

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of 18 April 2018 - Minutes
For approval May 16

Attendees: Sheila Perry, president [Overbrook CA]; Chad Rollins (Action Sandy Hill), Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], Alex Cullen [Belltown CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Miranda Gray [CGOWCA], David Clark (City View CA), Joan Clark (City View CA), Denys Cooper (Dows Lake CA), Guy Boone [Barrhaven East CA], Bill Toms (GBACA), Angele Keller-Herzog (Glebe CA), Sue Stefko (Glebe Annex CA), Erwin Dreesen (Greenspace Alliance), Paul Johanis (Greenspace Alliance), David Jeanes (Heritage Ottawa), Kul Kapoor [Kanata-Hazeldean CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville VA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA],

Guests: Councillor Rick Chiarelli (College Ward 8), Duncan Bury (Waste Watch) and Frank Boyaner (RPPP)

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to City View Retirement Residence, 151 Meadowlands Avenue West. The theme of this meeting was *A Masterplan of Greenspace in Neighbourhoods*.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: moved by A. Cullen/D. Jeanes
CARRIED

3.0 Community Association organizing this gathering:

City View is an established residential neighbourhood lying north of Meadowlands Drive W, south of Baseline Road, east of Woodroffe Avenue and west of Merivale Road. It ranks 22/23 municipal wards in terms of greenspace. Algonquin College, Nepean Museum, two branches of the Ottawa Public Library, Centre Pointe Theatre, Woodroffe Transportation Hub and several medical facilities are all an easy walk. Two access points to the Queensway (417) give automobile drives quick and easy access to all parts of our city. The City View Community Association's mission is to build a stronger, vibrant and safe community and to empower residents of their neighbourhood. It seeks to promote community spirit, pride and fellowship among our citizens. A significant current issue is what will be the future use of 21 Withrow Avenue, the main building of which was constructed on this 2 acres' site in the 1840. Will its use reflect community character, heritage significance and community wishes? It has a website: <http://ourcityview.ca/wordpress> , <https://www.facebook.com/pg/City-View-Community-Association> and an e-mail address cityviewassociation@gmail.com .

3.1 Greetings were received from David and Joan Clark of the Association and by Councillor Chiarelli who observed that this ward is where magic happens.

4.0 P. Johanis noted the Alliance has 30 active members and 125 subscribers; some of whom are organizations. Its focus is local land, wetlands and waterway. A significant Alliance/city project is the first inventory/map of greenspaces that makes possible a look at local areas' geography.

When completed and if well maintained, it would allow the Alliance, the City, Neighbourhood Associations and others to evaluate the extent to which Official Plan policies regarding greenspace targets and resident access to local greenspace are being implemented.

CAs are encouraged to use the information when promoting the environment in their neighbourhood. Being stewards of these spaces is encouraged. For park space, the City's vision is a minimum standard of 2 ha/1000 population. Hydro corridors and school yards do not count as greenspace. The Alliance is willing to assist CAs in determining amount of natural space and where lacking means to advocate for improvement. The Alliance is developing questions for the upcoming elections.

For more information contact: contact@greenspace-alliance.ca; Also see

<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/air-land-and-water/greenspace>

- 4.1** A. Keller-Herzog of Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability said that CAFES provides a roundtable to discuss of both ongoing and emerging shares-issues related to the environment. They encourage Associations to establish committees related to the environment and to join the network. Their awareness of what other Canadian municipality could also potentially assist Ward Councillors broader their perspective. Angle reminded attendees that April 22 is Earth Day. There is a party to celebrate people committed to sustainability on April 21 at 251 Bank Street.
- 4.2** D. Bury of Waste Watch noted that last September their group released a report which says that "If Ottawa can transform itself from a laggard to a leader in recycling and composting, the need for a new landfill could be delayed by over twenty years." We rank 10/12 municipalities. For comparison, York Region divert 63% of its waste, Toronto diverts 52% while Ottawa diverts 43%. Every 1% increase in the rate of waste diversion, gains Ottawa an extra 1 year of life expectancy for the Trail Road landfill. Improvement could come from the 25% of Ottawans who do not use the recycling program, and 50% of citizens who are not using green bins for organics collection, and for ben users to be more discerning about What goes Where.
- 4.2.1 MOTION:** Moved by G. Roderick, whereas Waste Watch's 2017 report is not yet available on-line, FCA post it on its site.

