

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)

General Meeting of March 21 Minutes

Approved: April 18 2018

Attendees: Sheila Perry, president [Overbrook CA]; Suzanne Brown [Belaire CA], Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], Alex Cullen [Belltown CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Jonathan Morris [Britannia CA], Miranda Gray [CGOWCA], Archie Campbell [Dalhousie CA], Gary Boone [Barrhaven East CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Pat McLachlan [Glens CA], Neil Thomson [Kanata-Beaverbrook CA], Steve Anderson [Katimavik-Hazeldean CA], Kul Kapoor [Kanata-Hazeldean CA], Rod MacLean [Katimavik-Hazeldean CA], Bob Gordon [Old Ottawa East CA], Mark Seebaran [Old Ottawa East CA], Brian Wilson [Riverside South CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], George Stairs [Riverview Park CA], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville VA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA], John Blatherwicke [Woodpark CA], Dave Grosvenor [Woodroffe North CA] and Cora Murphy [Woodroffe North CA]

Guests: Councillor Marianne Wilkinson, [Kanata North, Ward 4], Cst Kevin Williams [Ottawa Community Police Centres – West] and Ahmed Luqma [Crime Prevention Ottawa]. Councillor Allan Hubley [Kanata South, Ward 23] extended his regrets and well-wishes.

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to Kanata Recreation Centre, 100 Charlie Rogers Place. The theme of this meeting was *Neighbourhood Safety and Drug Use Issues*.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: moved by P. Sweetnam/seconded by consensus

CARRIED

3.0 Community Association organizing this gathering:

Katimavik-Hazeldean is the area bounded by the Queensway, Hazeldean Road, Eagleson Road and the Carp River. The K-H Community Association was incorporated in 1980. Its mandate is to keep neighbourliness easy - by undertaking projects which enhance and safeguard the quality of life of the community, including promoting and protecting the interests of residents/property owners and by initiating and/or fostering alone or with other organizations (a) responsible community planning and development and (b) activities that promote good citizenship and fellowship. The Association's Executive has set community improvement goals for 2018. One is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Hazeldean. It has a website: <http://www.khca.on>, a twitter hashtag: http://www.khca.on.ca/p/blog-page_39.html?sref=tw, a face book page: https://www.facebook.com/sharer.php?u=http://www.khca.on.ca/p/blog-page_39.html?sref%3Dfb&t=The+Katimavik-Hazeldean+Community+Association:+Home and an e-mail address: <https://accounts.google.com/ServiceLogin?service=blogger&passive=1209600&continue=https://www.blogger.com/email-post.g?blogID>.

3.1 Greetings were received from S. Anderson, president of K-H CA and from Councillor Wilkinson.

4.0 Community Policing fit into the Responsive Service Initiative model:

- Community Police Cst. Williams indicated that there are 13 community police officers who staff fifteen community police centers located across the West, Central and East sectors of the City. While all of Police Services are committed to the well-being of our City, the community police officers are the familiar front-line face in engaging police and local community members in improving safety and security – addressing community concerns. Examples of others units are the Drugs Unit and Guns & Gangs Unit. Ottawa Police Services is dealing with an increasing complex profile of lawbreaking. There has been a six percent increase

in crime. City-folk and police, as well as criminals, avail themselves of new technologies. Along with traditional tools, police use technologies to facilitate communication with residents/enterprises, to deploy staff and to integrate situational analysis and responses. Staying Connected helps the police remain a responsive to needs and the current demographics of the City while also keeping officers safe. Cst. William emphasized the importance of reporting. Questions were posed regarding the impact of the legal sale of marijuana with only 49 locals identified across the province.

