

CHARA Board Meeting MINUTES

February 22, 2022

6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Yvele Paquette (President), Elizabeth Anderson (Vice-President), Elizabeth Costello (Treasurer), Rachel Vincent (Secretary), Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville, Kurt West, Tim Patterson.

Community Members: Elizabeth Cooke, Susan Baker, Pat Lamana, Rebecca Lee, Peter Organ, Jane Lund, Alison Soloway, Riley Brockington, Andrew Hickey (Councillor Brockington's office).

Regrets: Darren Dicks, Mike Mack

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Yvele Paquette (President) called to order the meeting at 6:35 and declared there was a quorum.
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lorraine moves to approve the agenda, Elizabeth A. seconded. **Motion approved as presented.**
- 3. ROUNDTABLE.** Peter Organ highlighted what is happening at Debra Dynes. 3500-3600 people per month served by the food bank.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lorraine moves to approve minutes of January 25, as presented. Kurt seconded. **Motion carried.**
- 5. COUNCILLOR'S DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY SHOOTING (Courtland Park):** Shooting on February 19th at 212 Wilshire Ave. Details are still sparse. Lots of inquiries. Firearm was discharged in the residence; police notified when the victim showed up at the hospital. Cause unknown, injuries not life-threatening. I spoke to Bylaw, not a big case history. Public complaint from January 15th, large gathering. This will be investigated by Ottawa Bylaw. It's in our best interests to keep reporting incidents at this address. Give Bylaw as much evidence as possible. New Bylaw (Airbnb) comes into effect this spring (April 1, 2022). A firearm was discharged in a residential community—this is serious. There are multiple cases. More problems with Airbnb than in hotels. Up to \$100,000 in fines.
- 6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** *Update on the occupation of Ottawa.* 2,000 emails on this topic this month – 10% from the United States. Death threats, and horrible stuff. Full independent assessment. Illegal occupation. Private class action suit filed on top of new and hefty fines for these illegal activities. Council passed a litany of motions. Costs are substantial. Huge impact on Centretown, Byward Market. *Ditch alteration policy.* Consultant took longer to produce report and recommendations. Public information session now being held on March 22nd. Report will be released in Apr-June of 2022. Opportunities for the public. *Application to build a parking lot on Prince of Wales – east of Farm.* Expand office tower parking lot. Surplus of parking now. Unlikely there will be a new parking lot allowed. *Other:* March 10 (Zoom IWD event) speaker series hosted by Councillor Brockington. April 23rd, annual Earth Day event (in person). Greek Fest, and Dragon Boat coming back this summer!
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Meeting at the bank March 17 to change signing authorities. A CHARA Reimbursement Form will be sent round to Directors. If you have expenses, please

fill out the form and provide your receipts for approved expenditures. With the form, we'll arrange for payment via CHARA cheque (2 signatures required).

8. **UPDATE ON THE RINK:** Mike says the contract ends on Monday. Might be able to keep it going for one more week. Couple of hundred dollars owing to Mike. Three shovels are missing, Mike supplied shovels to replace the missing ones. Please visit the rink, as it is our main source of revenue for CHARA. Challenge this year – over 120 hours of labour into the rink. Rink is in reasonable condition, and overall has been in pretty good condition. Lots of good volunteers. **Action: Yvele** to post on FB a request for volunteers for the rink. **Kurt** volunteers to do weekend supervision. **Darren** will send him the spreadsheet link where one can add their name to the rink schedule.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Lorraine moves a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Yvele seconds; **Motion carried.**

The rest of the February agenda to be brought forward to March, due to a lack of time.

Next meeting: March 22, 2022, 6:30 pm