

CCCA Trees & Greenspace Meeting draft minutes, January 10, 2017

Room 8, CCHC

420 Cooper Street, Ottawa

Tom Whillans regrets	Brian Beaven (acting chair)	Brigette Boudreau NEW MEMBER	Jill Hopkins NEW MEMBER
Stephen	Lita	Natalie	Debbie
Alice Nakanishi - CCCA Treasurer			

As Tom was ill and otherwise indisposed at the last minute, it took the committee until 7:15 to organize itself and decide to proceed with a meeting. After inviting a volunteer to serve as chair, Brian Beaven tentatively assumed the chair and directed the meeting for its duration.

Discussions & Decisions

1. Update from the Board – With Tom absent, no report on these items was available.
 - a. Library Discussion, Nathalie ensured that we were alerted to meeting on Weds Jan 18, 18:00 – 20:00 (City Hall) called by Councillor McCallum
 - b. Elgin Redesign, members noted that there is a meeting tomorrow (Wed Jan 11, 5:00 to 7:30) where the plan will be formally presented to the public. **Further discussion deferred** to Feb meeting
 - c. Nepean Street Buildings - **Item deferred** to Feb meeting
2. Planters on McLeod

Jill Hopkins who has taken a lead on this matter over several years now gave the committee a backgrounder on the situation. She has been carrying the torch in sustaining several planters on her block of McLeod. When she started, she was promised a one time \$100.00 by somebody in the City administration to turn the planters into gardens. Jill has since been told that the 100.00

was conveyed to the Trees and Green Spaces Committee of the CCCA for distribution to her. She made two requests, 1. For the \$100 and 2. A commitment by the committee for annual subventions going forward indefinitely.

At this point the acting Chair intervened to say that he would not entertain any motions in relation to either proposal until Alice (Treasurer) had done due diligence to ensure that CCCA received such a payment and until Tom could give the committee his view of both matters.

There was a general consensus that Jill had been doing wonderful work and Jill indicated her intention to join the committee.

3. Presentation for the Ottawa Biosphere Ecocity Council –

- a. Presentation at an event Feb 25, 2017. Possible partnership with CCHC. As there was no report, **this matter was deferred** to the Feb meeting.

4. Off-Bank Community Garden – Next steps, Mural

Stephen led this discussion. He reviewed plans for the garden this spring including lotteries for the plots. He noted that Tom was looking for help in maintaining the two plots designated for the Trees and Green Spaces committee. Several people expressed interest. Brian explained the Mural idea to new members but, without Tom's report, this focus of the discussion was **deferred to Feb.**

5. Dundonald Park Working Group & Childrens Garden

- a. Children's Garden discussion. Brian explained his evolving role in acting as delegate of the TGSC on this working group. Most matters related to this group do not relate directly to our mandate but Dundonald per se is a key heritage Park and greenspace in Centretown and we are developing a more formal relationship in sponsoring and

providing support re the Children's Garden. Brian reported that the discussion of the location and nature of the Garden was a bit confusing at the Dec meeting of the Working Group but did not anticipate any problems as there will be a formal document that Tom is developing which will outline the framework for the joint venture. Further discussion was **deferred until Feb.**

6. Tree Planting in honour of Diane Holmes– With no report, this matter was **deferred until Feb.**

The committee did take the time to alert new members to the nature of the initiative.

7. Urban Forest Management Plan

- a. Thanks to Stephen for the article were duly conveyed
- b. Discussion about the document and implications for Centretown.

Stephen led this discussion and concluded that the report was generally sound for a report whose scope was the entire metropolitan urban area of Ottawa and the Greenbelt. There was an orientation for new members about what the term "urban forest" meant. Stephen expressed concern that the scope of the overall report left matters of key concern to the downtown and Centretown in particular not adequately addressed. He could not, however, identify specific sections of the report that are problematic in this regard. Brian raised application of intensification to city development planning as an example of how greenspace in Centretown was being put at risk. The Urban Forest Management Plan will remain **an active agenda item for TGSC in the coming months.**

8. Maple Groves Project

In the absence of any report on the ideas (for location of the groves) proposed by Councillor's office, this matter was **deferred to Feb.**

9. Winter event – UofO Greenhouse tour and next steps, **deferred to Feb.** Stephen noted that Tom had suggested that this might not occur until early Spring.
10. A motion to adjourn was put by Lita, seconded by Debbie. This was approved at 8:28 p.m. with one decenting vote.

Draft minutes compiled by the acting Chair.