- 5.0** Ahmad Luqma of Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) observed that his organization contributes to crime reduction and community safety through evidence-based crime Prevention. Some crimes arise from the use of drugs and others, their sale. CPO prevention and diversion initiatives include Better Neighbourhoods: There are lots of examples of neighborhoods that have improved safety and caring. This program identifies 6 places. It provides ideas how to apply these initiatives (i.e. drug use) in building a better neighbourhood.
- Youth: Dating: Drug/Drinking and Violence
Don't be That Guy Pledge
Paint It Up
- Gangs: Exit assistance from Street Violence & Drugs
Abuse and Disability Ideas on what to do when faced with abuse
- Mr. Luqma invited those in attendance to attend their April 23 [8:30-11 am] session at Haydon Hall. Ottawa City on tracking what happens when you make the '*right call*' to report to the police. A question was posed on the dealing/reporting of intergeneration Elder Abuse –persons in your home who cause you to believe/feel vulnerable whether it be physical, psychological and financial.

6.0 Network Break:

7.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

- a) Fisher Heights/General Burns CAs sought suggestions on gaining park improvements. For instance, needed improvements in Steve MacLean Park located between Fisher Avenue and Deer Park Road near Meadowlands Drive. Replacement of the parks' play structures and benches as well as tennis and basketball courts' resurfacing would be on the City's life cycle schedule of priorities. Wendy Royer is those associations' City's Recreation and Community Development Officer. The Associations could seek help with new park facilities from the Ward Councillor via use of the cash in lieu of parks funds. Some financial help for specific improvements to nearby Inverness Park came from private donors and may be a possibility here as well.
- b) Katimavik-Hazelden CA sought suggestions: A developer bought a piece of property with the intension of originally building 25 townhomes. The neighbors, the Association and Councillor A. Hubley were opposed. It has one home on it. The developer won at OMB. While the development has not gone forward, he sought approval for the plans for 23 homes. But he failed to advance his request within the time requirements. He is now seeking an extension so his request could be considered. He apparently is also considering selling the property. Suggestions were made on how to oppose his request including speaking to the City's legal counsel.
- c) Barrhaven East Community Association: Until recently it was called Southpointe Community Association.
- d) Riverside South CA sought suggestions regarding storm-water management: The retention pond is a long-standing issue in their neighbourhood. More problematic during the winter. Hydrogen-sulfide builds up. Suggestions included continuing to working with the City's Environment Service on such matters as

periodically completely draining the pond, and removal of the phosphate sledge to a land-fill site. It was also suggested there is a *need for a City policy* on planned drainage and clean-up. Could be election issue.

- e) Community rink: Who pays? The city supports over two hundred and seventy rinks, some only with lighting or with water. Those that the city supports received *general liability insurance under its group policy*. The city contracts via a service agreement with operators to provide either Maintenance or Maintenance and Supervision. The related grant amount is dependent on whether the rink(s) is boarded or un-boarded or both. While the City carries the Liability Insurance policy, Community Associations [e.g. operator] are co-insured. The policy covers the entire year at no additional cost to the Associations. Check with Debbie Hamilton of the City's Insurance Services for details.
- f) Synapcity has an upcoming workshop of Community Capacity Building Training – registration closes on April 9th. #CITYMAKERS!, #OttCity .
- g) Paint it Up: April 3 deadline for application to OCP Outdoor Mural Art projects - those that address graffiti prevention, youth empowerment, community safety and the beautification of your neighbourhood.

8.0 Approval of February 21 2018 Minutes of General Meeting – Moved: G. Roderick/D. Stewart
CARRIED

9.0 Business Arising: -

- March 15: Well attended evening workshop on All Candidates Meetings applicable to the Provincial General Election in June and the Municipal Election in October. A. Cullen will post power-point. ACTION: A. Cullen/B. Brocklebank
- Volunteer Ottawa's Workshops: D. Stewart is FCA's contact person for receiving the passcode to register and to receive a discount. Available to current (2018) FCA members.

10.0 Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, as indicated in the February meeting proceedings (#10.0), although we have 'savings', there's been a year-over-year shortfall in net income. The Finance and Membership Committee is recommending an increase in membership fees.

