

CENTRETOWN CITIZENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, 17 June, 2015
7 – 9 pm, Ottawa City Hall, Honeywell Room

Attendance

Board: Maria Luisa Marti, Graham Pressey, Paul Mennier, Patricia Marsden-Dole, Tom Whillans, Judy Forrest, Adam Harris, Thomas McVeigh, Michael Daudlin

Others: Victoria Cole, Bonnie Mabee, Alice Nakanishi, Hunter McGill, Darrin Cohen, Joan Spice, Georgia Lay, Brenda Knight, Stephen Thirlwall, David Avery

Regrets: Mitchell Kutney, Charles Akben-Marchand, Tim Abray

Secretary: Graham Pressey

Call to Order, Welcome and Board Member Regrets

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 1

That the Board approves this draft agenda.

Moved P. Mennier
Seconded M. Daublin
Carried

Business Arising

Announcements

1.1 Call for announcements

No announcements.

Somerset Ward Councillor's Report (C. McKenney)

D. Cohen reports on behalf of Councillor McKenney:

- The Minto Park Sale was a huge success, and raised over \$800 through table rentals and raffle tickets. The McNabb Park will open July 4, 2015, from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be programming by the skateboarding community, and a dedication to Charlie Bowen.
- The decision on St. Luke's Park art will be announced later this month.
- The councillor wants a bike corral to be installed on Bank and Cooper, in addition to more ring-and-posts.
- Eleven new trees will be planted in Centretown. They will be planted in soil cells, and mobility indicators and bike racks will be installed. The project is funded through the 81-91 Nepean Section 37 agreement.
- C. McKenney does not support the proposed Ambassador's program at City Hall.

Presentation on Central Library (H. McGill)

Hunter McGill, representing Citizens for a New Central Library in Downtown Ottawa, presented to the board. The Ottawa Public Library Board is faced with a series of options to replace the current central library, and commissioned a report to advise them on next steps. The Board is considering repairing the current building or moving to a new location. The recent public consultation signalled a great degree of public interest.

CNCLDO are concerned with the potential location and size of the library, preferring it to be situated for its population of current users, preferably between the Canal and Bronson, and Wellington and the Queensway; and sized appropriately for a central library in a large, growing city. They believe that the design of the library should be awarded as a prize for an international architectural competition, and that the project should not be managed as a public-private partnership. Finally, CNCLDO believe that citizens and library users are the clients of the library, and calls for sustained public engagement throughout the process of replacing the current central library, as this is a rare opportunity to build a landmark public building in Ottawa. They ask the CCCA to endorse CNCLDO's position.

A discussion follows.

Motion 2

As the CNCLDO proposal...

That the CCCA endorses the position of Citizens for a New Central Library in Downtown Ottawa.

Moved: P. Mennier

Seconded: T. Whillans

Carried

Executive and Committee Reports

1.2 President (T. McVeigh)

Verbal report.

1.3 Corporate Secretary (G. Pressey)

April and May minutes are deferred until the next Board meeting.

1.4 Membership Secretary (M. L. Marti)

The CCCA now has 113 members. 7 new members are from the T&G Committee and 3 new members joined at the Minto Park Sale. Jared started a new column at the Buzz, and will be writing about renting at Centretown.

1.5 Treasurer (P. Mennier)

P. Mennier reports that our net sales at the Minto Park Sale were over \$400. As well, the CCCA received \$110 in memberships and donations. The CCCA’s commercial and general liability has been renewed.

1.6 Executive Committee

G. Pressey reported on the Executive committee meeting. The committee met on June 9 at 327 Somerset St. West, and discussed planning issues and various governance issues. On planning issues, the committee discussed Infill 2 and the OMB Appeal, and the CCCA’s options for moving forward on both. Considering the large amount of planning items moving forward, the committee discussed having a volunteer monitor OttWatch and the City’s open data site for items of interest to committees. The committee considered leaving the position of vice-president unfilled until the 2015 AGM. The committee considered the issue of donations policies.

1.7 Heritage Committee

Nothing to report.

1.8 Seniors Committee

Written report submitted. The committee considered health care issues and issues related to seniors living alone.

1.9 Planning Committee

The committee submitted a written report. J. Forrest reports that regarding 180 Metcalfe, the Medical Arts building, the CCCA has not formally submitted comments to the city. The report is moving to council next week, and will not have any community feedback at present. The application has gone through significant changes, and the building is currently planned to have a 140 unit hotel and will not qualify for Section 37 benefits for the community. The committee recommends objecting because of the hotel component, the changes to the CDP, and the lack of greenspace.

Motion 3

That the CCCA delegate authority to Judy Forrest, Joan Spice and Thomas McVeigh to develop and to file an objection to the 180 Metcalfe application, and to present to the Planning Committee.

Moved J. Forrest

Seconded A. Harris

Carried

The planning committee asked community members to comment to Committee on Infill 2. The Committee drafted a letter on 68 Cooper St. Shopify wants to put a large sign up on the side of 150 Elgin, on the 19th floor.

Motion 4

That the CCCA submit a short letter with respect to the application at 150 Elgin St. asserting that signage guidelines should be followed and that the application should be denied.

Moved A. Harris
Seconded M. Daudlin
Abstentions T. Whillans, T. McVeigh
Carried

1.10 Transportation Committee

G. Lay presented a verbal report. In with Ecology Ottawa, the committee revisited the Walkability Audit from western Centretown and registered over sixty complaints. The City will receive a report from the forester on the condition of trees. The committee discussed the parking situation on Somerset St.

1.11 Trees and Greenspace Committee

Written report submitted.

Motion 5

That the CCCA supports the Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability letter regarding trees and forest management to be sent to Mayor Jim Watson.

Moved T. Whillans
Seconded J. Forrest
Carried

1.12 Communications and Promotion Committee

M.L. Marti reports that the new website will be ready by the end of the month.

Other Reports and Business

1.13 OMB Appeal

Written report attached.

Motion 6

It is recommended that authority be delegated to Thomas McVeigh, Judy Forrest and Adam Harris, while sitting as active board members, to deal with any negotiations/decisions with regard to the finalization of the

wording for the OMB decision and with actions involved in dealing with the City's appeal of certain aspects of the OMB ruling.

Moved J. Forrest
Seconded P. Mennier
Carried

1.14 Centretown Parking Study Committee (G. Lay)

G. Lay reports that a report will be submitted to the City Transportation Committee regarding local area parking in Centretown.

1.15 Nomination Committee (M. L. Marti)

M.L. Marti reports that a nomination committee will need to be struck for the AGM in October. P. Mennier volunteers.

1.16 Vice President

Motion 7

That T. Whillans be appointed vice-president.

Moved P. Mennier
Seconded M.L. Marti
Carried

Adjournment

Moved: G. Pressey
Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Next board meeting:

7pm–9pm
July 21, 2015

Honeywell Room, City Hall