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Minutes of FCA General Meeting April 21, 2021 (Via Google Meets)

Attendees: Alex Cullen (President, FCA), Steve Anderson (Katimivak-Hazeldean), Stefan Baginski (Greater Avalon), Ron Benn (CentrepoinTE), Brian Beaven (Centretown), Haley Bennett (Katimivak-Hazeldean), Linda Brown (Hintonburg), Morley Brownstein (Bel Air), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe), Robert Brinker (Carlington), Marty Carr (Alta Vista), Denys Cooper (Dow's Lake), Nelson Coyle (Carlington), Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona), Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park), Art Dunham, Art Favreau (Bridlewood), Paul Goodkey (Old Ottawa East), Miranda Gray (Convent Glen Orleans Wood), Selma Hassan (City of Ottawa), Bea Hampson (Rockcliffe Park), Paul Johanis (Greenspace Alliance), Kul Kapoor (Katimavik Hazeldean), Angela Keller-Herzog (CAFES/Glebe), Judy Korecky (Faircrest Heights), Granda Kopytko, Rachelle Lecours (Greater Avalon), Patricia Le Saux (Westboro Beach), Maria Luisa Marti (Friends of James and Bay), Ian McConnachie (Crystal Beach Lakeview), Elizabeth McAllister (Manor Park), Alice Nakananshi (Centretown), Cheryl Parrott (Hintonburg), Karen Patzer (Britannia Village), Cindy Parkanyi (New Edinburgh), Corey Peabody (Fisher Heights), Heather Pearl (Champlain Park), Sheila Perry (Overbrook), Barbara Ramsay (Kanata Greenspace Protection), Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood Hillsdale), Ron Rose (Old Ottawa East), Dinah Washington (Centretown), Gillian Salmond (Wellington Village), Stephen Sandiford (Westboro), Deanna Schofield (City Of Ottawa), Jennifer Sheppard (City of Ottawa), Sue Stefko (Glebe Annex), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach), Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville), Grace Thrasher (Manotick), Neil Thompson (Kanata Beaverbrook), Kathy Vandergrift (Queensway Terrace North), Mari Wellman (Westboro Beach), Kevin Wherry (City of Ottawa), Nancy Wilson (City View).

1. Call to Order. Welcome to participants (Alex Cullen, President FCA)

* 80 registered participants.

* Meeting recorded.

2. Agenda.

* Motion to Approve: Robert Brinker/Steve Anderson: CARRIED.

3. **Spotlight:** Alta Vista Community Association: (Marty Carr).

Key Planning Issues:

- *The Official Plan.
- * Heron Gate application.
- * Bank St. Redesign.
- * Alta Vista redesign.

Key Greenspace Issues:

- * Maintenance.
- * Tree Canopy.
- * Threats to parks & green spaces.

Key Transportation Issues:

- * Alta Vista Transportation Corridor.
- * Bike Lanes.
- * Bank St./Riverside intersection.

4. **Presentation on the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan:**

(Kevin Wherry, Manager Parks & Facilities Planning, City of Ottawa)

Goals:

- * To outline current parkland & facilities by time, facilities, location, per capita provision level (outdoor and indoor e.g. gyms/1000 people,
- *To recommend target provision levels/# of people across Ottawa for expected 2031 population.
- * To recommend what new facilities needed to meet recommended target/ population.
- * To make recommendations by large facility type & by geographic area.

Master Plans under development:

(1) A Parks Master Plan & (2) A Facilities Master Plan:

Bill 108 regulations allows for more than the minimum levels of parks & facilities as density increases but that is contingent on a new City by-law and for that there needs to be an approved Parks Master Plan. The City's objective is to get as much green space from development and cash-in-lieu as it can.

Not included in the Master Plans:

- *Ward-specific recommendations.
- *Cultural facilities.
- *Infrastructure standards/service levels. (E.g. for pools, gyms, playgrounds).

* The Asset Management Plan deals with existing facilities. The Parks & Recreational Facilities MP deals with growth.

* The Parks and Recreational Facilities is transect-based but divides the Suburban transect into 3 subgroups.

* A draft MP will be available for further public consultation in May.

Heard from public consultations:

- * Pressure on existing parks and Facilities.
- * The closer to the core, the older the facility.
- * Walkability to local parks is a high priority.
- * Large parks with full range of options are also important.
- * Desire for multigenerational experiences at Parks.
- * Absence of larger parks & facilities downtown.
- * More parking is needed at recreational facilities.
- * Car pooling options need to be considered.
- * Recreation complexes are v. busy & need renovation.

