

CENTRETOWN CITIZENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, 17 March, 2015
7 – 9 p.m., Ottawa City Hall, Honeywell Room

Attendance

Board: Maria Luisa Marti, Patricia Marsden-Dole, Mitchell Kutney, Adam Harris, Graham Pressey, Thomas McVeigh, Paul Mennier, Tim Abray

Others: Catherine McKenney, Alice Nakanishi, Georgia Lay, Joan Spice, Darrin Cohen, Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Nancy Cruz, Robert Grimwood

Regrets: Judy Forrest, Rob Dekker, Charles Akben-Marchand

1. **Call to Order, Welcome and Board Member Regrets**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION 1: That the Board approve this draft agenda.

Moved: P. Marsden-Dole

Seconded: P. Mennier

Carried

3. **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes and Business Arising**

MOTION 2: That the Board approve the minutes of its February 2014 meeting as amended.

Moved: T. Abray

Seconded: M.L. Marti

Carried

4. **Announcements**

- 4.1 **Call for announcements**

5. **Somerset Ward Councillor's Report (by Catherine McKinney)**

Catherine McKenney delivered a verbal report. A prominent member of the skateboard community passed away suddenly, and her office received a request to name the McNabb skatepark after him. Brief discussion follows.

6. **Presentation on O'Connor Bikeway**

City Staff presented on the O'Connor Bikeway, a proposed bike corridor from Rideau Street to the Glebe. The project aims to be a cost-effective solution to be implemented in the short run, and will not involve reconstructing the street. City staff recommends bike lanes with contraflow on the east side of the road.

7. **Executive and Committee Reports**

- 7.1 **President (by Thomas McVeigh)**

Verbal Report – nothing to report.

7.2 Corporate Secretary (by Graham Pressey)

Verbal Report – nothing to report.

7.3 Membership Secretary (by Maria Luisa Marti)

Membership Secretary Report March 17, 2015

Total members 91, with two new members for month to date.

- Continue to work with Executive and Communications to develop better membership development guidelines.
- Membership survey ready and tested, results will be presented at next board meeting. Survey comprises 10 key questions revolving around what the CCCA can do to increase presence and maximize efforts in Centretown.
- Continued outreach with other Community Associations. (FCA Infill 2 WG, W&W with FoJ&B)
- Membership needs to be backed into an external storage, following motion is proposed:

With the approval of the Executive, card size ad in Buzz to be included in March's issue. To be reviewed on a regular basis. As always membership rocks!

Motion 3: That board approve expense of up to \$20 plus tax to buy a USB key that will allow membership database to be stored safely.

Withdrawn

7.4 Treasurer (by Paul Mennier)

Treasurer's Report March 17, 2015

Net change since January report is (24.60) though we do have \$115 in the Paypal account, representing memberships and donations received since Oct/14. We need to sign cheques tomorrow for:

- \$30 - FCA Membership
- \$500 - Glashan Green Fund donation

7.5 Executive Committee (By Robert Dekker)

Executive Committee March 17, 2015

The Chairs of all committees will be invited to attend an Executive Committee meeting to discuss the work their committee is doing. The meetings are designed to assist the committees outside of the Board and Committee meetings. The CCCA Executive

Committee invited Michel-Adrien Shepard, Chair of the CCCA Transportation to the meeting. The Transportation Committee anticipates discussing, among other things, the following in upcoming meetings:

1. Walkability Study Follow up
2. O'Connor Bike Lane
3. Parking Study
4. Queen Street Rebuild

The issue of improving communications between committees was discussed. Also Michel-Adrien will be meeting with Councillor McKenney to discuss street beautification in April. The Executive Committee plans to discuss the Operations Review in April, and the results of the survey, to be sent to CCCA members this month, will also be reviewed. The next Executive Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 6pm in the Buzz Offices. Planning Committee Chair Tim Abray has been invited to the April Executive meeting.

