

Champlain Park Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:30 PM

at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse

Minutes

21 people attended the 2017 CPCA AGM.

1. Councillor Jeff Lieper: Updates on Champlain Park Issues

Pontiac Road Closure: Jeff said that the Pontiac road closure was underway; the intention is to have a bike path along that section; removing the asphalt will probably be done next year, need to consult re the configuration of remaining asphalt; meeting with Dave Adams re SJAM was held; trail will be groomed up to the fieldhouse this winter; Jeff will come back to CPCA for consultations in winter.

LRT: first stage to Tunney's Pasture (TP) will be in operation by August or October 2018; at that point passengers will come in by bus from the west and transfer to LRT at TP; second stage construction starts then, things will be quiet in our neighbourhood then; after the Otrain renovations the second stage LRT begins, the transitway will be closed and thus more bus traffic on Scott; we will get "protected intersections"; afterwards Scott St will be made into a "complete street".

Traffic and Intensification Issues: The city has no plans to put lights at Clearview and IP; developer Mizrahi may pay for these. To a question about effect of 200 more busses on Scott St and city mitigation plans, Jeff said there is no contingency plan if mitigation plans don't work; but he has confidence in city planners' strategies as Phase 1 has worked well. There will be a meeting in December re designs for Scott St; not meant to be a complete street but will have some similar features until the street is rebuilt in the future. One resident expressed concern about safety issues for pedestrians and about storm water drainage; one resident asked about the number of requests for infill and variances due to intensification which is particularly high in Kitchissippi ward; Jeff said that Kitchissippi is a desirable place to live with 5 LRT stations and active businesses so intensification always will be a fact of life here; a resident asked if it would be possible to have more bike stands at TP and Jeff said there would be more bike parking when the station opens; a resident asked about adherence to the official plan; Jeff said that the existing plans would be reviewed in the next term and also the development charges bylaw which is little known; our area and downtown have grown more than expected but the rest of the city inside the greenbelt has not; there will be a Kiss and Ride at each station though not large; a large one will be at Lincoln Fields; to a question about whether Infill II guidelines are being implemented, Jeff said that these guidelines are being respected for the most part and adherence is better than in the past; to a question about 600 metre concentration around LRT stations; Jeff has a written commitment from planners that they would not consider towers at Northwestern and Scott though TP will get very dense. Next quarterly ward forum will be in November.

2. Approval of minutes of previous AGM 22 Nov 2016 - Liz (file [3 Minutes CPCA AGM 22Nov 2016 draft](#))

Motion to approve minutes was moved by Dennis, seconded by Roland, approved.

3 a. Motion re Composition of Board – Lynne (files [4a Motion on Constitution](#), [4a1 Constitution original section 7 and 7.1](#), [4a2 Constitution amended section 7 and 7.1](#))

Lynne mentioned that the CPCA executive has grown as our organization has evolved and taken on more issues as reflected in the business plan. There are some anomalies with our current constitution developed in 1991; asked for approval to amend one section only; explained the differences between the current and proposed composition of the Board; mentioned that there is new potential Ontario legislation for non-profits but that it is unknown when that legislation will be put into place; mentioned that our aim is to review the existing constitution by the next AGM and to keep it in sync with pending new legislation.

Motion to amend the constitution was moved by Louise, seconded by Richard, approved.

3 b. Election of Executive for 2017/18 and Call for Volunteers - Nick (file [4b CPCA organizational chart Oct 2017 AGM](#))

Nick mentioned that while the existing executive is prepared to continue in their positions, they welcome new members. Lynne mentioned that a member at large position is vacant and is a good way to become familiar with Board activities. Agendas and minutes of meetings will be posted on the website and community members are encouraged to attend.

Motion to re-elect current slate of directors was moved by Alex, seconded by Louise, approved.

