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Executive Committee -- March 22, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Christine Ernshaw from Synapcity, Kul Kapoor, Graeme Roderick, Bruce Lindsay, Chad Rollins, Thierry Harris, Bob Brocklebank, Phil Sweetnam, Lorne Cutler, Sheila Perry, Rod MacLean

Regrets: Gary Sealey, Maria Luisa Marti, Erwin Dreessen, Alex Cullen

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm

1) Guest – Christine from Synapcity

Sheila invited Christine Ernshaw to explain what Synapcity formerly the Citizens Academy intends by 100In1Day. 100In1Day originated in Bogota, Columbia is a festival focused on citizen led initiatives in public spaces across the city. The festival date is June 3. The initiatives are specific to the community where they take place and range from planting trees to art exhibits and cultural exchanges to a BBQ's to play Basically the goal is to integrate the community by connecting with others and contribute to city building. FCA contribution is to make Ottawa's community associations aware of Synapcity and the role which 100In1Day will perform to bring residents of Ottawa together into a vibrant whole.

2. Minutes

Draft Minutes of February 15 General Meeting and the February 22 Executive Committee meeting are to be posted on the FCA website.

3. Recap – March 15 Meeting

i) Sanctuary City Motion was the centre of interest from the March 15 FCA meeting. The discussion was about the specific wording of the motion supporting the Sanctuary City concept and encouraging community associations to communicate their views to their councillors. It was mentioned that the term used in Vancouver is "Access without Fear". Further, Chad pointed out that the police act independently and are bound to observe their oath and enforce the law; they do not take direction from City Council. Discussion was seriously hampered for

lack of the text of Alex's motion. Because the concern is to reflect the sense of the meeting as well as possible, it was concluded that Erwin Dressen and John Chenier should be consulted for the report on the Sanctuary City motion reported in the March 15 Draft Minutes. A letter will be prepared to send to CPS. (Action: Sheila)

4. Planning for April 19 General Meeting

Planning for the Wednesday, **April 19th FCA meeting in Stittsville** beginning at 7:15 pm. Phil noted that the meeting will be held at 8B Sweetnam Drive and there will be a generous array of snacks available.

Ahead of the April 19th meeting beginning at 4:00 pm there will be a tour of the West Carleton Environmental Centre (WCEC) to appreciate the operation of the electrical generating plant at the landfill powered by landfill gasses which produces 6.2 megawatts of electricity and should be expanded in the near future.

5. Committee Reports:

i) Communications - Thierry Harris reported that there is to be a joint communications and operations committee meeting early in April to bring consistency and comprehension to membership and attendance listings by cross referencing the names. As it happens FCA does not necessarily know who the best person for the FCA to contact currently is. Sorting out data is a matter for future efforts.

Thierry is especially pleased with the success of surveys particularly the Greenspace survey in cooperation with Erwin and Paul. In response to Graeme's question on the purpose of the surveys, Thierry stated that in future the surveys will be accompanied by a disclaimer allowing that community associations may use the survey results as deemed fitting by them. The transportation Survey will consist of a general survey including 12 questions for the April 8th TMP workshop.

ii) Environment – Sheila reported that FCA is supporting the Parks' Summit organized by Ecology Ottawa on April 22. Promotion of this event will be on the FCA Website and all are encouraged to attend. FCA needs a Chairperson of environment committee.

iii) Governance committee will prepare for the April 19th meeting.

iv) Planning - Sheila reported on the following:

- 1) FCA Planning representatives plan to meet with GOHBA on March 30 to discuss Infill 1 and 2 review, streetscape and other issues.
- 2) Tim Moerman, city Planner is conducting the R4 review. Deadline is April 30

3) Section 37 Review – ML Marti has been involved in Centretown discussions

v) Transportation - Committee report on Alex's behalf is that the TMP workshop will be held at Tom Brown Arena on Bayview Drive and Scott Street from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on April 8th.

6. New Business

i)a Gary's first Motion was that Sheila Vice President chair and preside at FCA meetings which is unnecessary in view of the FCA constitution. ACTION: Nomination Committee, chaired by Graeme Roderick is managing this transition.

i)b Gary's second motion is that FCA should prepare for the 2018 election by being neutral among candidates and organize all candidates meetings. Since this involves forming an Ad Hoc committee that should be formed by the Executive Committee after the June AGM.

ii) May 17 General Meeting hosted by Katimavik Hazeldean Community Association will have as its theme Planning and the OMB Review and it will be held at Cawfield Hall in the Kanata Baptist Church building on Hazeldean Road. The building can be accessed through the Farm Boy Market intersection. Parking is on the West side of the Church Building. Sheila indicated that she expects that the Ontario Municipal Board functioning will be modified by the Province to place more responsibility in the municipality.

iii) AGM Committee Reports In the preparation for the June AGM each FCA committee will be expected to prepare a written report showing the who, what and why of their activities. Will there be a survey for the AGM.

iv) Cleaning the Capital Spring clean up begins on April 15 with registration beginning on March 15th. FCA will promote this to our membership.

v) Paint It Up - CPO has asked for an FCA representative. Cheryl will be approached to see if she will continue. If unavailable, FCA will seek an alternate.

vi) CANADA 150 - Sheila raised the importance of an FCA event/project to celebrate Canada 150. To be discussed after the AGM

vii) Levy idea - Chad indicated that he would like to explore the idea of a special levy, similar to what is done for Business Improvement Areas, to help fund community associations and the FCA. Before he put any work into exploring this idea further, he asked for and received general support from those present.

Adjournment: 9:15 pm