CARRIED

5.0 Network Break:

6.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

- a)** May 2: Ottawa's Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDCO) will consider discontinuance of municipal property tax rebates for vacant buildings. It has been said that the rebate contributes to *demolition by neglect*, and is a disincentive to renovation and adaptive re-use of (heritage) buildings.
- b)** April 19: Meeting of Champlain Park's Environment Committee at Field House (140 Cowley Avenue) will discuss Tree Conversation Bylaw, which seeks to conserve larger trees on private property in the urban sector.
- c)** Local Community Associations and others are co-sponsoring a candidates meeting for the provincial riding of Ottawa West-Nepean (north and south of Queensway).
- d)** Federal Environment Petitions: http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/petitions_e/?wbdisable=true which includes petition guide.

- e) Application for the redevelopment of a West- end part of the Greenbelt: Attendee of today's meeting were encouraged to consider the NCC's general approach to the Greenbelt. The NCC Master Plan, approved last year, contains the Greenbelt Master plan. It envisages stewardship as a priority so that Canadians can continue to enjoy the ``belts`` ecological, social and economic benefits, now and in the future. Is there sufficient consultation with neighbouring communities when changes are being contemplated? No!

7.0 Approval of March 21 2018 Minutes of General Meeting – Moved: G. Roderick/R. Dorsay
CARRIED

8.0 Business Arising: -

- Re: Motion 12.1 of the *March 21 2018 proceedings*, the FCA's position was communicated in meeting of representatives of the six community associations and Planning Department of the City. The developer has expressed a willingness to work with the communities in developing a vision.

09.0 Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, as indicated in the February meeting proceedings (#10.0), although we have 'savings', there's been a year-over-year shortfall in net revenue. The Finance and Membership Committees will be recommending to AGM an increase in membership fees.

10.0 Committee Reports: -

10.1 Communication: The April Newsletter went out April 9. If you are not receiving it, do so by subscribing on the website's left nav bar. Persons interested in joining committee could speak to B. Brocklebank.

10.2 Governance: The City has not indicated when it would release a report on implementing their Public Engagement target.

10.3 Logistics: D. Stewart indicated the meeting schedule is
May 16: Heron Road Community Centre with a focus on planning & development issues
June 20: AGM - City Hall. This will serve as initial Notice.

10.4 Finance: Finance Committee and others are drafting a business plan which they hope to present at the May meeting. Ideas are still welcome.

10.5 Membership: See item # 10.0 above. Renewing FCA members have until the end of April to remit fee.

10.6 Planning & Zoning:

- ✓ C. Mackenzie (our representative to the City's Planning Advisory Committee knows of our desire to meet with her.
- ✓ Meeting on monitoring Infill 1 & 2 amendments to the Zoning Bylaws was held on April 03. Nothing seems factually controversial.
- ✓ R4 Zoning Review: Reviewed in April to Council in May
 - Clarify bylaw definitions (e.g. rooming house vs dwelling unit, over-sized dwelling unit and single - housekeeping unit);
 - Restrict number of bedrooms in a Dwelling Unit in a multi-unit building to a max. of 4 bedrooms per unit. (*see FCA Proceedings Feb 21 Item 11.6.1*)

- ✓ Affordable Housing: A Local Housing Forum is being held by Somerset West Community Health Centre on April 30. A panel discussion will help build our knowledge on community planning, development, and affordable housing policy.
- ✓ FCA Planning/Zoning Committee will be meeting on Wednesday May 9 at MacNab Community Centre on Percy Street. Discussion will consider monitoring of infill zoning amendments, the next Official Plan review exercise and experiences with the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

10.6.1 MOTION: Should Planning issues intersect with Protective Services concerns, FCA favours open consultation involving participation of both City's portfolios.
CARRIED

10.7 Social: Bayview Yards would be a great place for the FCA to hold a focused networking gathering & social. The Executive continues to explore how this rendezvous might come together.

10.8 Transportation: FCA Transportation Committee meeting on April 12 at McNabb Community Centre finalized Provincial-Election related questions mentioned this evening.

Regarding Motion 11.8.1 of the *March 21 2018 proceedings*, the FCA's Traffic Calming Statement was presented was communicated in Traffic Management's engineer J. Swan. Next Meeting is May 2.

10.9 Nomination & Recognition Committee: An overview of the Nomination for the Board was placed in Circulation. A reminder of the May 18 closing date for Nominations and Awards was given.

11.0 New Business:

Residential Protective Plumbing Program - Frank Boyaner, GBACA TABLED to next meeting.

12.0 Adjournment moved by A. Cullen

CARRIED

Next meeting: Heron Road Community Centre, 1480 Heron Rd.

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president