4 Reports

a. Planning and Zoning - Duncan (file [5a Planning and Zoning report Oct 2017](#))

Duncan reviewed the Planning and Zoning report which was distributed and mentioned that; the focus of the Planning and Zoning committee is that new housing be compatible with streetscape and city design guidelines; we are not yet aware of any plans for coach houses in the neighbourhood; and will continue to intervene in Committee of Adjustment hearings and will be maintaining a watching brief on anticipated pressure to modify the Infill 1 and 11 by-laws and for high density developments associated with the LRT .

b. Membership – Jennie (file [5b Membership Report](#))

Jennie reported that this year's membership drive has collected \$3995.25 so far but there is one more route to be reported; participation is 59% thus somewhat lower than in previous years; membership is declining so we need to look at why; possibly because many houses are under construction or vacant; or because they are renters. Percentage of households who are members is quite variable by street, from a high of 94% to a low of 36%. Jennie thanked Boris Jacouty for his service as the membership coordinator and for the membership report he prepared. She also thanked the membership canvassers and encouraged others to volunteer; membership drive will be done earlier next year starting in May. There was a suggestion to gather data re refusals as opposed to people not being home. There was a question re whether we have any data re ages and demographics; Ottawa Neighbourhood Study may have this data. There was a suggestion to have more activities centred around sports for kids. There was a suggestion to hold a pancake breakfast to welcome people to the neighbourhood and to sign up for CPCA membership at the same time.

c. Treasurer - Joan (files [5c CPCA budget 2017-2018](#), [5c CPCA Financial Statements 2015 2016 2017 final](#); [5c CPCA Workplan 2016 may15 – summary](#))

Joan stated that the finances are in good shape; she mentioned that the Planning and Zoning fund is at \$29K now and will be financed to a maximum of \$35K; will roll over 50% of the money not spent in any year to the Planning and Zoning fund; we understand that we should have clearer rules on the use of this fund and consultations with community when large expenditures are foreseen; it is important to earmark our funds for specific purposes as we are a non-profit. Jonathan noted that the Planning and Zoning fund can be used for other expenditures if the Board so decides. He added that the Board had engaged in discussions as to whether the fund should continue to be earmarked and decided that it should be. Nick mentioned that funds are available for community projects. Roland mentioned that there is a city capital project fund which matches funds spent by community associations up to \$10K.

Motion to approve the budget was moved by Roland, seconded by Dennis, approved.

d. Federation of Citizens' Associations - Roland

Roland explained that the FCA focuses on city-wide issues and speaks with a single voice to the city on behalf of its membership. He mentioned that four focal areas of current interest are: intensification, community design plans, trees, and what kind of city do we want to live in. 48% of intensification activities in city are in Kitchissippi ward. The Infill 1 & 2 zoning by-laws have worked well but the home building community (GOHBA) is seeking changes still to be determined. Four members of the CPCA Exec are on the FCA committee working with GOHBA. He mentioned the importance of having a community design plan; and of urban forest management; need to change the mindset of development being more important than preservation of trees; the City's goal to make Ottawa the most liveable mid-size city will be a point of discussion. One resident mentioned the loss of nearby sports facilities to condos; there are concerns about climate change and flooding; more voices should be heard on these topics at city hall.

e. Social - Carol

Carol described the three traditional activities in Champlain Park and her role as liaison person to help get funds for any community event that people want to organize. Upcoming events are the Halloween fun run Oct 28, Christmas sleigh ride Dec 21, the Winter Carnival will be Saturday January 27 which local politicians often attend. Carol encouraged anyone who wants to organize an event to submit a request for funds through the website with her help.

f. Environment - Adrian

Adrian said that the environment committee is working on the following projects: the park extension; new planters on Pontiac which can be adopted; supporting the SJAM trail grooming and extension of trail to fieldhouse; the new ski trail to go in to Tunney's Pasture; 20 trees were planted in the Champlain woods; NCC has planted others which were vandalized; Little Woods is being replanted with trees; four trees were designated as Ontario Heritage trees in our neighbourhood;

Catherine Shearer described the Neighbourwoods project for identifying, measuring and assessing the condition of the city trees which is in progress and is looking for volunteers.

Other Business

One resident asked whether the basketball court would be used more if it was enlarged.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.