

General Meeting of 04 February 2016, Glebe Community Centre

DRAFT MINUTES

Participants:

Charles Akben-Marchand (CCCA); Philip Bartlett (Carlington CA); Colin Beattie (Ottawa South); Doug Biers (Britannia Village CA); Scott Blurton (Glebe Annex); C. Borst (?); Robert Brinker (Carlington CA); Jamie Brougham (?); Archie Campbell (Dalhousie); James Chan (Hub Ottawa); Nicole Charbonneau (Glens CA); David Clarke (City View CA); Craig Cornell (City PRCS); Bailey Croft (Carleton U); Alex Cullen (Belltown NA); Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona); Gwyneth Davidson (City View CA); Erwin Dreesen (Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital); Melanie Dumont (Carleton U); Maureen Forsythe (COA/AFO); Eddie Gillis (Old Ottawa East CA); Paul Goodkey (Old Ottawa East CA); Miranda Gray (Convent Glen-Orleans Wood CA); Dave Grosvenor (Woodroffe North); Christine Johnson (HCCO); Kul Kapoor (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Rawlson King (Overbrook CA); Steven Klován (Glens CA); Alan Landsberg (Riverview Park CA); Joanne Lockyer (Overbrook CA); Rod MacLean (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Maria Luisa Marti (CCCA & Friends of James & Bay); Rosella MacNeil (Heron Park CA); Patricia McLachlan (Glens CA); James McLaren (Heron Park CA); Cora Murphy (Woodroffe North); Chris Nanda (Riverview Park CA); Piero Narducci (Hunt Club CO); Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA); Sybil Powell (McKellar Park); James Rice (Bel Air CA); John Riordan (Britannia Village CA); Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillside CA); Heather Scott (Pineview CA); Gary Sealey (Kanata Beaverbrook CA); Leah Snyder (Mixed Bag Mag); John Stevenson (Citizens for Safe Cycling); Dr. Peter Stockdale (Fairlea CA); Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville Village CA); Ijeoma Udechukwu (Hunt Club CO); Agnes Warda (Glens CA); Bill Watt (General Burns CA); Karen Wright (Civic Hospital NA)

Guests: Councillor David Chernushenko (Capital Ward); Yasir Naqvi, MPP (Ottawa Centre); Emily Davies, City of Ottawa; Craig Cornell, Parks and Recreation, City of Ottawa; Marie Soleil Bergeron, Ottawa 2017, City of Ottawa; Stephan Klován (Knoxdale-Merivale); Marie Eveline, Volunteer Ottawa;

1. Welcome

Gary Sealey welcomed participants. Christine McAllistair (Glebe CA) also welcomed FCA members to the Glebe Community Centre. Gary also spoke briefly about the important role of communities and community associations in civil society.

2. FCA Focus on 2017

Marie Soleil presented the City of Ottawa's vision for the Ottawa 2017 celebrations, which will include 12 months of programming and a mixture of blockbuster and community events.

Craig Cornell spoke about the Civic Events Funding Program which will start to accept applications for funding in the summer of 2016.

Stephan Klován, former Ice Capades skater and veteran Canadian events producer, spoke about his experience producing events in cities around the world and the potential for local communities to organize exciting events to celebrate Ottawa 2017; Mr. Klován is working with the Knoxdale-Merivale team to help the CA plan its events for 2017.

Agnes Warda, Knoxdale-Merivale team, spoke about the city's big, bold vision for Ottawa 2017 and how community associations can deal with funding constraints, for example, by applying for funding to the Government of Canada, City of Ottawa and seeking event sponsors.

Marie Eveline spoke about the importance of getting, training and retaining volunteers to support community events, especially as competition for volunteers will be high in 2017. She explained the role of Volunteer Ottawa in connecting organizations to pools of volunteers and highlighted the potential of Ottawa 2017 to attract and energize new volunteers who may continue to volunteer beyond 2017.

