

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)
General Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2018
Van Lang Community Centre
For Approval at November 21 meeting

Attendees: Sheila Perry – President, Overbrook CA; Christine Crowther, Action Sandy Hill; Morley Brownstein, Bel Air Heights CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown CA, John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Robert Brinker, Carlington CA; David Clark, City View CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake CA; Barbara Bil, Fallowfield CA; Westley Webb, Fallowfield CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Sue Stefko, Glebe Annex CA; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Angela Keller-Herzog, Glebe CA; Marilyn Booth, Glens CA; Agnes Warda, Glens CA; Stafan Boginski, Greater Avalon CA; Lorne Cutler, Hampton-Iona CA; Cheryl Parrott, Hintonburg CA; Kathy Fischer, Huntley CA; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Joe McAllister, Manor Park CA; David Broscoe, McKeller Park CA; Elizabeth McAllister, McKeller Park CA; Dan O'Hagan, McKeller Park CA; Sybil Powell, McKeller Park CA; Dorothy Tweedie, McKeller Park CA; Cindy Parkanyi, New Edinburgh CA; Emilie Taman, Old Ottawa South CA, Brian Ure, Old Ottawa South CA; Graeme Roderick; Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA; Rob Onley; Trend-Arlington CA; Gillian Salmond, Wellington Village CA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA and John Blatherwick, Woodpark CA

Guests: Councillor Jeff Leiper, Kitchissippi Ward [15], Nicole Ward, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Ottawa; Dan Seguin, Public Affairs, Ottawa Hydro; Paola Parenti, Anna Sawicki, Canadian Red Cross, and Leah Hansen, CBC.

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to Van Lang Community Centre, 29 Van Lang Private. The theme of this meeting was *Emergency Preparedness*.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: Moved by A. Cullen and seconded by R. Brinker

CARRIED

3.0 Community Association organizing this gathering: McKellar Park CA

3.1 McKellar Park is a neighbourhood in Kitchissippi Ward. It is bounded by the Ottawa River to the north, Sherbourne Road to the south, Denbury Avenue to the east and Redwood & Cleary Avenues to the west. Population is 3800 with a changing demographic. It carries the name of a farmer and his descendants. When the City of Ottawa took over this area in 1953, it included the McKellar Park 18 hole golf course. The city envisioned the area as a residential community and R1 development followed. Regarding the Community Association [MPCA], its mandate is to enhance community life within its geographic boundaries. The executive has five committees: Zoning & Development, Traffic, Transit, Parks & Environment, and Community Activities & Fundraising. As with their neighbour associations, the recent focus has been on the anticipated impacts of LRT and presence of its Cleary Station. The Association has a website [mckellerpark.ca], a facebook page and a twitter account.

3.2 The completion of construction of the Van Lang facility, a 2700 square feet space, was achieved through the temporary financial assistance of three other City councilors. Reliance on one another in the innovative achievement of this ward's goal could be an example to others.

3.3 Greetings were received from MPCA's president S. Powell and Councillor J. Leiper. Both emphasized the importance of remaining true to the character of neighbourhoods, which often finds expression in a secondary plan.

4.0 Emergency Preparedness:

- R. Onley and D. Seguin provided a micro, and a macro perspective on one of six tornados that struck greater Ottawa/Gatineau on September 21. Parts of Arlington Woods, Craig Henry, Tanglewood-

Hillsdale, Colonnade and Greenboro locales were impacted, though not to the extent of Dunrobin. While rain and wind were heavy, the size and maturity of a neighbourhood's tree canopy had a direct effect on the extent of the property damage. Some species grow taller than others. The direct hit on the Woodfield/Merivale Hydro Substation resulted in disruption of service to 174,000 customers, some in the Ward 9 neighbourhoods, for up to 100 hours. A. Warda provided a perspective of a community without electricity that does not have City provided water and sewage.

- N. Ward, the city's emergency management coordinator provided a retrospective and a prospective outlook. A. Sawicki encourage households to have and practice a 72-hour emergency plan, and that plan ought to be informed by the plans of the neighbourhood and larger locality. Regarding the latter, where do vulnerable persons reside? Where is the local designated reception centre? Both organizations worked cooperatively in respect to the recent calamity. City and Red Cross have a ***Are you ready*** pamphlet.

