

## **FCA-FAC General Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

### **20 September 2017 @ Overbrook Community Centre**

**Attendance:** Denys Cooper(DowsLake RA), Angela Keller-Herzog(Glebe CA), Joe Chouinard (NewEdinburgh CA), John Stevenson(CFSC),Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Roland Dorsay(Champlain Pk.CA), Alex Cullen(Belltown CA), Bob Brocklebank(Glebe CA), Cora Murphy(Woodroffe N.CA), Gillian Salmond(Wellington Village CA), Dave Grosvenor(Woodroffe N.CA), J.P. Unger(Greenspace Alliance), Rawlson King (Overbrook CA), Kul Kapoor(Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Miranda Gray(Convent Glen Orleans Woods CA), David Clark(City View CA), Bruce Lindsay(Riverside South CA), Bonnie Charron(Riverside Pk CA), Archie Campbell(Dalhousie CA), Thierry Harris (Lowertown CA), Rod MacLean(Katimavik Hazeldean CA), Chad Rollins(Action Sandy Hill), Tom Whillans(Centretown CCA), Sheila Perry(Overbrook CA)

**Guests:** Judy Forrest(CCCA), Ray Sullivan (CCOC), Lisa Ker (SalusOttawa),Tobi Nussbaum (Councillor)

**1. Welcome:** Sheila Perry, FCA President, welcomed members to Overbrook.

**2. Approval of the Agenda** – moved by Alex Cullen/seconded by Don Stewart – CARRIED

**3. Overbrook CA:** (a) Introduction to Overbrook by Rawlson King, President, Overbrook C.A. (b) Greetings from Councillor Tobi Nussbaum, Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward (13) Tobi commented on a number of projects on east and west arteries, bike lanes on Beechwood, Montreal Rd., McArthur and connections to Train Yards, Alta Vista and a Community Hub project at Rideau HS site and RRCRC.

**4. FCA Award – Citizen Engagement** – presentation to Judy Forrest. Tom Whillans, President of CCCA commented on long term commitment by Judy in the community. Judy shared some early beginnings as an employee of FCA, to assist citizen's groups in the Region of Ottawa, the development of a Centretown Plan and vibrant community work.

**5. Presentation: "Housing in Ottawa – Balancing the Need for Affordable Housing in our Communities"**  
Lisa Ker (Exec.Director,Salus) and Ray Sullivan (CEO, Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation)

Salus supports individuals with mental illness on their journey to well-being and independence by providing quality housing, support services in the Ottawa Region.. Salus provides a wide range of supportive housing options including a transitional rehabilitation program, shared homes and independent living opportunities in communities throughout the city of Ottawa.

CCOC bought its first building in 1975 with \$500 in the bank. Today, more than 50 properties provide almost 1600 units of affordable housing to Ottawa residents. Volunteers and staff believe in the basic idea that everyone should have control over their housing. Over 10,000 are on a wait list for affordable housing. 40% cannot afford housing, 20% spend more than 50% on rent. New, affordable rentals are needed rather than condos.

Discussion and comments included the need to develop criteria for affordable housing in every neighbourhood, near transit, schools, recreation, walkable areas and complete neighbourhoods. Every city must file a 10year plan. Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are examples of city planning models that include community involvement.

## **6. Networking Break**

### **7. Open Mike on local community issues:**

- (a) JP Unger raised the issue of an application for a nuclear waste dump at Chalk River
- (b) Angela Keller-Herzog raised the issue of the uneven application of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds

### **8. Approval of the Minutes of the May 17 FCA General Meeting** – moved by Alex Cullen/seconded by Chad Rollins – CARRIED

### **9. FCA Goals for 2017-18** - Sheila Perry reviewed these goals that came from the summer's FCA retreat:

- (i) supporting community associations to do their work;
- (ii) being a collective voice on key city projects/issues/policies;
- (iii) increasing the capacity of the FCA – membership is key

### **10. Treasurer's Report** – deferred due to absence of the Treasurer

### **11. Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – Thierry Harris reported on the FCA website, monthly newsletter and events posted for members

**Governance** – Bob Brocklebank reported on the recent meeting on public engagement discussion with city staff

**Logistics** – Don Stewart reported on the need for CA hosts for monthly FCA meetings. October host is Lowertown, November is ASH, January Tanglewood, Feb/March/April open

**Finance** – Chad Rollins reported on the precariousness of the FCA's finances (expenses exceeding revenues) & the need to address this.

**Membership** – Miranda Gray reported on FCA targeted membership and the city listing of organizations

**Planning** – Sheila Perry reported on the status of the City's infill review and Bill 139. Chad Rollins reported on the status of the City's R4 review. He also reported on concerns over proposals for the Site Alteration Bylaw. It was agreed that the FCA communicate these concerns to the City.

**Transportation** – Alex Cullen reported that the Committee will meet twice in early October to develop an FCA position on updating the 2013 Transportation Master Plan.

### **12. New Business:**

(a) Sheila Perry reminded participants of the Transportation Equity Summit being held at City Hall this Friday September 22.

(b) Alex Cullen reported that the City is conducting a post-mortem on its actions during this May's flood event.

(c) Angela Keller-Herzog inquired if the FCA will be participating in the City's 2018 budget process (budget public consultations begin next month).

### **13. Next FCA General Meeting – October 18**