Open Discussion

There was some discussion about the challenge of recruiting volunteers; the not-for-profit eligibility requirement for the City's CIVIC events funding program; the idea of using Facebook to create online forum to plan community events; the \$175 annual membership fee of Volunteer Ottawa and the need to challenge the City's decision to focus its CIVIC events funding program only on events to be held on statutory holidays. There was also a suggestion that the City consider funding the \$175 annual membership fee for community groups that planned to work with Volunteer Ottawa for Ottawa 2017. The FCA treasurer reminded participants that it was time to renew FCA memberships.

Archie Campbell presented an FCA Lifetime Achievement Award (2015) to Linda Hoad for her outstanding work on behalf of the community.

Councillor David Chernushenko, as Chair of the City's Environment Committee, spoke briefly about the City's renewable energy strategy.

3. Open Mike

- 1) Erwin Dreesen was very pleased to announce the official opening of the Ottawa Resource Room at Carleton University.
- 2) James Chan spoke about the process of public consultation on the LeBreton Flats redevelopment, noting that not all were satisfied with the consultative process and advising that on Saturday 13 February there would be another opportunity for citizens could continue the dialogue on the LeBretons proposals at Hub Ottawa at 71 Bank Street.
- 3) Phil Bartlett spoke about an exhibit on the role of Canada's medics during WWI at the Goulbourn Museum that would be worth visiting.

- 4) Yasir Naqvi announced that there was a pre-budget consultation held on 6th February at St. Matthews Anglican Church for the upcoming provincial budget.

4. Business Meeting

Minutes of January: consideration deferred for lack of time

Business Arising:

A. Construction Co-ordination

Alex Cullen noted at the November 2015 FCA general meeting in Manotick, Klaus Beltzner raised the issue of the need for better co-ordination among City services when planning construction projects. The City does have a Capital Construction Co-ordinating Committee, which is to co-ordinate construction activities among the various utilities (road, sewer, water, gas, electrical, etc.) including consultation with OC Transpo and Emergency Services. However, despite this, traffic disruption has been a problem, particularly for major construction projects occurring in close proximity.

The following motion, tabled by Alex Cullen at the December 2015 FCA general meeting and then circulated to FCA members, was voted upon by FCA members:

“That the FCA recommend to the City of Ottawa that, when the City is considering construction projects that will significantly disrupt major transportation corridors, a traffic mitigation plan be developed as part of the project development, and that such traffic mitigation plan (including vehicles, transit, cyclists and pedestrians) be subject to public consultation prior to implementation.”

Alex further noted that this will not only help inform the public about upcoming construction projects that may impact on their travel, but also allow for the public to indicate where disruption in travel can better mitigated (including in circumstances where construction projects are in close proximity).

The above motion was MOVED by Alex Cullen and SECONDED by Gwyneth Davidson; it was CARRIED, with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

B. Police Chief Crime Statistics

Gary Sealey reported that responses had been received from Councillor El-Chantiry (Chair of the Police Services Board) and from Police Chief Bordeleau.

C. Member Survey.

This item was deferred due to the absence of John Chenier.

D. Gary Sealey sought feedback on possible speakers for the Annual General Meeting in June.

5. New Business

1. Emily Davis spoke about the City's Coach House Proposal. The City received 450 survey responses from its questionnaire on the proposal. The representative from Old Ottawa East CA expressed serious concerns about the proposal.
2. Zoning Omnibus Amendment – deferred for lack of time
3. Sheila said that FCA responses on the LeBreton redevelopment proposals had been prepared.
4. Sheila confirmed that the FCA planning forum would take place on 4th May from 7-9pm. She advised everyone to subscribe to the City Planning Department's newsletter. Sheila also confirmed that sessions with Heritage Ottawa were coming up.
5. It was announced that FCA awards would be presented at the FCA Annual General Meeting on June 7: nominations are requested by May 9.
6. Graeme confirmed that the AGM would take place on 7th June. Two members are needed to serve on the nominations committee.

The next general meeting will be on 3rd March at the Ron Kolbus Centre in Britannia Beach Park.
The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 10.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9.10pm.