

CENTRETOWN CITIZENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, 15 September, 2015
7 – 9 pm, Ottawa City Hall, Richmond Room

Attendance

Board: Adam Harris, Judy Forrest, Tom Whillans, Charles Akben-Marchand, Graham Pressey, Mitchell Kutney, Maria Luisa Marti, Paul Mennier, Thomas McVeigh, Patricia Marsden-Dole

Others: Alice Nakanishi, Norm Fee, Judith Lyons, Theodora Newton, Georgia Lay

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 T. Whillans
Seconded M.L. Marti
Carried

Business Arising

Announcements

1.1 Call for announcements

No announcements.

Somerset Ward Councillor's Report (C. McKenney)

Postponed.

Presentation on Website Relaunch (M. Kutney)

The new website for the CCCA was launched and its capabilities were demonstrated to the Board. Many thanks to M. Kutney for his very hard work over the past year.

Presentation on 20th Anniversary of the Buzz (A. Campbell)

The Centretown Buzz is celebrating its twentieth anniversary on October 2 and 3. The Buzz was set up to promote news affecting Centretown and the CCCA's views. For four years the Centretown News Group published the paper, until the CNG closed in December 1999. A group of citizens created a business plan and relaunched the Buzz as a vehicle of the CCCA and the Dalhousie Community Association.

On October 2, 2015 the Centretown Legion will be hosting a thank-you party for volunteers. On October 3, 2015 at 10am-12am the Buzz will be hosting a meeting about the paper and its future direction before meeting with directors of other local non-profits.

Executive and Committee Reports

1.2 President (T. McVeigh)

Brief verbal report on the CCCA's activities.

1.3 Corporate Secretary (G. Pressey)

Motion 2

That the Board approves the July 2015 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved J. Forrest
Seconded P. Mennier
Carried

1.4 Membership Secretary (M. L. Marti)

No new members in the month of August. On September 17 2015, there is an all-candidate's forum at the First Baptist Church, and the CCCA will be setting up a membership table. Volunteers are welcome.

As well, M. L. Marti suggested that the Board consider raising the membership fee. Discussion followed on how the CCCA should best move ahead to strengthen the organization and meet its organizational goals. A proposal will be brought to the next Board meeting.

1.5 Treasurer (P. Mennier)

A. Nakanishi reported on behalf of P. Mennier. The CCCA has a surplus for the year of -\$1000. The largest expenses are director's insurance, membership in Volunteer Canada, the OMB appeal, and website costs. Going forward, we should plan for these expected costs.

The CCCA has purchased director's insurance at the cost of \$490.82. The insurance is current until March 2016, whereupon it will cost the organization about \$1000 per year.

1.6 Executive Committee (T. Whillans)

The committee met on September 1, 2015. M.L. Marti conducted an exit interview with M. Daudlin, and reported to the committee. The committee discussed fundraising, community involvement, and a social committee to integrate new board members to the organization.

Motion 3

That a nominations committee be formed for the 2015 AGM, with M.L. Marti and N. Fee as champions.

Moved P. Mennier

Seconded
Carried

J. Forrest

1.7 Heritage Committee

No report.

1.8 Seniors Committee (P. Marsden-Dole)

Report attached.

1.9 Trees and Greenspace Committee (T. Whillans)

Cleaning the capital Minto Park Clean-up will be on September 19, 2015.

The Board discussed the Community Association Forum for Environmental Sustainability meeting, and the City's proposed complete street policy.

Motion 4

That the CCCA supports the letter drafted by the Community Association Forum for Environmental Sustainability.

Moved T. Whillans
Seconded P. Mennier
Carried

The operators of the auxiliary parking lot at 330 Gilmour have submitted a proposal to become a commercial parking lot.

Motion 5

That the CCCA does not support the conversion of the illegal parking lot to a legal parking lot at 330 Gilmour as it does not support the reduction in setback requirements.

Moved P. Mennier
Seconded J. Forrest
Carried

1.10 Planning Committee (T. McVeigh)

180 Metcalfe

Councillor McKenney has reached a compromise so that if the development includes a hotel, the developers will provide \$200,000 to a community development fund.

534 Gilmour

The proposed fourth story for the development has been removed.

Motion 6

With regard to the application at 293 Lisgar, that the CCCA sends a letter to the City asking that should the demolition permit be approved, that the property owner be required to install a community park along the lines of Charlotte Park.

Moved J. Forrest
Seconded T. Whillans
Carried

Motion 7

That the CCCA support the reduction in parking contingent on adequate buffers and bicycle parking at 464 Bank Street.

Moved T. Whillans
Seconded P. Mennier
Carried

1.11 Transportation Committee (G. Lay)

Regarding the Parking Study, stakeholders were invited to meet with City staff on July 20, 2015. Attendance was quite low. The City provided information on how the project would be conducted and what information would be collected. The CCCA would like an open house with question and answer conducted in a plenary format.

Adjournment

Moved: T. Whillans
Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.

Next board meeting:

7pm–9pm
October 20, 2015