11.0 Committee Reports: -

11.1 Communication: The March Newsletter went out around March 11. We provide a link to the draft agenda in announcing upcoming meetings. Sometimes the draft agenda is amended; to get the latest version go to the website's left nav bar. Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to B. Brocklebank.

11.2 Governance: The City said it would release a report on implementing their Public Engagement targets during the first quarter 2018. A further delay is indicated.

11.3 Logistics: Don indicated the meeting schedule is

April 18 City View Retirement Community, 151 Meadowland Drive (just east of Woodroffe Avenue)
Side street on Sullivan Avenue. The theme is Environmental Issues.

May 16: Location yet to be determined

June 20 AGM - City Hall.

11.4 Finance: Finance Committee and others met March 11 to work on a Business Plan. Ideas are welcome.

11.5 Membership: See item # 10.0 above. Renewing FCA members have until the end of April to remit fee.

11.6 Planning & Zoning:

- ✓ Public meeting on monitoring Infill 1 & 2 amendments to the Zoning Bylaws was originally scheduled for this evening (March 21). That meeting has been rescheduled for April 03 (5:30 pm in the Col By room of City Hall). To register to attend, an e-mail is to be sent by March 30 to - https://www.eventboost.com/e/monitoring-infill-i-and-ii-/9446/en_US/

- ✓ R4 Zoning Review (*see FCA Proceedings Feb 21 Item 11.6.1*)
City staff intend to release proposals in April for Planning Committee consideration in May.
- ✓ Affordable Housing (*see FCA Proceedings Feb 21 Item 8.0 a*)
- ✓ C. Mackenzie (our representative) has been named to the City’s Planning Advisory Committee. She will need to be up to speed on FCA’s positions on planning and zoning matters.

11.7 Social: Bayview Yards would be a great place for the FCA to hold a focused networking gathering & social. The Executive continues to explore how this rendezvous might come together.

11.8 Transportation: FCA Transportation Committee meeting on March 1 at McNabb Community Centre two recommendations were formulated for be consideration: i) traffic calming & ii election questions.

- i) On an annual basis, monies for *traffic calming* and related projects be allocated by Wards and managed by the councilors. Each Councillor would maintain an online list of requests and dispositions. Criteria used in making a determination would be widely known.
- ii) Prior to a disposition, a consultation with each neighbourhood making a request would occur, to ensure solutions be tailored-made to that location.

11.8.1 MOTION Moved by A. Cullen/D. Stewart that the above Traffic Calming Statement, with an additional stipulation acknowledging variations in traffic within neighbourhood streets, and thus solutions, be the position of the FCA. CARRIED

Rationale can be found in the Committee’s March meeting notes.

ACTION: Transportation & Executive

- Transportation Committee is preparing a list of suggested transportation related questions for the provincial and municipal election.

Next meeting of the committee is April 12, McNabb Community Centre. All are welcome.

11.9 Nomination & Recognition Committee: The synopsis of the awards for 2018 were again circulated.

12.0 New Business:

Lincoln Fields Redevelopment:

12.1 MOTION: Move by J. Blatherwick/A. Cullen

Whereas, the arrival of LRT to Lincoln Fields Station, couples with the proposed redevelopment of Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre, and under-development of other lands in the area, provides the opportunity for enlightened urban planning for the area, consistent with the City’s *Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines*; and

Whereas, in light of the above, six area community associations [Whitehaven CA, Woodpark CA, Lincoln Heights CA, Parkway CA, Britannia Village CA, Belltown NA, and Queensway Terrace North CA] are requesting the City of Ottawa conduct a community-based visioning exercise for this area, therefore

Resolve that the FCA endorse the request by the six community associations for a community-based visioning exercise for this area prior to proceeding with specific development proposals and will support this endorsement with a supporting letter to Council.

CARRIED

ACTION: Executive

13.0 Adjournment moved by A. Campbell

CARRIED

Next meeting: City View Retirement Community, 151 Meadowlands Drive West.