



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Paul Goodkey
Don Fugler
Ed Janes
Glen Linder
Kate Martin
Ian McRae
Mark Seebaran
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Stephen Pope
Eddie Gillis
Jocelyn Kearney

Others present

Carl Furney
A. Femo
J. MacDougall
Rheal Labelle
Ryan MacDougall
Emily Meyers
Jamie Brougham
Jan Darcy
Ian Grabina
Wendy McRae
Erin O'Connor
Christian Pupp
Bonnie Weppler
Jim Strang

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Stephen Pope; Second: Eddie Gillis; Carried.
3. Approval of May 2016 Minutes
 - Moved: Ed Janes; Second: John Dance; Carried.
4. 113-115 Echo Drive development presentation by Uniform Developments (Emily Meyers (Uniform) and Rheal Labelle (Barry J. Hobin & Associates Architects))
 - Uniform is looking at ways to create more open space at corner of Echo & Main. The plan is to align the building with Canal 111.
 - The development will be a six story building with a focus on outdoor living. There will be 37 units in total, including three on the ground level. The units will range in size from one bedrooms to a penthouse with two bedrooms plus den.
 - Uniform emphasized that this is an end-user building, not an investment building. Their goal is to make residents part of the neighbourhood community.
 - The main level will feature three Live-Work units, each with a private terrace that opens up to streetscape. There will be area for minimal signage. There was some discussion about the need for adequate signage if they want to attract attention of passers-by.
 - These units are zoned as “Live-Work” but the market will ultimately dictate what they are used for. Uniform is working with the City to develop a range of permissible activities for this designation. During discussion, concerns were expressed that these units wouldn't actually be used as commercial space. Uniform indicated that they'll take best efforts to encourage commercial use of these units.

- In terms of timelines, Uniform hopes to be before the Planning Committee in the fall, complete design development throughout the fall and bring product to market in Spring, 2016.
5. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
 - Springhurst Park scape is due for remediation. Remediation under the play structures was done at the time they were erected, but the other areas need to be done in September/October, 2016. The City will try do this in phases so that people still have access. It was suggested that park improvements be made at the same time. The Councillor noted the need for a separate meeting to discuss that. The Councillor also indicated he didn't believe any trees will be cut down in the process, but will confirm.
 - Clegg Footbridge – It's been agreed that a 5 metre width is necessary. This will increase the project budget but it should stay under \$20 million.
 - Rideau River Western Pathway – No decision has yet been reached with respect to northern versus southern route.
 - Planning Committee did not reverse its opinion with respect to Infill 2.
 - There is a new city manager who will try to revisit Council's strategic initiatives.
 - A study by the Public Advisory Committee is beginning with respect to the Elgin/Hawthorne update. There will be a full public meeting on June 28th.
 6. Presentation by "Bookmark the Core" Library Group (Sarah Anson Cartwright and Jevone Nicholas)
 - The group is advocating that the new public library be located in the downtown core as opposed to Lebreton Flats (as currently contemplated). They are also calling for more open and transparent consultations as well as an international design competition.
 - Sought OOECA's endorsement of their mission statement.
 - Moved: John Dance; Second: Stephen Pope; Carried.
 7. OOE Community Survey – Ed Janes
 - Results from the community survey are in; received lots of good feedback.
 - OOECA/CAG have survey monkey for rest of year so we can go back out into field with additional questions. CAG will be conducting another survey in July.
 8. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - Report circulated by email. See Appendix 2.
 - Chair sought board approval for alternative plan for resurfacing of Springhurst Park. CAG has suggested that we use minor capital grant application to the city for a portion of the resurfacing costs.
 - Moved: John Dance; Second: Stephen Pope; Carried.
 - Catherine McKenna is planning to hold a community canoe/kayak event on June 25 at 10am. OOE will leave from Clegg and Glebe starting from Patterson Creek, heading downtown from there, followed by a picnic at Patterson Creek at the end of the event. Chair to confirm details.
 9. Canal Pathway safety – John Dance
 - Proposed motion: *Moved that OOECA discuss with the National Capital Commission and Parks Canada means of improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the Rideau Canal East pathway that runs along the western boundary of OOE.*
 - Moved: John Dance; Seconded: Paul Goodkey; Carried.
 10. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler
 - As of 9 June 2016, the OOECA has \$19,950 in the bank.
 11. Committee Reports
 - a. Planning – Stephen Pope

- Council has refused to reverse the Planning Committee decision in respect of Infill 2. OMB appeal will still proceed. Stephen Pope will look into getting a planning expert from Toronto to represent the OOECA at the OMB. A lot of work on this appeal will need to proceed via email consent.
- There's been a correction to 184 Main Street CofA. Variances were required and made.
- No changes have been made to plan for development at corner of Havelock and Greenfield – they are still working through their issues/technical difficulties.
- 176 Greenfield – site plan is complete and is moving forward as 8-unit apartment building.

b. SLOE – Ian McRae

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 2.
- On May 24, community members met with Regional to follow up on initiatives proposed by Deep Green. The meeting was very encouraging.
- There is an Institute of the Environment meeting in July.
- SLOE will also be meeting to discuss possible landscape solutions to the problem of geese in Brantwood Park.
- Vicki Davis has been removing invasive species along the river bank.

c. Transportation – Glen Linder

- Glen followed up with engineer responsible for Lansdowne to discuss the impacts of the new Clegg footbridge on parking in OOE. The city will work with OOE to ensure there's proper signage on our streets once the bridge is complete. OOE can seek to have signs posted to reduce time limits from three hours to two or one, provided there is a critical mass of residents on the given street in support of this measure.
- Glen will also be following up with the city to request that a baseline parking/traffic study be done of OOE so that the impacts of the footbridge on traffic can be measured."

d. Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis

- Report circulated by email. See Appendix 3.

e. City Centre Coalition (CCC) - Kate Martin

- The CCC met last week and would like to set up a meeting with the Councillor to discuss what happens when an environmental assessment is tabled. CCC has asked the community associations whether they would support a meeting to propose and discuss increased debate about the environmental assessments (e.g., with respect to the airport parkway widening). Kate Martin will take this item away and discuss with Glebe and OOS counterparts to see if they're interested in setting up a meeting with Ian Grabina.

f. Communications – Catherine Pacella

- No report.

g. Community Safety – Mark Seebaran

- No report.

h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- No report.

12. Community Activities Group

- CAG is looking for additional volunteers for Thursday night BBQs.

13. New Business

- Greystone will be represented at the Main Event sale; additionally, there are a number of community activities sponsored by Greystone coming up.
- There will be an outdoor movie night in Springhurst Park on Friday night.
- There have been a few daytime break-ins in the neighbourhood recently. In most cases these were walk-ins (where doors had been left unlocked) – reminder to lock your doors.

14. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Moved: Stephen Pope; Second: John Dance; Carried.

15. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 13 September 2016