



Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021 – 7pm

Attendance: Mireille Brownhill, Toby Bossert, Gary Bradshaw, Miranda Gray

Guest: Josée Bidal Thibault

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the agenda
 - Approved
3. Approval of minutes
 - from March 8, 2021
 - deferred till next meeting
4. Follow-up on action items
 - Mireille to write letter of support for Bike Ottawa's proposal - Complete
 - Gary to reach out to the Canadian Cancer Society and see if they have ideas on how to do virtual fundraisers - Dog walk is canceled
 - Mireille to reach out to LRT office to request another information session in April
 - i. The information session will happen on April 15th, Mireille requested a Q&A on April 21st.
 - Gary to find out what rink volunteers would prefer as recognition - Complete
 - Miranda to draft letter of support for FCA's request to defer adoption of Official Plan
 - i. Miranda has drafted a letter it is attached to the minutes
 - Miranda to close inactive FB account
 - i. It is now on its 30-day countdown to closing.
 - Mireille to write FB post for local art showcase during Easter weekend
 - i. complete
 - Gary to flesh out details of Dog walkathon and provide in time for newsletter
 - i. Dog walk has been cancelled and was put in the newsletter.
 - Mireille to start planning yoga in the park
 - i. The plan is to just invite the yoga teachers to pick a date and we will see what the restrictions are in August.

- Miranda to look into planning an Indigenous history walk
 - i. They are closed during COVID.
- Miranda paid the FCA membership fees – **Gary and Miranda will find the receipt for the FCA Fees so that Gary can re-reimburse Miranda for the membership fee.**

5. President's update – Mireille

- President's council
 - i. A meeting was held in March.
- LRT Stage 2
 - i. Vibrations that residents are experiencing were addressed. Dianna Ashworth, Stakeholder relations on the stage 2 team is invested in communicating with Mireille in the future to prevent/minimize future issues in our neighbourhood during LRT Construction.
 - ii. Sound Barrier - The construction team will have a timeline for the construction of the sound barriers in June. One or two might be built in Q3 or Q4 of 2021.
- Free transit for OW and ODSP recipients (SWCHC)
 - i. Somerset West Community Health Centre has requested support from community associations in the form of co-signing a letter requesting free transit for OW and ODSP recipients. After some discussion the board has decided not to co-sign the letter. We agree transit reform is needed but we don't believe that free transit will pass.
- Revera Lot at 850 Champlain- an extension was granted for the current application, no other news on the development of that property
- Pedestrian crossing at the St-Joseph/Jeanne d'Arc roundabout.
 - i. It's confirmed that it's coming, no further details at this time.
- Skate park
 - i. Still scheduled to happen the cost has gone up because the design was modified. The budget money from the 2019 budget is still allocated to the project. However, an additional \$400,000 is needed to complete the construction. Estimated to be built in 2022.

6. Rink update – Gary

- The rink is all closed up for the season
- Gary reached out to Jeff about volunteer recognition. Last year we did grocery gift cards.
- Miranda put forward a motion to approve up to \$400 for volunteer recognition for the 14 rink volunteers (not to include any board members). Seconded by Mireille.
 - i. Motion is passed

7. FCA update – Miranda

- Delay to official plan notification: The FCA asked for members to sign on for the group letter. Miranda chose to add our name there instead of writing a separate letter. The FCA sent the letter to all council members and the press. There was some coverage in the Citizen and on CBC.
- CBC: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/official-plan-call-for-delay-1.5952027>
- Citizen: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/community-associations-denied-request-to-delay-new-official-plan-until-after-next-municipal-election>
- Copy of letter: <https://www.unpublishedottawa.com/letter/326501/fca-request-delay-city-official-plan-process-2023>
- Council has said no but it isn't clear that the issue won't come back to council. Planning staff have hinted that the level of engagement was much higher than they expected. They may do more consultation over the summer (since we are mostly staying at home due to COVID).

8. Financials – Gary

- We have a healthy bottom line.
- We will be looking to spend some money this year. We have not been able to have many events due to COVID. **All members to come to next meeting with ideas for expenses.**
- Our insurance is up for renewal in June.

9. Communications – ALL

- Redistribution of tasks
 - i. Moderation - The Board has come up with a schedule for moderation for each individual member to take a day or two to check the Facebook group.
- Newsletter topics (May) – Mireille is responsible for sending newsletter topics to Fran
 - i. Bike tune-up tips (**Gary to provide to Fran**)
 - ii. Heart of Orleans BIA photo contest
 - iii. Activities to do with kids (recipes, crafts)
- Website
 - i. We discussed recruiting a volunteer to help manage the website. **Mireille will first post a request on FB, then look to other sources.**
- Facebook page
 - i. The old and unused CGOW account is in limbo for 30 days and then will be unrecoverable. Miranda has archived the content but there is nothing currently there.
 - ii. Miranda has temporarily removed the requirement to check the "I agree to Admin Rules" for membership requests. It is a question many people fail to answer. Each of the main rules is listed explicitly. So perhaps it is redundant. The incomplete

requests are a pain. If we are going to approve without requiring it we don't need it at all. If we are going to have to track down the answer, it is also a pain.

- iii. Miranda is not proposing we turn on automatic approval. We still get people with fake names or corporate names that we want to reject even if they answer the questions correctly.

10. Development – Miranda

- Nuclear Waste Site:
 - i. The Environment committee received a day of meeting change to the motion which changed the request from council opposing the facility to council asking more questions. It is a much more watered-down motion but much more likely to pass at council.
- Miranda spoke as an individual at committee in support of the motion with a request to go back to a formal opposition letter.

11. Events

- Community check-ins - Miranda offered one on Easter Monday afternoon for those in the community who were finding the long week hard. The weather was good which was likely a factor in having no takers.
- We will try one more community check-in.
- LRT information sessions – April 15 & 21
- Dog walk – April 17th (cancelled)
- Yoga in the park - on Wednesdays during July and August.
 - we will start planning it but we will be mindful of COVID restrictions
- Tree giveaway (Ecology Ottawa) - Something to consider if COVID measures are loosened in the late summer
- Other FB “event” similar to our Local Art Show - decorate your bike (May long weekend), show us your garden (**Miranda to find out best timing for gardens in bloom**)

12. Next meetings

- Monday, May 10, 2021 – online
- Monday, June 7, 2021 – online