

CHARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Virtual* MEETING

D R A F T # 2

Minutes

Time: 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Attendees: Darren Dicks, Elizabeth Anderson, Yvele Paquette, Jody Sunstrum, Anthony Chiarello, City of Ottawa; Tim Paterson, Doug O'Brien, Councillor Brockington, Lorraine Neville **Regrets:** Noel Sabbagh, Mike Mack, Adam Martin

Darren called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Approval of Agenda – amendment of one item – added Neighbour Next Door Pamphlet. Lorraine moved to approve the agenda, second by Yvele.

Approval of the minutes –Lorraine moved to approve the minutes from March, second by Yvele.

Business or actions arising from the minutes.

- The Capital Clean up is cancelled. The Summer BBQ is cancelled. Jody contacted the vendors and cancelled the bookings.
- Doug sent a letter to Councillor Brockington regarding the Church parking lot light shining into the bedrooms on Normandy. As requested pictures were included. The church was also copied. We are waiting on the church's response and/or action.
- 1092 Normandy drainage issues. (Regarding putting a culvert in the backyard). We now also have a mosquito issue. Although the flooding is not as bad as previous years the ducks did return. Doug has taken pictures. City staffed reached out to the owner and Councillor Brockington has not heard back from them. There is a lull in the management of The Adjustment files due to COVID-19 although there will be some virtual meetings.
- Letter to Community Partners – **Action: Yvele and Darren.** Update to include Covid-19 response. Letter should also include something about the community supporting local merchants.

Financial Report – Action: Darren will request a report from Adam. *See below:*

- CHARA received a final rink payment from the city in December (\$1597.50) for the 2018-19 season.
- For 2019-20, we have already received three payments from the city: \$1597.50 on Feb 3, \$2130 on Feb 4, and \$2130 on Mar 9, for a total of \$5857.50.
- Our current account balance is \$11,945.07.
- Forthcoming: detailed financial report with directors by email in the coming days.

Rink update – Six of the seven volunteers have received appreciation gifts from Darren. **Action: Jody** will provide the address to Darren. **Action: Adam** owes \$300 to Darren.

Councillor Brockington's Report – Topics included

- April bulletin was sent out. An early e-newsletter due to COVID-19 was emailed May 1
- Hogs Back Bridge, talking to NCC re closing Colonel By
- Streets opening, such as the one through the experimental farm
- Urban Boundary expansion, (deadline for CHARA responses before May 11 meeting.),
- 1707 Fisher, which is north of Normandy South – developer has ideas and Riley will share ideas as they are given to him. It will be residential and not a single dwelling.
- Community Gardens will be opened.
- Water main construction on Claymor – Public Works are aware of the issues and will place rat bait prior to the start of construction.

- COVID-19 has caused many changes such as cancelling festivals etc. (Summer Festival, Madonna Della Risurrezione church festival, Dragon races, Hope volleyball, Greek festival, tulip festival, big concerts)

CHARA discussions after Councillor's reports –

Urban Boundary Expansion – **Action:** CHARA will have a special meeting via ZOOM May 5 at 6:30. There was mention of the following:

- Political issue
- Potential for corruption
- Need rule based and standard based following the planning act
- Councillor is responsible but city staff make the decisions
- Environment, foot print vs. core, trade offs
- Current inadequate infrastructure needs to be fixed first
- Transportation vs. density
- Go train e.g. Ottawa – Arnprior, Smiths Falls

A building permit has been issued for a secondary dwelling unit in the basement of 1057 Falaise Road. There is a concern regarding “loopholes” of zoning laws, and that this house will operate as a rooming house. Landlord Tennant laws are a provincial matter. **Action: No action at this time.** Anthony is available for any further questions.

Lorraine moved that the BBQ be postponed until the fall. Second by Elizabeth.

Doctors Tim Patterson and Elizabeth Anderson have not received a reply to their three letters submitted prior to the Sept 11, 2019 community meeting concerning intensification in Courtland Park. **Action: Riley** will follow up with city staff. Has the draft report been finalized?

The June AGM may be moved to September. Yvele reminded people that this is the time we will be looking for members to take on executive positions. Current members may resign as well. **We all have to be proactive** to increase participation. **Action: CHARA members must work diligently finding new members.**

Traffic along Baseline is very fast. Riley has been trying to get the attention of the police.

Neighbourhood Next Door – Residents in our community received in the mail pamphlets to join this Facebook page. Not too much is known about this organization. Police advise to not send any money or personal information.

Meeting be adjourned at 8.20 pm. Moved by Darren, second by Lorraine.

Next meeting: May 26, 2020 – 6:30 – if you wish to attend please e-mail info@ourchara.ca