7.6 Heritage Committee (by Paul Mennier, champion)

Verbal Report

7.7 Planning Committee (by Tim Abray)

CCCA Planning Committee Report March, 2015

• Attendance: Thomas McVeigh; Maria Luisa Marti; Jared Denison; Darrin Cohen; Joan Spice; Alice Nakanishi; Patricia Marsden-Dole; Judy Bernstein; Tim Abray (chair).

Report Items:

- **Broadening the Base:** confirmed that PC will keep a representative involved with Broadening the Base for the time being (Patricia M-D)
- **Parking Study:** looped back to PC to confirm participation in the Parking Study sub-committee. Joan Spice remains planning contact until replacement found.
- **154 O'Connor** – looking for feedback from city PC re final decisions.
- **Infill II** – continuing to monitor and participate. Deadline for feedback extended. Meeting being arranged with city for CCCA to discuss the proposals to alter limits in some R-sub-zones.
- **239/41 Bank St./318 Lisgar** – material provided by Darrin Cohen discussed and agreement reached to send letter of support for the proposal (see resolution, below).
- **68 Cooper St.** – discussion of implications of zoning amendment application; concern about consequences of agreeing to changes re precedent for other properties in the future. Agreement to send a letter accepting changes for the current property, *in its present form* but not for any change or subsequent use. (see resolution, below).
- **180 Metcalfe** – still in holding pattern; suggestion from President to loop in Heritage Committee.
- **Heritage Study** – discussion of the lack of consultation on removal of the Heritage Study for East of Elgin from the budget. May be at odds with OMB appeal outcomes and CDP commitments. PC will continue to monitor and seek more information about potential mismatch between city action and commitments.
- **Planning Committee Mandate and Priorities** – facilitated session set for Saturday, April 11, 11-2. Email invitation to follow. This session will look at the activities of PC and brainstorm ideas for moving forward/succession planning/project management, etc.

- Discussed need for document sharing protocols, but put it on hold until membership and comms have established the framework.

Motion 4: That the CCCA send a letter to the city expressing support for the proposed development at 239/41 Bank St./318 Lisgar and making note of our appreciation for the detail and creativity that has been brought to the proposed design.

Moved: T. Abray

Seconded: P. Mennier

Carried

Motion 5: That the CCCA send a letter to the city expressing its provisional support of amendments to zoning for 68 Cooper St., but limiting those amendments to the present form of the building and not for future changes to the building or future developments on the land.

Moved: T. Abray

Seconded: P. Mennier

Carried

Motion 6: That the CCCA write a letter opposing the six amendments proposed for 180 Metcalfe Street.

Moved: T. Abray

Seconded: P. Mennier

Carried

7.8 Seniors Committee (by Patricia Marsden-Dole, chair)

CCCA Seniors Committee Report March, 2015

Several members of the Seniors Committee will attend a meeting called by the Mayor to review the 'Older Adult Plan: Celebrating Successes and Looking Ahead' on March 18, 2015, at City Hall. We will consider what we hear at our next meeting on 23 March and then write something up for the April Buzz.

7.9 Transportation Committee (by Michel-Adrien Sheppard, chair)

Transportation Committee Report March, 2015

Here are recent items about transportation issues that should interest members of the transportation committee.

1) On March 9th, city planners met with members of the "Public Consultation Group" for the proposed O'Connor bicycle path project. I was there for the last part of the meeting. The plan is to build the path from Wellington to Gleve Avenue next year. Eventually, the path would continue to Landsdowne and then over the Bank St. bridge into Old Ottawa South. The planners distributed documentation that I am sharing with you (see the attachments). This will be the basis of a broad public meeting to be held in April. North of the Queensway, the path will be "bidirectional" on the East side of the street. In the Glebe, at some point past Isabella St. the path will divide into 2 unidirectional paths on each side of O'Connor. Details are in the attachments.

Upcoming meetings:

- Public Open House – Thursday April 9th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at Ottawa City Hall, Council Chambers
- Deadline for comments following Public Open House – April 24th
- Transportation Committee – June 3rd

As well, city planner Robert Grimwood has been invited to brief the CCCA Board at its next monthly meeting Tuesday of next week. Board meetings begin at 7PM and are held at City Hall. CCCA Transportation Committee members are invited to attend.

