion to draft and submit letter of support in favour of this initiative: Moved by Don Fugler; 2nd by Catherine Pacella; carried.
 - Planning Committee meeting held at City Hall on Oct. 11th – City proposal re: coach houses was accepted. A number of community associations concerned, particularly regarding the impact on trees and neighbouring gardens as they can be built up to the property line. City only expects to see 30-40 applications in the near term. The decision made allows for 1 story for newly built coach houses, though some grandfathering rules are in place and provision made available to make an application to the committee of adjustment in certain circumstances for additional stories.
 - John underlined that the Complete Street issue was raised in Planning Committee as well- wider sidewalks and protected cycle lanes guaranteed on one side with current plan – though it was noted that on both sides would be better. Still an opportunity through site land approval process to try to improve existing plan.

6. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- Don reports that the account has over \$20,000 at present. Full report to be presented at the AGM in November.

7. Committee Reports

- Planning - Stephen Pope
 - No report
- SLOE – Ian McRae
 - John dance wrote an article in the e-update for SLOE's work plan for the future. Includes a contact for future volunteers to reach out.
 - There will be clean-ups in Brantwood Park on Saturday, October 15, from 10 to 12 am. and Springhurst Park on Friday, October 14 from 10 to 12 am.
 - Volunteers to meet at the kids swings 10am-noon.
 - Several SLOE and community members will meet with Regional to follow up on stormwater, low impact development (LID) proposals in the Greystone Village development and the shoreline.
 - The community gardens will report next month.
- Transportation - Glen Linder
 - No report.
 - Phyllis mentioned that the 2nd Workshop of the Elgin-Hawthorne Functional Design Study will take place on October 13th to be followed by Public Open House scheduled for November 24th.
- Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis
 - No report.
- City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
 - No report.

- Communications - Catherine Pacella
 - Catherine suggests that if information related to OECA appears in the e-update, the link should be posted OECA website rather than through CAG.
 - General discussion supported stronger communication between the Mainstreeter, CAG and OECA.
- Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
 - Property break-ins and auto thefts were recurring issues over the summer.
 - Yellow “all valuables removed” signs can be obtained from the police to put in vehicles in order to discourage thefts.
 - Residents encouraged to report all crimes to help facilitate a pattern of activity.
 - Residents near Marlowe concerned with speeders cutting through the area due to Main St. construction. Temporary stop sign has been installed.
 - One way to stay abreast of reported crimes is to check CAG Facebook page.
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report.
 - Membership drive ongoing.

8. Community Activities Group

- No report.

9. OOE dogs - Meredith Newberry, Laura MacDonald, and Margaret Vant Erve

- Presentation: *Dogs in Old Ottawa East* (powerpoint can be made available)
- Informal working group of local dog owners seeking to initiate a conversation about the rights of dog owners in the community – particularly in light of the loss of significant space for dogs with new Oblates development.
- Other objectives include: promoting increased access to public spaces for dog owners; improving signage, promoting proper dog etiquette
- Highlighted the advantages of dog ownership including health, social, and public safety benefits.
- Hand-out provided to attendees noting flexibility in existing by-laws – allowed to walk on-leash dogs through Brantwood pathway. Dogs are permitted on leash at all times so long as green space is not being used by others.
 - Ipsos-Reid survey found that 34% of Canadian households have a dog. As such, the group is advocating that available green space needs to be shared and made available for multiple purposes.
 - Possible amendments to park designations – 3 key types of park designations that could be explored: time designations (available for dogs certain times of day); mixed designations (i.e. Windsor Park has both off-leash dog area and a no-dog area near the playground); and “Stoop & Scoop”.

- Possible spaces: Lees Ave. green space (corridor); Brantwood (baseball diamond area when its not being used); Hawthorne Parkland (end of Hawthorne); and Ballantyne Park (on Hawthorne).
 - Discussions ongoing with Councillor's office and Parks Manager.
10. Parks Canada evaluation of the new Clegg dock – John Dance
- Parks Canada wants feedback on how new floating docks pilot project has worked on Clegg.
 - Don suggested a broom would be useful.
 - Many concurred that the dock is well-used and enhances the community.
 - It was noted that the drop level is difficult for kayakers.
 - John to draft positive letter and seek additional input.
11. New Business
- Main St. Reconstruction - Catherine Pacella & Margaret Vant Erve:
 - Main and Riverdale getting new green space – allowing for a potential garden space in this location.
 - Few large maple trees going in. Margaret working with City landscapers to design. Perennials going in as well. Water-tap was not approved due to maintenance. Water access remains an issue. Margaret writing an “environmental improvement grant” to seek funding for water barrels and hoses.
 - City paying for trees, shrubs, soil and mulch. Seeking funding from OECA to provide the perennials and some annuals.
 - Ballpark of about \$1000 for perennials to begin the project.
 - John moved a motion that “The OECA reimburse any neighbours involved with providing water to the garden up to \$200 a year for five years subject to review; and that the OECA provide bridge financing up to \$1000 for the purchase of perennials.”
 - 2nd: Don Fugler; Carried.
 - The new Pastor from the Chinese Bible Church (old Wesley church) introduced himself and his wife to the Community Association. More information can be found by visiting the website: OCBOnline.ca.
12. Motion to Adjourn
- Moved: John Dance; 2nd: Don Fugler; Carried.
13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 8 November 2016.