5.0 Network Break

6.0 FCA Workplan – FCA's Focus 2017-18 will be

- i) Supporting Community Associations to do their work.
- ii) Being a collective voice on key projects / issues / policies.
- iii) Increasing the capacity of the FCA.

7.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

CBC's cameraman was present during the panel presentation.

FCA's All Mayoral Candidates meeting on Oct 9 saw 150 in attendance.

As the new councilors and mayor begin to formulate their 4-year goals, FCA wants to meet with them, especially newly elected ones, to provide them with our perspective. Did so 4 years ago.

8.0 Approval of Minutes September 2018 General Meeting – The chair reported that the minutes are not available for approval at this time.

9.0 Treasurer's Report:

New associations who apply now will receive the remainder of this calendar year for free but will be paying now for next year at the 2019 rate.

10.0 Committee Reports: -

10.1 Communication: FCA's October Newsletter was sent out October 15. Currently, seeking to ensure that the distribution/subscriber list is up-to date and does not have duplications. Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to B. Brocklebank.

10.2 Governance: Last meeting with city staff was on September 11. Part of the focus remains how the City effectively communicates with (engages) its citizens. Next meeting with staff is November 6.

10.3 Logistics: D. Stewart indicated we are still seeking meeting space and hosts. Greater Avolon expressed interest.

10.4 Finance: The committees of the executive board are preparing their budget for the coming year.

10.5 Membership: Currently there are 47 members. The third focus of item #6 identifies membership being key to capacity building. A 'co-ordinates' Form for CA's representatives was placed in circulation., CAs were asked to complete and return. Doing so will help us achieve our goal of having a current database of members and their reps.

10.6 Planning & Zoning:

The monthly gathering was held on October 10 at McNabb Centre. Fifteen persons attended. Among the topics discussed were:

- ✓ When development is contemplated in existing locales such as 900 Albert, FCA should assert an essential compatibility with the secondary and transit plans, and with family accommodation and ‘affordable housing’ being elements of the design. And sufficient Section 37 benefits. Despite the defects in the Albert Street site plan, it was approved by City Council. Dalhousie CA is appealing.
- ✓ Monitor Infill initiatives such as those in the Glebe.
- ✓ Higher and higher buildings require an FCA position
- ✓ Locating cannabis stores in neighbourhoods are not desirable.
- ✓ Next meeting is November 14 at McNabb Centre

10.7 Social: No report.

10.8 Transportation: The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is November 6 at McNabb Centre.

11.0 New Business:

11.1 The Pledge (Action Sandy Hill): On October 1, ASH issues a press release asking all CA and voters request all municipal candidates to take the pledge to commit to positive development of the City. Whether your ward candidates have endorsed the following pledge can be found on ASH’s website.

Moved by C. Crowthers, and seconded by J Blatherwick that member associations encourage ward and mayoralty candidates or newly elected councilor to take the following or a similar pledge:

- *Recognize the importance of healthy, beautiful and sustainable neighbourhoods that make everyone in Ottawa proud.*
- *Pledge to work with community associations and organizations, City staff, and Council to develop the tools and processes necessary to Plan, Preserve, and Enforce!*
- *Promise to promote human-scale development in Ottawa’s neighbourhoods that serves the priorities of the people who live there (as defined by them); is compatible with their existing architectural and cultural heritage; and only permits growth and renewal in keeping with the above;*
- *Promise to revive, protect, and sustain the diverse architectural and cultural heritage of Ottawa’s neighbourhoods and*
- *Promise to dedicate adequate resources for enforcing property standards and bylaws.*

CARRIED

There being no notice of motion with respect to FCA taking a position on this pledge, no motion was entertained. It was said that members need enough notice to raise such matters with their boards.

12.0 Adjournment: Moved by D. Stewart
NEXT MEETINGS Nov 21 and Dec 12

CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, Secretary

Sheila Perry, President