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General Meeting of 13 January 2016, Tanglewood Park Community Centre

MINUTES

Participants:

Philip Bartlett (CCA); Shiv Bhasker (Kanata Lakes CA); Scott Blurton (GACA?); Robert Brinker (Carlington CA); Robert Brocklebank (Glebe CA); Archie Campbell (Dalhousie); John Chenier (Lowertown CA); Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona); Gwyneth Davidson (City View CA); Maureen Forsythe (COA/AFO); Claude Gagné (Convent Glen); Eddie Gillis (Old Ottawa East CA); John Hansen (Katimivak-Hazeldean CA); Suraj Harish (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Tanya Hein (Stittsville Village CA); Kul Kapoor (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Steven Klovan (Glens CA); Rod MacLean (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Maria Luisa Marti (CCCA & Friends of James & Bay); Bob McCaw (Fisher Heights & Area CA); Patricia McLachlan (Glens CA); Alice Nakanishi (CCCA); Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA); Jill Prot (City View CA); John Riordan (Britannia Village CA); Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillside CA); Marjorie Shaver-Jones (Copeland Park CA); John Stevenson (CFSC); Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA); Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville Village CA); Karen Wright (Civic Hospital NA); Catherine Farrow (Bel Air CA)

Guests: James Chan (Hub Ottawa); Councillor Keith Egli (Ward 9 Knoxdale-Merivale); Dennis Jacobs (Momentum); James O'Grady (Unpublished Ottawa); Ulyana Osorio (Volunteer Ottawa); John Smit (Planning & Growth Management Department, City of Ottawa); LeeAnn Snedden (Planning & Growth Management Department, City of Ottawa); Suzanne Valiquet (Momentum); Agnes Warda (Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Council)

1. **Welcome**

Robert Brocklebank welcomed all participants and guests and invited all participants to introduce themselves. Bob also conveyed regrets from Gary Sealey who was unable to come to the meeting this evening.

He noted that a survey on the format of the monthly general meeting had been circulated to members before the meeting, and that a follow-up survey on the meeting tonight would be sent to all participants the day after the meeting. He explained that the meeting would follow a different format from the usual format and that there would be a "speed-dating" exercise with small groups of 3 people rotating every ten minutes among 8 different groups hosted by a guest/expert speaker.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

One member noted that a reference to “ask Sheila” should be removed from the draft minutes for the 10 December 2015 general meeting. With this amendment, the draft minutes were approved.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. The speed dating exercise commenced and carried on until 8.20pm. The sessions were very lively and participants had the chance to visit up to 4 or 5 of the expert groups.

5. Open Mike

Sheila Perry spoke to members about the following: the needs for community associations to have planning and growth management plans; progress on preparations for a planning forum in the spring 2016, which is supported by Jan Harder; a recent day in court about the City’s appeal of an OMB decision related to a community development plan; and appeals related to In-Fill 2 for outer urban areas.

Archie Campbell briefed members on the hearings related to the redevelopment of LeBreton Flats. He advised that the NCC had announced a couple of public consultations to be held at the Canadian War Museum on 26 and 27 January. See the following link for more details:

<http://rileybrockington.ca/lebreton-flats-public-consultation-announced-by-ncc/>

Don Stewart shared with members the experience of many community mailboxes being iced over and inaccessible following the snowstorm that descended on Ottawa on 28-29th December 2015. Some residents could not access mailboxes for days.

Sheila Perry mentioned the recent Government announcement regarding a possible collaboration between Library and Archives Canada and the Ottawa Public Library on the new public library.

Bob Brocklebank confirmed that the next FCA general meeting will be held on 04 February 2016 at the Glebe Community Centre located at 175 Third Avenue. The theme of this meeting will be communities preparing to celebrate Ottawa 2017.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9.07pm.