2) Meeting with Somerset Ward Councillor McKenney

I have a meeting with our councillor on Thursday, April 9th for 30 minutes. I will be bringing ideas for how to follow-up on our three walkability audits (Elgin area, Bank, West Centretown).

I will focus on:

- dangerous intersections: we have identified the loop at the Museum of Nature, Catherine St and Lyon, and Bay and Somerset
- pedestrian safety/narrow sidewalks in a number of locations
- Bank St parklets, benches, greenery and beautification: the councillor seems interested in discussing what the city can do and what the BIA can do

I will call another CCCA transportation committee meeting before that so we can hammer down exactly what we will be asking her. I will wait until after next week's CCCA Board meeting before calling our meeting because I want to see how the Board reacts to the proposal concerning the O'Connor bicycle path.

3) The benefits of Complete Streets - and how to measure them The US-based National Complete Streets Coalition is coming out with two new resources later this month. They will be presented in 2 upcoming webinars:

Safer Streets, Stronger Economies

Coming out March 24, 2015

How well do Complete Streets projects achieve transportation goals like safety and throughput? How do they support broader economic efforts? This new research looks at data from dozens of Complete Streets projects from across the country to compare the outcomes communities get from their investments. Join the online kickoff discussion to hear about the success some cities have had with Complete Streets projects.

Register for the free webinar

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=cw5h4txm3syc>

Evaluating Complete Streets Projects

Coming out March 31, 2015 A Complete Streets approach connects community goals to transportation investments, and measuring the performance of these projects can help communicate that connection. This introductory guide will provide an overview of how to evaluate Complete Streets projects, including the measures and metrics most useful to common goals, and a handy list of resources for more in-depth application.

Register for the free webinar

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=sp4ctdvgiqqi>

4) Laurier Avenue Bike Path wins the 2015 Transportation Award of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
<http://www.fcm.ca/home/awards/fcm-sustainable-communitiesawards/2015-winners/2015-transportation-project.htm>

Excerpts from the article:

"Challenges"

- Initially the city chose slightly narrower lanes to accommodate roadway width constraints, but these were too narrow for cyclists to pass each other safely.

- The city had to remove 122 parking spaces from Laurier Ave. Although 144 spaces were added on adjacent streets, businesses resisted the loss of direct parking on Laurier, and the city launched a publicity campaign to inform people of the new parking spots.

- To keep the pilot project cost-efficient, the city used pre-cast curbs rather than temporary markers. The curb buffers were too high and resulted in some pedestrians tripping over them."

"Lessons learned"

- Engage all stakeholders early and often to develop consensus.

- Provide lanes wide enough for cyclists to pass one another safely (a minimum of two metres).

- If feasible, pour concrete to raise bike lanes to the same height as the sidewalk.

- Consider the impacts to on-street parking, loading areas, taxi stands and accessibility; and develop a parking mitigation strategy with an associated communications plan."

5) Pedestrian Issues Survey - you can WIN PRIZES!!!

Researchers at the University of Ottawa are organizing a survey about the perceived "pedestrian friendliness" of Ottawa neighbourhoods:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJZYXTN>

I think first prize has a value of \$100-125.

7.10 Trees and Greenspace Committee (by T. Whillans)

No report.

7.11 Communication and Promotion Committee (by M. Kutney)

At the previous meeting, the issue of a website redesign kept coming up. M. Kutney is willing to spearhead the redevelopment.

Motion 7: That the CCCA authorize the expenditure of up to \$200, inclusive of GST/HST, to reimburse M. Kutney for a website template.

Moved: M. Kutney

Seconded: M. L. Marti

Carried

8. Other Reports and Business

9. Question Period

10. Forward Agenda Items

11. Adjournment at 9:01PM

Moved: P. Mennier

Seconded: T. Abrey

Carried

Next Board meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7pm to 9pm,

Billings Room, City Hall