Key dates:

- * May 11: Draft MP goes public. Will be presented as a report to the May 20 Community & Protective Services Committee meeting.
- * May/June: Further public consultations.
- * September: Final recommendations to Planning Committee & to Community & Protective Services Committee.

Public Input:

- * Public comments welcome and can be sent in via EngageOttawa.com

PPT presentation

- * To be posted on the FCA website.

5. Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2021 & March 17, 2021.

- * Motion to Approve: Maria Luisa Marti/Roland Dorsay. CARRIED.

6. Open Mic:

- * Bob Brocklebank: Request to answer poll on the utility of the Advocacy Tool Kit.
- * Ron Rose: Council approved a negotiated settlement to Ward Boundary Review; Council approved to bury utility wires on Hawthorne Ave.
- * Brian Beaven: Invited other CAs involved in “NeighbourWoods” program or equivalents to contact him re their experiences. Email: brian.beaven @sympatico.ca
- d) Nancy Wilson: Thanks to Alex Cullen for coming out to City View CA AGM.
- e) Alex Cullen: Provincial review on Councillor accountability includes a survey available on the Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs web site. A City briefing on the Infrastructure Master Plan to be held on May 11th.

7. Treasurer’s Report (Lorne Cutler):

\$23,069 in bank. Accounts payable of about \$1000 for insurance. 53 paid up members (most ever for this time of year).

8. President Report & Committee Reports:**a) President’s Report (Alex Cullen)**

Report on FCA Meeting with Ottawa’s Official Plan team:

- * There will be a Ward-specific “As We Heard” report expected in early May.
- * Members advised to review it to confirm if it reflects their CA views.

- * FCA will reassess after the “As We Heard” report & will meet again with City staff once the “As We Heard’ report is out.
 - * The “Transforming” overlay has been dropped.
 - * Table 3’s density/height requirements converted to targets, except around hubs, major corridors & protected major transitway stations.
 - * Some transect boundaries will be adjusted.
 - * Some metrics will be in Master Plans.
 - * 15 Minute Neighbourhoods will not be mapped on a neighbourhood basis.
 - * Staff may release some of its 13 OP chapters throughout the summer.
 - * City will hold a public meeting on the next draft OP in August (3rd week).
 - * Final draft of OP is scheduled go to joint committee of Planning and Agricultural & Rural Affairs committees on Sept 13, 14, & 15.
- * FCA to hold an Advocacy Workshop on Thursday, May 6. Open to FCA members only.

b) Planning Committee (Robert Brinker)

- * New OP targets will be defined in the new Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.
- * City confirmed it will go to form-based zoning.
- * No requirement to have a multi-family house.
- * Next FCA P&Z Committee meeting on 12 May.
- * FCA Engagement sub-WG proposed a motion recommending that the FCA board consider identifying a public relations firm to develop a comprehensive PR campaign on FCA concerns regarding the draft P. The firm would only be engaged if the results of the “As We Heard” report indicate that the concerns of the FCA regarding content and process have not been heard. Volunteers to join the WG welcomed. The motion was passed by P&Z Committee and will be considered by the Board:

c) Transportation Committee (Alex Cullen on behalf of Co-chair John Verbaas)

- * Next Meeting on April 29th.
- * Topics: Federal budget direction to the NCC to consider a downtown tramway link with Gatineau; OC Transpo metrics; a Somerset West Community Health Center presentation on free transit for Ontario Disabilities Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works grant recipients; and the Princess Alexandra Bridge coalition.

9. New Business

(1) FCA Nominations Committee.

- * Seeking candidates for Board at June AGM.
- * All 5 named officer positions and 8 Directors at large positions are open.
- * Seeking nominations for 4 FCA Awards: Lifetime Achievement; Contribution to the FCA; City Builders and Excellence in Local Media.
- * Contact: nominations at nominations@fca-fac.ca

(2) FCA Constitution.

* Housekeeping recommendations to be tabled at May 19 General Meeting and voted on at the June AGM.

* A Discussion Paper: "FCA Vision, Mission, Purposes, Objectives" to be subject of a Special Meeting of the Board on April 22 and will be on the May 19 FCA General Meeting agenda

* The FCA Board has approved Alex Cullen's participation on the Princess Alexandra Bridge Coalition. The coalition seeks to have the mandate of Public Works changed to allow for preservation of the iconic bridge design.

10. Adjournment – Next FCA General Meeting May 19, 2021

* Motion to Adjourn; Don Stewart/Robert Brinker. CARRIED.

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