

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of January 18, 2017
Tanglewood Park Community Centre
Minutes

Present: Gary Sealey (Beaverbrook CA, President FCA), Praveen Arrora (Kanata Lakes CA), Christopher Barker (Rockcliffe Park RA), Shiv Bhasker (Kanata Lakes CA), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA), John Chenier (LowertownCA), David Clark (Citiview CA), Alex Cullen (Belltown NA), Lorne Cutler (Hampton-Iona CG), John Hansen (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Ali Ismaily (Bridlewood CA), Kul Kapoor (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Bruce Lindsay (Green Space Alliance Of Canada's Capital), Terrence Lonerean (Fisher Heights Area CA), Judy Makin (Huntley CA), Maria Luisa Marti (Centretown Citizens CA), Bob McCaw (Fisher Heights Area CA), Pat McLachlin (Glens CA), Rod McLean (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA), Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA), Natalie Salguero, Mark Seebaran (Old Ottawa East CA), John Stevenson (Citizens for Safe Cycling), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville VA)

Guest: Councillor Keith Egli

The Speed Daters:

Sandy Woodley (Nepean Rideau Osgoode Resource Centre - NROOC), jill O'Riley (ACORN) replaced by 2 reps, names ??, Ray Sullivan (Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corp - CCOC), Donna Serafini & Suzanne Fraser (Youth Services Bureau and Salvation Army), Kim Hiscott (Andrew Fleck Childcare), Hugh Nelson (MacLure Cooperative Centre), Sarah Bercier (Council On Aging), Tammy Corner (Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa), Dianne Urquhart (Social Planning Council, Janice Burelle (City of Ottawa Social Services), Donna Gray (City Of Ottawa (Service Innovation & Performance)

1. Call to order

Gary welcomed everyone (7:20 PM)

2. Adoption of agenda

Agenda was adopted unanimously.

3. Greeting by Councillor

Councillor Keith Egli greeted everyone. He briefed on council news, City of Ottawa projects, Canada 150 celebrations etc. (He mentioned about \$ 5000 allotted for each ward for Canada 150 celebrations). (7:38 PM)

4. Explanation of Rotational interviews (speed dating)

Gary and Bob presented responses from FCA initiated survey on social services. (7:45 PM); Survey is still ON. [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7B85C2T>]

Gary introduced the process of rotational interviews (speed Dates), to small groups of 2-3, with reps from 11 representatives from various organizations providing social services in Ottawa area. Gary said

at the start of the meeting that ACORN was being represented by two people not the person listed on the agenda.

5. Speed Dating

- Rotational Interviews: (7:45 PM – 8:35 PM) There was enough time for 6 interviews, to each group, from 11 organizations. Last 5 minutes of the sessions were open mike to catch up with the reps not able to small group interviews. Useful information was exchanged and contacts were made. Everyone was encouraged to mingle, make contact and catch up with the resource people during Pot Luck break.

6. Local Community Issues - Open Mike

1. Alex Cullen noted that the Province is to provide some extra 100,000 childcare spaces over 5 years. Yet even with this addition it represents only 20% of the need for child care.
2. Sheila Perry identified the Provincial discussion considering an annual income trial project in some communities to see if this is better than welfare payments
3. Sheila urged FCA members to support the City's interest in seeking to stage the 2021 Canada Games. Phil Sweetnam stated that the cost/benefit of participants staying in University residences rather than hotels should be a factor in FCA considerations
4. Don Stewart invited one and all to make use of the Ottawa riverside cross country ski run even on snow shoes in Westboro.

7. Committee Reports

a) Planning / Zoning Committee – Bob referred to the fact that R4 Zoning is to be City-wide in impact. He pointed out that the effort on R4 Zoning regularization project is in view of the 26 different R\$ subzones. Essentially the R4 Zone identifies a low rise building which is set in the middle of single family homes, duplexes and triplexes, but may be matter of a land owner covertly transforming a building into a rooming house for college and university students. A land owner may build a three storey building which in fact includes a basement that is supposedly to be unused but is readily used by making the building a four storey capacity. A draft submission on R4 Zoning was circulated with the draft agenda (attached).

Motion by Bob seconded Sheila:

That the meeting accept the draft paper on the R4 review and request the Executive Committee to submit to the City a document substantially identical to that received with the agenda as representing the view of the Federation. The motion was passed with no votes opposed and one abstention.

Transportation Committee: Alex reported that Transportation will be the topic for the of the February 15 FCA meeting in Orleans hosted by Cardinal Creek. The meeting will focus on the Transportation Master Plan which was passed in November 2013 based on studies done in 2010 to 2012. Alex mentioned an upcoming Workshop on Transportation Master Plan in April 2017.

Communications Committee: Bob said Committee would be interested in whatever reactions we may have to FCA website changes at www.fca-fac.ca Responses may be sent to info@fca-fac.ca

Membership Committee: Bob noted that annual dues are due on January 1st each year.

Governance: Bob pointed out that he has been complaining that for some time the matter of contact with the City Manager about Public Engagement. This evening January 18 he was advised a City participant in our so called Speed Dating is interested in being the City partner in reviving FCA contact with the City on Public Engagement, so Bob is hopeful that revival will occur.

Next General Meeting: Feb 15, 2017 – Cardinal Creek; Theme: Transportation

Reminder: Upcoming Workshop on Transportation Master Plan in April 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.